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THE EU AGENCIES WORKING FOR YOU.

A Single market, single currency, borderless travel, internal mobility are just some of the very tangible benefits that many of us cannot imagine life without today.

The EU decentralised Agencies and Joint Undertakings (herein, "EU Agencies") work on a wide range of areas, touching the lives of Europe's 500 million citizens - from the medicines we take or the food we eat, to the chemicals in our products. The 44 EU Agencies have been established upon the Commission's proposal by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union to carry out specific legal, technical or scientific tasks within the European Union. They help the EU institutions and Member States implement EU policies more efficiently.

Today, the EU Agencies span Europe from Lisbon to Tallinn providing services, information and know-how to the general public and numerous stakeholders from EU industries, institutions and Member States. Created to meet specific needs on a case-by-case basis, they have become an important part of the EU institutional family. They carry out risk assessments, perform supervisory functions and certification tasks, identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats, just to name a few of their important tasks; all of this for only 0.6% of the overall EU budget, i.e., for only 1.85 EUR annually for every man, woman and child in the EU[1]. In fact, the EU Agencies help achieve economies of scale by reducing the overall costs to taxpayers: it can often be cheaper to perform a task once at EU level than to replicate it 28 times at national level.

To build upon this vast array of work, the EU Agencies have formed the *EU Agencies Network*, set up by the Heads of EU Agencies, as a collective voice to coordinate common actions, exchange information and agree positions of shared interest.

1 - The EU Joint Undertakings are public-private partnerships whose budgets are financed partly by private contributions from industry and partly by EU Budget contributions. In 2016, their total budget amounted to 1.36 billion EUR, of which roughly half came from private sources.

In order to meet the expectations of EU Institutions, Member States and citizens by providing added value in the most efficient way, the *EU Agencies Network* has adopted a strategic and proactive approach, dubbed "the Dublin Agenda", which is focused on the following three strategic priorities:

1. **Shared services and capabilities:** to develop innovative ways of sharing resources, expertise and best practice among the EU Agencies to achieve greater efficiency;

2. **Mutual value creation with EU Institutions:** to develop and strengthen the cooperation of the EU Agencies with key EU Institutions, such as the European Parliament, Commission and Council;

3. **Outward communication:** to increase the visibility of the EU Agencies towards the EU citizens and other key actors at the EU institutional and national levels by highlighting their added value.

The three strategic priorities give shape to the numerous, ongoing actions and interactions between the members of the *EU Agencies Network* and result in tangible deliverables for the benefit of the EU and its citizens.

This brochure provides an overview of the breadth and depth of work carried out by the various specialised EU decentralised Agencies and Joint Undertakings. It showcases their combined added value, and how they are working to help make Europe more competitive and a better place to live and work.

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ACER
Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

www.acer.europa.eu

AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ACER | ROLE: INTERNAL ENERGY MARKET

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 90 | 2015 BUDGET: 15.8 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.01%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ACER promotes a single, well-functioning, sustainable and transparent energy market in Europe;
- ACER supports the development of common system and market rules and regional implementation initiatives;
- ACER contributes to the development of trans-European energy infrastructure;
- ACER monitors progress towards the completion of the internal energy market, identifying any remaining barriers with a view to overcoming them;
- ACER monitors wholesale energy markets to ensure integrity and transparency of energy trading.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

As national energy markets further integrate into a single EU-wide market, European consumers benefit from a wider choice of suppliers and services, and prices that more closely reflect market fundamentals. ACER also monitors wholesale energy trading to deter and detect market manipulation and insider trading, both of which typically result in higher costs for energy consumers.

The single market that ACER promotes also results in energy being produced more efficiently, thus contributing to the fight against climate change.

Finally, a well-integrated internal energy market ensures greater diversification of sources, reducing the risk of EU citizens suffering energy supply disruptions.

ACER ACER

Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications

BEREC OFFICE

http://www.berec.europa.eu

OFFICE OF THE BODY OF EUROPEAN REGULATORS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: BEREC OFFICE | ROLE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2010 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 27 | 2015 BUDGET: 4.0 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0024%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- BEREC Office provides professional and administrative support services to BEREC;
- BEREC Office collects and exchanges information from NRAs in relation to all BEREC tasks;
- BEREC Office disseminates regulatory best practices among NRAs;
- BEREC Office assists the Chair in the preparation of the work of the Board of Regulators;
- BEREC Office sets up Expert Working Groups, upon request of the Board of Regulators, providing them with the support needed in order to ensure their smooth functioning.

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The BEREC Office supports BEREC which is committed to independent, consistent, high-quality regulation of electronic communications markets for the benefit of Europe and its citizens. BEREC contributes to the development and better functioning of the internal market for electronic communications networks and services. It does so, by aiming to ensure a consistent application of the EU regulatory framework and by aiming to promote an effective internal market in telecoms sector, in order to bring even greater benefits to consumers and businesses alike.

www.bbi-europe.eu

BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: BBI JU

ROLE: DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE BIO-BASED INDUSTRY SECTOR IN EUROPE

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2014

NUMBER OF STAFF: 22

2015 BUDGET: 209.4 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) N/A

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- BBI JU seeks to support a more resource-efficient society by expanding the use of renewable biological resources as possible substitutes for fossil ones;
- BBI JU provides a new way to de-risk investments and mitigate current market obstacles which are slowing down the transition to a European bioeconomy;
- BBI JU supports the development of a sustainable and competitive bio-based industrial sector in Europe.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Bio-based industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) can significantly contribute to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, leading to significant economic growth and job creation. The development of bio-refineries and their supply chains also offer new sources of revenue for rural areas.

