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*Committee on Transport and Tourism*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the 2011 discharge: EU general budget, Section III – Commission  
(C7-0224/2012 – 2012/2167(DEC))

Rapporteur: Isabelle Durant

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that in the 2011 budget, as finally adopted and amended during the course of the year, specifically for policies within the remit of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, a total of EUR 2 095 074 770 was included in commitment appropriations and EUR 2 019 672 560 was available in payment appropriations; notes further that of these amounts:

- EUR 1 228 200 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 856 961 098 in payment appropriations was available for Trans-European Networks for Transport (TEN-T),
- EUR 15 735 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 14 949 210 in payment appropriations was available for transport safety,
- EUR 64 200 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 26 661 012 in payment appropriations was available for the Marco Polo programme,
- EUR 169 946 970 in commitment appropriations and EUR 157 652 711 in payment appropriations was available for the transport agencies;

2. Notes that, in considering the implementation of the budget for the 2011 financial year, as in the previous year, the European Court of Auditors focused mainly on cohesion and energy policies rather than on transport policy; stresses that transport policies are concerned with the development of the internal market, increased competition, innovation and the integration of transport networks;

3. Welcomes the very high implementation rate of commitment and payment appropriations for the Mobility and Transport policy area budget lines of 99.85% and 97.03 % respectively; notes, however, that this implementation rate is often due to the amendments to the original budget made throughout the year;

4. Notes that the EUR 51 million decrease in appropriations made in 2011 to the cooperation in Transport to the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking was due to the review of industrial policy approach and the decrease in payment appropriations of EUR 60 million for projects of common interests in the trans-European transport networks was made for timing reasons and to allow full use of the carryover from 2010; acknowledges that the reduction in cash-flow for Sesar Joint Undertaking was in line with the recommendation of the European Court of Auditors;

5. Stresses the importance of investment in the EGNOS and GALILEO research and development programmes, which have implications for all EU policies;

6. Welcomes the 100% utilisation rate for commitment appropriations and 98% utilisation rate for payment appropriations for TEN-T projects, which demonstrate the reliability of projects and the fact that they can be achieved well within the deadlines if they receive sufficient

funding; calls on the Member States to ensure that adequate funding is made available from national budgets to match this EU commitment; recalls that Parliament supported a higher level of EU funding and support for innovative financing;

7. Is disappointed that following the low uptake of payment appropriations for transport safety in 2010 and the request to receive an explanation of this underspending from the Commission no detailed information about the level of appropriations and their uptake in 2011 was provided;

8. Welcomes high uptake of commitment and payment appropriations in the areas of sustainable and social tourism in Europe and recalls its recommendation to the Commission to propose a multiannual tourism programme;

9. Notes that the characteristics of transport-related projects often leads to the concentration of a significant proportion of payments in a limited period, especially towards the end of the year and is concerned by the negative impact this can possibly have on the auditing exercise;

10. Proposes that, in relation to the sectors for which the Committee on Transport and Tourism is responsible, Parliament grant the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2011.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	22.1.2013
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 36 -: 2 0: 2
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Philip Bradbourn, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Joseph Cuschieri, Christine De Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Juozas Imbrasas, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Werner Kuhn, Bogusław Liberadzki, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Hubert Pirker, Petri Sarvamaa, David-Maria Sassoli, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Brian Simpson, Keith Taylor, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Giommaria Uggias, Peter van Dalen, Dominique Vlasto, Artur Zasada, Roberts Zīle
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Spyros Danellis, Michel Dantin, Isabelle Durant, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Ádám Kósa, Dominique Riquet, Alfreds Rubiks, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Karin Kadenbach

