



EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS

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INVITATION - PRESS BRIEFING

Annual Report on the implementation of the 2008 EU Budget

The European Court of Auditors, the external auditor of the European Union, is presenting its annual report containing its observations on the execution of the EU budget for the 2008 financial year. The annual report provides the basis for the launch of the discharge procedure, which brings the annual budgetary process to an end.

The Court's annual report includes an audit opinion on whether EU income and expenditure has been completely and accurately recorded in the accounts, and has been raised or spent in accordance with all contractual and legal obligations.

The report will be presented to the press by **Vítor Caldeira**, President of the European Court of Auditors, accompanied by **Josef Bonnici**, Member of the Court, and **Lars Heikensten**, the Member of the Court responsible for Communication.

DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 11:30 a.m.
VENUE	The RESIDENCE PALACE - International Press Centre POLAK ROOM 155, rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels - Belgium

A **PRESS KIT** will be made available for the press briefing. The documents will be published on the Court's website, www.eca.europa.eu, in 22 official languages. Europe by Satellite will broadcast a news item about the press briefing.

INTERPRETATION will be available in English, French and German.

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