As a public-private partnership, the BBI JU provides a stable and long-term framework for the implementation of the Strategic Innovation & Research Agenda through bringing together key stakeholders from academia and research centres to relevant industrial sectors, including large industry and SMEs, to leverage significant private investment.

BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING

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BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING

http://cdt.europa.eu

TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: CdT | ROLE: THE EU TRANSLATION AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1994 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 200 | 2015 BUDGET: 49 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0% FROM EU BUDGET

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- CdT, as the shared service provider, provides translations and related language services to the EU agencies and other bodies;
- CdT also provides language services to the EU institutions in order to absorb any peaks in their workload or to cater for special projects;
- CdT contributes to rationalising working methods and tools, harmonising procedures and making overall savings in translation at EU level through interinstitutional cooperation.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

By catering for the diverse multilingual communication needs of the EU agencies and other bodies, the Translation Centre facilitates effective multilingualism in ensuring access by EU citizens to information in the various EU official languages.

The Translation Centre was instrumental in the creation of the largest interinstitutional terminology database in the world, *InterActive Terminology for Europe* (IATE), which it manages on behalf of the EU institutions. With over 8.6 million terms covering the 24 official languages of the EU, this database is a highly popular resource with more than 41 million queries registered for the public version of IATE in 2015.

TRANSLATION CENTRE FOR THE BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

TRANSLATIONCENTRE

CEDEFOP

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

www.cedefop.europa.eu

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: CEDEFOP | ROLE: THE EU AGENCY PROMOTING LEARNING FOR WORK

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1975 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 119 | 2015 BUDGET: 18.35 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.01%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- CEDEFOP monitors the implementation of common European tools, allowing comparison and recognition of qualifications from different countries or systems, and supports policy-makers in implementing related reforms;
- CEDEFOP examines policies which make it easier for citizens to move between education and employment and to find and keep jobs;
- CEDEFOP forecasts skills supply and demand and provides labour market intelligence to help individuals, employers and policy-makers to make informed decisions about education, training and careers.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Cedefop's forecasting of skills needs and supply in Europe examines how socioeconomic and demographic trends affect employment, nature of jobs and skills demand in the labour market. Vocational education and training, with a significant share of work-based learning and apprenticeships, helps young people enter the labour market, and Cedefop offers support to policy-makers in this area. Cedefop's work on qualifications frameworks, quality assurance and other tools supports transparency of learning experiences and promotes increased learning and job mobility for European citizens. A prominent example is the Europass tool, which is available in 27 languages: more than 75 million Europass CVs have been completed online by citizens since its launch in 2005.

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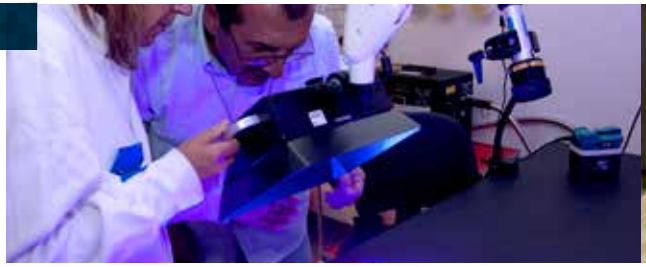

www.cepol.europa.eu

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: CEPOL | ROLE: EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION THROUGH TRAINING

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2005 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 51 | 2015 BUDGET: 8.5 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.005%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- CEPOL contributes to a safer Europe by facilitating cooperation and knowledge sharing among law enforcement officials of the EU Member States and, to some extent, from third countries, on issues stemming from EU priorities in the field of security, in particular, from the EU Policy Cycle on serious and organised crime;
- CEPOL brings together a network of training institutes for law enforcement officials in EU Member States and supports them in providing frontline training on security priorities, law enforcement cooperation and information exchange;
- CEPOL also works with EU bodies, international organisations, and third countries to ensure that the most serious security threats are tackled with a collective response.

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

CEPOL aims to become a world-class hub and a driver of change in the law enforcement training field. One which contributes to addressing European and global security issues by bringing the law enforcement communities closer together to share good practices, knowledge and know-how.

CEPOL constantly strives to offer innovative and advanced training activities by integrating relevant developments in knowledge, research & technology, and by creating synergies through strengthened cooperation.

Clean Sky

www.cleansky.eu

CLEAN SKY 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: CLEANSKY JU | ROLE: RESEARCH IN AERONAUTICS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2008 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 42 | 2015 BUDGET: 351.9 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.22%

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- CLEAN SKY JU reduces the environmental impact of aviation by developing cutting-edge technologies by 2020;
- CLEAN SKY JU will achieve a higher level of technology integration and raise the maturity of systems incorporating these new technologies;
- CLEAN SKY JU improves the participation rate of SMEs in Clean Sky;
- CLEAN SKY JU is the largest and most ambitious aeronautical research and and development programme ever launched in Europe, a clear demonstration of Clean Sky's added value;
- CLEAN SKY JU gives industry and science a chance to address challenges and priorities jointly in an integrated and coherent output-focused approach.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Clean Sky 2 will create high-skilled jobs, increase transport efficiency, and sustain growth and jobs in the EU. European aviation continues to make a significant contribution to the European economy with employment in the aerospace and defence industry reaching 794 (695 in 2014). The programme will help secure a highly specialised and competent European labour force which is able to develop the cutting-edge technology that the sector needs to remain competitive and to lead the market.

The European aeronautics sector currently has a world market share of 40%. By meeting the objectives of Clean Sky 2, this will help maintain the technological leadership of European industry and therefore a better position in the world market for the decades ahead.

