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The prime task of the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) is the preparation of EP’s decisions on how the Commission and other European institutions have implemented EU annual budgets. The 2013 discharge report highlights several weaknesses: reporting by Member States on the implementation of EU funds was not always reliable, management and control systems in Member States were only partially effective. The Parliament is of the opinion that the Commission should not tolerate breaches of the principle of sound financial management and has called for sanctions against incorrect or false Member State reporting.

Whilst granting discharge to the Commission, Parliament at the same time considered that it cannot politically ensure that the control procedures under shared management give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of transactions in the areas of agriculture, rural development, regional and social policy. These policy areas represent 75% of the Union’s budget. Furthermore Parliament postponed the discharge to the Council for the fourth time.

CONT’s work is based on information from the Court of Auditors and other institutions and bodies but Members can also rely on the Policy Departments for expertise.

Ingeborg Grässle, MEP
Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control

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