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CPVO
Community Plant Variety Office

www.cpvo.europa.eu

COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: CPVO

ROLE: FOSTER INNOVATION AND RESEARCH BY PROTECTING PLANT VARIETIES IN THE EU

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1995

NUMBER OF STAFF: 45

2015 BUDGET: 15 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0%, CPVO IS A FEE-RECEIVING AGENCY

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- CPVO manages the Community Plant Variety Rights system (CPVR system) by granting intellectual property rights to new plant varieties, valid on the territory of the EU Member States, for 25 years for most species and 30 years for trees, wines and potatoes;
- CPVO cooperates with the national examination offices in the EU which perform the technical assessment of candidate varieties for CPVR on the basis of common technical protocols;
- CPVO cooperates with EU plant breeders' organisations, as well as with national and regional PVR systems worldwide and international organisations such as the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV);
- CPVO provides policy guidance and assistance in the exercise of these rights for the benefit of the users of the CPVR system.

CPVO @CPVOTWEETS CPVO

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Today, breeders must develop new varieties that meet the criteria of quality, adaptation to the environment, productivity and disease resistance. Only one application to the CPVO in any of the EU official languages gives an intellectual property right valid throughout the entire EU market. This exclusive right enables the breeders to collect royalties which are used to reinvest in the creation of new varieties which growers, farmers and, in the end, consumers benefit from. In 20 years, the CPVR system managed by the CPVO has become the biggest of its kind in the world and has played an important role to assert the breeders' rights and to support investment in research and innovation which is at the heart of the EU's strategy for creating Europe's economic growth and global competitiveness.

www.easa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EASA | ROLE: AVIATION SAFETY IN EUROPE AND WORLDWIDE

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 833 | 2015 BUDGET: 150 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.022%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EASA certifies & approves products and organisations in fields where EASA has exclusive competence (e.g., airworthiness; for example Airbus);
- EASA provides oversight and support to the National Aviation Authorities of Member States in fields where EASA has shared competence (e.g., air operations, air traffic management);
- EASA drafts implementing rules in all fields pertinent to the EASA mission;
- EASA promotes the use of European and worldwide standards;
- EASA cooperates with international actors in order to achieve the highest safety level for EU citizens globally (e.g., EU safety list, third country operators authorisations).

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Besides ensuring the highest common level of safety protection in aviation for EU citizens and the highest common level of environmental protection in aviation, EASA establishes a single regulatory and also a single certification process among EASA Member States. EASA also facilitates the internal aviation single market and seeks to create a level playing field for all. It is one of the acknowledged global aviation safety authorities and works with other international aviation organisations and regulators.

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www.easo.europa.eu

EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EASO

ROLE: THE EU ASYLUM AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011

NUMBER OF STAFF: 126*

2015 BUDGET: 15.9 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.01%

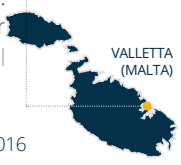
TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EASO supports and stimulates the common quality of the asylum process;
- EASO organises solidarity for Member States subject to particular migratory pressures;
- EASO coordinates all the activities under the EASO "Hotspot" Operating Plans;
- EASO shares and merges information, analyses and assessments at EU level;
- EASO supports the external dimension of the CEAS partnerships to reach common solutions.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Quick facts of our impact: present in all operational hotspots in Greece and Italy, contributing to relocation and registration of asylum seekers, over 14,000 participants in our training modules, provision of country of origin Information, developing tools to assist Member States asylum systems.

Europe is facing the biggest migratory flow in modern history, and EASO is there to support Member States asylum systems, EU as a whole, and refugees to cope better with the migration challenges. EASO is actively present in Italy and Greece coordinating all the activities, supporting the registration, relocation, and further processing of applications of international protection. EASO's added value: expertise, rapid assistance for countries facing migratory pressures, training and vital information relevant for the decision makers.



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EBA EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY

www.eba.europa.eu

EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EBA

ROLE: EU BANKING SUPERVISION

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011

NUMBER OF STAFF: 151

2015 BUDGET: 33.5 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.02%

TASKS OF THE AUTHORITY

- EBA contributes to the creation of a single market for the EU banking sector by developing common rules for all EU banks and by providing tools to supervisors to ensure their consistent implementation. Through its single rulebook, the EBA helps harmonise regulation and promote a level playing field across the EU, as well as transparency and stability;
- EBA monitors market developments and assesses potential risks and vulnerabilities in the EU banking sector;
- EBA has a prominent role in the EU-wide stress test exercise: it defines a common methodology for testing the resilience of banks to an adverse scenario and disseminates the results.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Protecting EU consumers is another important mandate of the EBA. The Authority monitors risks arising from financial innovation in key areas for consumers: mortgages, credit, savings products, credit cards and payment services, as well as new emerging issues such as virtual currencies.

By ensuring banks are transparent and better capitalised, the EBA makes it easier for investors to provide finance and ensures that banks focus on their core purpose: providing money to individuals and businesses to invest and grow across the EU.

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www.ecdc.europa.eu

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ECDC | ROLE: EU AGENCY AIMED AT STRENGTHENING EUROPE'S DEFENCES AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2005 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 290 | 2015 BUDGET: 58.4 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.036%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ECDC searches, collates, evaluates and disseminates relevant scientific and technical data;
- ECDC provides scientific opinion and assistance;
- ECDC provides timely information to the Commission, the Member States, EU agencies and international organisations;
- ECDC coordinates the European networks operating within the Centre's mission, exchange information and expertise, and facilitate the development and implementation of joint actions;
- ECDC coordinates the award-winning European Antibiotic Awareness Day initiative.

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

ECDC assesses the risk for Europe posed by infectious disease threats and provides options for response to Member States. Preparedness is the key to handling crises in the best possible way. ECDC assists Member States in evaluating their level of preparedness, identifying potential gaps and strengthening their capacities.

ECDC provides advice upon request from Member States and EU institutions. ECDC also performs country visits to analyse the current epidemiological situation of a certain disease, review current prevention and control efforts and propose actions for strengthening the preparedness and response to that health threat.

A key role of ECDC is to analyse data from all the EU countries on over 50 infectious diseases and conditions, providing information for action on trends and patterns across the Member States.

ECHA
EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

www. echa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ECHA

ROLE: CHEMICAL SAFETY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2007

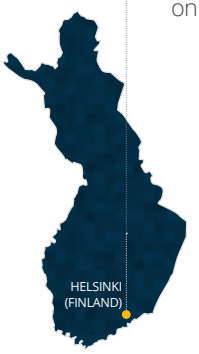
NUMBER OF STAFF: 600

2015 BUDGET: 107 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.003%, ECHA'S BUDGET MAINLY CONSISTS OF PRIVATE COMPANIES' CONTRIBUTIONS

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ECHA works for the safe use of chemicals;
- ECHA implements the EU's ground breaking chemicals legislation, benefiting human health, the environment and the innovation and competitiveness in Europe;
- ECHA helps companies to comply with the legislation, advances the safe use of chemicals, provides information on chemicals and addresses chemicals of concern.



TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Through ECHA's work, people and the environment are less exposed to dangerous chemicals and they benefit from safer products. Workers and other users of chemicals benefit from improved information about the hazards of the chemicals they handle and on how to use them safely.

Through a unique, free database on chemicals, ECHA publishes information on chemicals and their safe use. This information is provided by the companies who need to register their chemicals with the Agency.

Consumers can ask about hazardous chemicals in the products they buy. Improved awareness about chemicals puts further pressure to companies to replace hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives.

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EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

www.eda.europa.eu

EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EDA | ROLE: FOSTERING DEFENCE COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2004 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 130 | 2015 BUDGET: 30.5 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0%, THE EDA BUDGET IS DIRECTLY PAID BY THE MEMBER STATES

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EDA supports the development of European defence capabilities and military cooperation;
- EDA helps in stimulating defence Research and Technology (R&T) and strengthening the European defence industry;
- EDA acts as a military interface to EU policies.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EDA acts as a catalyst, promotes collaborations, launches new initiatives and introduces solutions to improve defence capabilities. It is the place where Member States willing to develop capabilities in cooperation do so. It is also a key facilitator in developing the capabilities necessary to underpin the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) of the Union. One of the key tasks of the Agency is to support CSDP operations and missions. Faced with the increasingly blurred lines of internal and external security, the EDA is also working increasingly on hybrid threats.

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European Environment Agency

www. eea.europa.eu

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EEA

ROLE: THE EU'S ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1994

NUMBER OF STAFF: 205

2015 BUDGET: 41.7 MILLION EUR

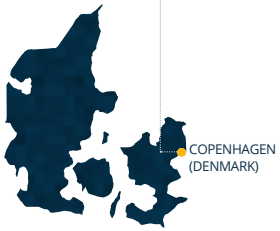
PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.02%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EEA helps the community and member countries make informed decisions about improving the environment, integrating environmental considerations into economic policies and moving towards sustainability;
- EEA coordinates the European environment information and observation network (Eionet).

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The EEA supports sustainable development and help achieve improvement in Europe's environment by providing timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policymakers and the public. In order to resolve our main environmental problems we need a systemic shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy. The EEA aims to play a role in this process by improving the knowledge and evidence base. Main stakeholders are the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and EEA member countries. The EEA also works with other EU institutions and with interest groups. Furthermore, addressing the public at large supports policy implementation and boosts understanding of environmental issues.



The Regulation establishing the Agency was adopted in 1990, whereas operations started in earnest in 1994.

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www.efca.europa.eu

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EFCA | ROLE: FISHERIES CONTROL

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2005 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 57 | 2015 BUDGET: 9.217 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0056%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EFCA puts together national means in an European project through the pooling of data and intelligence, joint risk analysis, coordination of control means and training of inspectors;
- EFCA assists the European Commission by analysing catch certificates and processing statements received from third countries, in addition to background research on trade statistics, fleet composition, characteristics of the fishing industries, etc.;
- EFCA also assists Member States by providing hands-on training workshops and seminars on the implementation of the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing Regulation;
- EFCA establishes and develops a Core Curriculum for the training of Union inspectors, as well as for the fisheries inspectors of the Member States.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EFCA promotes the highest common standards for the control, inspection and surveillance under the Common Fisheries Policy. EFCA was established to organise operational coordination activities by the Member States and to assist them to cooperate so as to comply with the rules in order to ensure its effective and uniform application.

The added value of the work of the agency lies in its contribution to a European-wide level playing field for the fishing industry, so that European obligations are observed by everyone and everyone in the sector is treated equally, wherever they might be operating. Secondly, it contributes towards sustainable fisheries by enhancing compliance with existing conservation and management measures to the benefit of present and future generations.

EUROPEAN-FISHERIES-CONTROL-AGENCY

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EUROPEANFISHERIES CONTROLAGENCY

efsa
European Food Safety Authority

www.efsa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EFSA | ROLE: GENERAL FOOD LAW. EFSA'S SCIENTIFIC ADVICE HELPS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM FOOD-RELATED RISKS.

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 447 | 2015 BUDGET: 76.9 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0,049%

TASKS OF THE AUTHORITY

- EFSA is a science based organisation that supports risk managers to protect and inform consumers;
- EFSA operates independently and was set up to be a source of scientific advice and communication on risks associated with the food chain;
- EFSA is responsible for risk assessment and has duty to communicate its scientific findings to the public;
- EFSA remit covers: food and feed safety, nutrition, animal health and welfare, plant protection, plant health.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EFSA's mission is to contribute to the safety of the EU food and feed chain and to a high level of protection of human life and health by providing scientific advice to risk managers, by communicating on risks to the public, and by cooperating with Member States and other parties to deliver a coherent, trusted food safety system in the EU. EFSA collaborates with partners throughout Europe. These include institutions with whom the Authority is tasked to work under EU law, specifically policy makers/risk managers in the European Commission, the European Parliament and Member States. EFSA also works with national food safety authorities and other scientific organisations responsible for aspects of risk assessment through its Advisory Forum, Focal Points, Scientific Networks and organisations identified through Article 36 of EFSA's Founding Regulation. In addition, EFSA seeks to foster partnerships with other EU agencies, such as EMA, EEA, ECHA and ECDC.

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www.eige.europa.eu

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EIGE | ROLE: EU KNOWLEDGE CENTRE ON GENDER EQUALITY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2010 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 42 | 2015 BUDGET: 7.62 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0049%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EIGE contributes to and strengthens gender equality in Europe;
- EIGE provides high quality research and data to support better informed and evidence based decision-making;
- EIGE is Europe's knowledge centre on gender equality, a resource of data, documents and expertise on the area.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EIGE provides reliable and comparable data to policy-makers, and contributes to policies that consider the needs of both women and men. EIGE's studies monitor gender equality in various fields, ranging from education to decision-making and including gender-based violence. EIGE actively communicates the results of its work through targeted events and networks, but also through its website, social media channels and newsletter. EIGE has developed several user-friendly tools to illustrate the level of gender equality in Europe. One of these tools is the Gender Equality Index, showing that on average the EU is only half way to achieving gender equality (http://eige.europa.eu/gender-statistics/).

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www.eiopa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN INSURANCE AND OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS AUTHORITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EIOPA | ROLE: INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 137 | 2015 BUDGET: 20.6 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0127% - 60% - CONTRIBUTION BY MEMBER STATES
40% - EUROPEAN UNION FUNDS

TASKS OF THE AUTHORITY

- EIOPA strengthens preventive consumer protection in the European Union;
- EIOPA harmonises the European internal market within the insurance and pensions sector;
- EIOPA ensures a consistent level of the implementation of the European Union regulation, achieves supervisory convergence in the European Union and strengthens the oversight of the European cross-border insurance groups;
- EIOPA monitors market developments, assesses potential risks and vulnerabilities and preserves financial stability of the insurance and pensions sector;
- EIOPA contributes to the implementation of the Capital Markets Union in the European Union.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EIOPA takes a leading role in promoting transparency, simplicity and fairness in the market for consumer financial products and services across the European Union. EIOPA's mandate in the area of consumer protection and financial innovation is very broad. Among others, EIOPA's activities include analysing consumer trends, developing common disclosure rules, guidelines and recommendations to promote safety and soundness of markets, and convergence of regulatory practice. EIOPA has also the possibility to issue warnings or temporarily prohibit or restrict types of financial activities that are harmful to consumers.

The interest of consumers in the European Union and their protection is the needle in the compass and the driver of EIOPA's business conduct.

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European Institute of Innovation & Technology

www.eit.europa.eu

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EIT

ROLE: INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2008

NUMBER OF STAFF: 59

2015 BUDGET: 295.1 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.18%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EIT contributes to the competiveness of Europe, its sustainable economic growth and job creation by promoting and strengthening synergies and cooperation among businesses, education institutions and research organisations;
- EIT creates favourable environments for creative thought, to enable world-class innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive in Europe.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The EIT brings together leading universities, research labs and companies to form dynamic European partnerships. Together, these unique partnerships, called Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), bring ideas to the market, turn students into entrepreneurs and, most importantly, they innovate. The EIT Community puts entrepreneurs and innovators at the heart of their efforts.

The EIT's support helps innovators and entrepreneurs across Europe to turn their best ideas into products and services for the market. How is this achieved? By facilitating access to talent, offering entrepreneurial education that provides the required creativity and leadership skills, and providing seed funding that really gets a venture off the ground. This is crucial to fulfilling the mission of the EIT: delivering the jobs and sustainable economic growth opportunities that Europe is seeking.

The EIT is playing a vital role in helping to increase economic growth and create jobs.

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EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

www.ema.europa.eu

EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EMA | ROLE: FOSTER SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE IN THE EVALUATION AND SUPERVISION OF MEDICINES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC AND ANIMAL HEALTH IN THE EUROPEAN UNION.

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1995 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 890 | 2015 BUDGET: 304.1 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) CLOSE TO 0.0%, EMA IS A FEE-RECEIVING AGENCY

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EMA is responsible for the EU-wide procedure for the authorisation of certain medicines, where there is a single application and a single evaluation leading to a single authorisation throughout the EU;
- EMA monitors the safety of all medicines in the EU;
- EMA also supports medicines development by giving scientific advice and providing guidance to developers of medicines;
- EMA provides information about medicines and their approved uses to healthcare professionals and patients.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EMA protects public and animal health in the European Union, by ensuring that all medicines available are and remain safe, effective and of high quality.

EMA's recommendations are based on rigorous scientific standards. Applicants have to submit the results from tests and clinical studies conducted with their medicine. These results are scrutinised by the Agency's experts, who will recommend the marketing authorisation of a medicine only if the data convincingly show that the benefits of the medicine outweigh its risks.

The Agency coordinates the work of more than 4,000 EU experts who carry out the evaluation of medicines.

The Agency ensures that complete, unbiased and up-to-date information on medicines is available to all EU citizens in all EU languages to allow them to make informed decisions about their treatments.

EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY | @EMA_NEWS | EMAINFO

European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

www.emcdda.europa.eu

EUROPEAN MONITORING CENTRE FOR DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EMCDDA | ROLE: MONITORING THE EU DRUGS PROBLEM

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1993 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 100 | 2015 BUDGET: 15.3 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0094%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EMCDDA provides the EU and its Member States with an evidence base on the European drugs problem to inform policymaking and practice;
- EMCDDA forms the hub of the European information network on drugs and drug addiction ('Reitox network'), comprising national monitoring centres in 30 countries;
- EMCDDA monitors the drug situation and responses to it and operates a rapid-information system on the emergence and risks of new drugs and related trends;
- EMCDDA develops instruments to help Member States monitor and evaluate their national drug policies and the European Commission to monitor and evaluate EU policies.

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The ultimate goal of the EMCDDA is to contribute to a more secure and healthier Europe.

One of the EMCDDA's key tasks is to detect new psychoactive substances appearing on the European market that could pose health risks to citizens. In cooperation with Europol, the European Medicines Agency, the European Commission and EU Member States, it carries out early-warning and risk-assessment activities that may pave the way for legal controls. To date, over 560 uncontrolled substances have been detected, a total of 98 in 2015 alone.

The EMCDDA also helps professionals employed in the drugs field improve their daily work. Through a Best Practice Portal, it offers practical tools, standards and guidelines on preventing, treating and reducing drug-related harms.

EMSA
European Maritime Safety Agency

www.emsa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EMSA | ROLE: SAFER SEAS, CLEANER OCEANS, QUALITY SHIPPING

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 207 | 2015 BUDGET: 54.2 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.03%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EMSA ensures a high, uniform and effective level of maritime safety, maritime security, prevention of, and response to, pollution caused by ships as well as response to marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations;
- EMSA cooperates with and provides the Member States and the European Commission with technical, operational and scientific assistance in the above areas particularly in order to help them apply the relevant legal acts of the European Union properly;
- EMSA provides operational assistance in pollution response upon request of affected State(s).

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Governments and authorities need detailed, reliable knowledge about what happens at sea in real time. EMSA offers maritime information services which respond to the evolving needs of diverse maritime users across Europe: vessel reporting; earth observation; integrated maritime information; pollution response; port State control information.

Preventing marine pollution is a core activity of EMSA as it supports the Member States in areas such as air pollution, waste disposal and ship recycling. EMSA's activities include: conducting technical inspections on maritime education and certification systems in non-EU countries; checking that ships calling at EU ports are adequately inspected; working towards harmonised investigation of marine accidents in the EU.

EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY | @EMSA_LISBON | EMSA LISBON | EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY

www.enisa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR NETWORK AND INFORMATION SECURITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ENISA | ROLE: THE EU CYBER SECURITY AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2004 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 84 | 2015 BUDGET: 10.1 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0056%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ENISA works with Member States and the private sector to deliver advice and solutions on network and information security (NIS). Its studies cover a wide range of cyber security topics including secure Cloud adoption, data protection, privacy, eIDs and trust services, and identifying the cyber threat landscape;
- ENISA supports the development and implementation of EU policy and law on matters relating to NIS;
- ENISA also supports operational communities through a number of 'hands on' initiatives, such as the organisation of pan-European Cyber Security Exercises, and work carried out with the CSIRT community.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

ENISA's mission is to contribute to securing Europe's information society by raising awareness of network and information security (NIS) and to develop and promote a culture of NIS in society for the benefit of citizens, consumers, enterprises and public sector organisations. ENISA seeks to anticipate and support the EU in facing emerging NIS challenges and assist the Member States and Union Institutions in developing and implementing policies necessary to meet legal and regulatory requirements of NIS. ENISA supports Europe in enhancing state-of-the-art NIS capacities and cooperation both between Member States and related NIS communities.

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esma European Securities and Markets Authority

www.esma.europa.eu

EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ESMA | ROLE: THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION'S SECURITIES AND CAPITAL MARKETS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 194 | 2015 BUDGET: 39.392 MILLION

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.002%

TASKS OF THE AUTHORITY

- ESMA enhances investor protection and promote stable and orderly financial markets;
- ESMA promotes supervisory convergence ensuring the consistent implementation of rules across the EU;
- ESMA assesses risks to investors, markets and financial stability –spots emerging trends, risks and vulnerabilities so that they can be acted upon;
- ESMA completes a single rulebook for EU financial markets and enhances the Single Market by creating a level-playing field for investors and issuers;
- ESMA directly supervises credit rating agencies (CRAs) and trade repositories (TRs).

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The Authority's mandate applies to a broad range of activities including securities and derivatives trading, rules for exchanges and clearing houses, financial disclosure by companies, the financing of companies and industry, finance, the governance and sale of investment funds, credit rating agencies, trade repositories and monitoring of developments that may benefit or harm investors.

ESMA's activities contribute to the sound and effective regulation of securities markets, which is crucial for maintaining confidence amongst their users, including consumers, and ultimately contributes to the growth, integrity and efficiency of the EU's financial markets and economy.

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EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ETF

ROLE: EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1994 | NUMBER OF STAFF: APPROX. 130 | 2015 BUDGET: 20.1 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.01%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ETF helps countries bordering the EU to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the EU's external relations policies;
- ETF supports countries to improve vocational educational and training to meet labour market needs, leading to economic growth, closer-knit societies and sustainable development through policy analysis, capacity building, networking and sharing information;
- ETF also supports the EU institutions in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating EU assistance actions in the human capital field.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Europe has an interest in creating peace, stability and prosperity on its borders.

Many of the EU's neighbouring regions are poor, economically fragile, and affected by social and political unrest. Supporting these countries to create better skilled work forces results in lower unemployment and stronger economic growth. This, in turn, helps to create societies where people have opportunities to build a future at home, helping to reduce uncontrolled migration.

Stronger economies in Europe's neighbouring countries create more opportunities for EU trade and investment. The EU also benefits from qualified workers who can come to Europe legally to fill the skills gaps created by Europe's ageing population.

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European Union Institute for Security Studies

www.iss.europa.eu

EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EUISS | ROLE: EU FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 24 | 2015 BUDGET: 5.35 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EUISS is the Union's agency dealing with the analysis of foreign, security and defence policy issues;
- EUISS aims to foster a common security culture for the EU, support the elaboration and projection of its foreign policy, and enrich the strategic debate inside and outside Europe;
- EUISS' core mission is to provide analyses and fora for discussion that can be of use and relevance to the formulation of EU policy. In carrying out that mission, it also acts as an interface between European experts and decision-makers at all levels.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

As part of its mission to find a common security culture for the EU, to help develop and project the CFSP, and to enrich Europe's strategic debate, the Institute regularly releases publications on the topics and regions at the core of the Union's work. The Institute's flagship publication is its series of *Chaillot* Papers, which are based on focused, in-depth research. The EUISS also publishes a *Yearbook* (YES), Reports, and shorter *Briefs and Alerts*. EUISS events enhance the Union's analytical capacity and facilitate the shaping of common approaches. They bring together EU officials, national experts, academics, decision-makers, media and civil society representatives from the EU Member States, as well as the rest of the world.

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www.eulisa.europa.eu

EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE IT SYSTEMS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: eu-LISA

ROLE: PROVIDING ICT SUPPORT IN THE FIELDS OF ASYLUM, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2011

NUMBER OF STAFF: 140

2015 BUDGET: 67 .6 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.04%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- eu-LISA ensures that the EU largest IT systems - Eurodac, SISII and VIS - and their communication infrastructures function all year round, seven days a week;
- eu-LISA provides IT support to Member States and countries, who are associated with the systems, to implement asylum, migration and border management policies;
- eu-LISA provides effective, comprehensive and highly adaptable IT systems and solutions in the fields of law enforcement cooperation, border management and asylum contributing, among others, to the fight against serious and organised crime in the EU and its external borders

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

eu-LISA implements EU policies in the area of freedom, security and justice. It contributes to the internal security of the Schengen Area and facilitates the free movement of people, one of the core freedoms of the European Union. With the help of technology eu-LISA increases the security of the people residing and travelling in Europe and supports Member States in their efforts towards a safer Europe. Through ICT solutions the Agency facilitates information exchange among national police, border control, migration, asylum, customs, and judicial authorities. eu-LISA enables EU law enforcement authorities to provide through technological means integrated responses to the threats to the EU's internal security.

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

osha.europa.eu/

EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EU-OSHA

ROLE: SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1994

NUMBER OF STAFF: 64

2015 BUDGET: 15.2 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0093%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EU-OSHA develops, gathers and provides reliable and relevant information, analysis and tools;
- EU-OSHA coordinates the Healthy Workplaces Campaigns, the world's biggest of their kind, to exchange information and good practice on occupational safety and health (OSH);
- EU-OSHA manages the ESENER survey to show how OSH risks are managed in Europe and carries out Foresight projects to study new and emerging risks;
- EU-OSHA leads in developing online tools – such as OiRA – for micro and small enterprises to assess and manage workplace risks;
- EU-OSHA communicates via its website, the OSHwiki online encyclopaedia and social media channels.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

EU-OSHA is the European Union information agency for occupational safety and health (OSH).

The agency works to improve the working conditions of European citizens. It aims at making workplaces safer, healthier and more productive — for the benefit of businesses (especially micro and small), employees and governments. EU-OSHA also contributes to the development of an OSH risk prevention culture to ensure a smart, sustainable, productive and inclusive economy. In this context, EU-OSHA serves EU and national policy makers and OSH professionals and researchers. Its network is made up of focal points in over 30 European countries, usually the national OSH authority.

EUIPO
EUROPEAN UNION
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

www.euipo.europa.eu

EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EUIPO | ROLE: THE EU INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1994 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 793 | 2015 BUDGET: 384.2 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0%, EUIPO IS A FEE-RECEIVING AGENCY

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- EUIPO administers two EU unitary IP rights: the European Union Trade Mark and the Registered Community Design;
- EUIPO hosts the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights, which has responsibility for a wide range of tasks related to research, public awareness and supporting enforcement professionals;
- EUIPO cooperates with the national and regional intellectual property offices of the EU to build common tools and services for the users of the IP system, as well as with intellectual property offices worldwide, and with international organisations like the European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organisation.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Large firms, small businesses and individuals alike choose the EU Trade Mark (EUTM) and the Registered Community Design (RCD), administered by EUIPO, to protect their intellectual property in the EU-28. EUIPO, through the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights, supports policy-making with fact-based intelligence. This is aimed at raising awareness of the role of intellectual property in supporting jobs and economic growth and on the damages caused by counterfeiting. EUIPO manages the free, online searchable global databases, TMview and Designview, which together contain over 65 million trade marks and designs. Through awareness activities, including those aimed at young people through the Ideas Powered initiative, EUIPO promotes the importance of intellectual property for citizens.

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Eurofound

www.eurofound.europa.eu

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EUROFOUND | ROLE: SOCIAL AND WORK-RELATED RESEARCH

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1975 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 108 | 2015 BUDGET: 21 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.013%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- Eurofound carries out in-depth original research to provide knowledge in the area of social, employment and work-related policies in order to contribute to the planning and design of better living and working conditions in Europe;
- Eurofound implements its pan-European surveys on working conditions, quality of life and company practices;
- Eurofound uses its network of correspondents in all Member States to complement its research with timely comparative information from across the EU;
- Eurofound presents knowledge through its online observatories;
- Eurofound communicates its data, information and analysis in a timely, relevant and accessible manner to ensure take-up by policymakers.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Eurofound´s vision is that the Agency's knowledge will contribute to effective policies that improve quality of life and work in a fair and competitive Europe. Eurofound's strategic objective for the programming period 2017–2020 is 'to provide scientifically sound, unbiased, timely and policy-relevant knowledge that contributes to better informed policies for upward convergence of living and working conditions in Europe'. To achieve this objective it has selected six areas for its activities:

1. Working conditions and sustainable work
2. Industrial relations
3. Labour market change
4. Quality of life and public services
5. The digital age: opportunities and challenges for work and employment
6. Monitoring convergence in Europe

www.eurojust.europa.eu

EUROPEAN UNION'S JUDICIAL COOPERATION UNIT

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EUROJUST | ROLE: JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS; EUROJUST FIGHTS SERIOUS CROSS-BORDER ORGANISED CRIME AT JUDICIAL LEVEL.

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 350 | 2015 BUDGET: 33.818 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.020%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- Eurojust strengthens judicial coordination and cooperation between national authorities in the fight against serious cross-border organised crime;
- Eurojust supports investigations and prosecutions in criminal cases dealing with terrorism, cybercrime, illegal immigrant smuggling and other forms of serious cross-border organised crime;
- Eurojust's coordination meetings enable information exchange and resolution of legal and practical difficulties, including conflicts of jurisdiction. Support during joint action days in the Member States entails coordination and judicial follow up of evidence gathering, seizures and arrests.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Eurojust contributes to the development of the area of freedom, security and justice by being the bridge maker between the 30 different legal systems in the EU, promoting the rule of law and facilitating cross-border justice. Dismantling criminal networks, freezing and confiscating assets of crime and bringing the perpetrators to court requires a common approach of competent EU agencies and Member States. Eurojust as the only judicial agency in the EU supports the execution of EU mutual legal recognition instruments, such as the European Arrest Warrant, fosters joint approaches in crime fighting such as joint investigation teams and helps building trust between the judicial and law enforcement authorities of the Member States.

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

www.era.europa.eu

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: ERA

ROLE: RAILWAYS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2004

NUMBER OF STAFF: 160

2015 BUDGET: 24.7 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.015%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- ERA devises the technical and legal framework for creating a Single European Railway Area (SERA) as mandated under European Union law;
- ERA creates a harmonised approach to safety, removing technical barriers, advancing the single European Train Control and Communication System (ERTMS);
- ERA promotes simplified access for customers for the European rail sector;
- ERA issues vehicle authorisations, safety certificates, and ERTMS trackside approval across the whole EU (from 2019 onwards);
- ERA promotes European standards in the international arena.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The European Union Agency for Railways generates the technical and legal framework for the Single European Railway Area (SERA). By 2020, the traditional mandate will be extended to that of a European authority issuing rail vehicle authorisations, safety certificates, and approval for the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS). Rail companies benefit from reduced cost and time-to-market, making rail transport more competitive. The Agency is active in shaping the framework for innovation in railways, e.g., through collaboration with the Joint Undertaking Shift2Rail. At international level, the Agency advocates European standards and chairs an initiative to deepen global collaboration.

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EUROPOL

www.europol.europa.eu

EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: EUROPOL | ROLE: THE EUROPEAN UNION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 1999 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 1008 | 2015 BUDGET: 95.4 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.059%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- Europol provides a unique range of services for its law enforcement partners, to tackle international organised crime and terrorism;
- From its position at the heart of the EU's security architecture, Europol's high security law enforcement operational centre supports 40 000 cases per year, and operates 24/7, seven days a week;
- Europol is a hub for criminal information and centre for law enforcement expertise, including online platforms for experts;
- Europol hosts more than 200 law enforcement liaison officers from over 30 countries in a secure operational environment in The Hague.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Europol personnel come from a variety of law enforcement agencies including police and border police, customs and security services, from all over the EU. Europol officers have no powers of arrest; instead they provide support by gathering, analysing and disseminating criminal intelligence, and coordinating operations.

This multi-agency approach helps close information gaps and minimise the space in which criminals can operate. Priority crime areas include drugs and firearms trafficking, cybercrime, people trafficking, irregular migration and organised property crime.

Europol is always looking ahead for opportunities to streamline the fight against cross-border organised crime and terrorism, to achieve a safer Europe for all EU citizens.

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FUSION FOR ENERGY

www.fusionforenergy.europa.eu

FUSION FOR ENERGY - THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: F4E | ROLE: FUSION ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2007 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 463 | 2015 BUDGET: 385.2 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.27%

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- F4E provides the European contribution to ITER, the world's largest scientific partnership, which aims to demonstrate that fusion is a viable energy source;
- F4E supports fusion research and development projects through the Broader Approach Agreement , signed with Japan;
- F4E will contribute to a programme of activities for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Fusion energy has the potential to be virtually limitless, clean and affordable as part of a sustainable energy mix.

Through their involvement, European industry, SMEs and laboratories will benefit from an investment which will help them develop the necessary technologies and manufacture the components of future fusion reactors. This investment will generate more knowledge, boost Europe's competitiveness, stimulate growth and jobs.

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FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: FCH 2 JU | ROLE: FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN SECTOR

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2014 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 26 | 2015 BUDGET: 114.615 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.07%

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- FCH 2 JU is a funding agency supporting research and innovation activities in the field of fuel cells and hydrogen;
- FCH 2 JU aims at accelerating the commercialisation of fuel cells and hydrogen technologies;
- FCH 2 JU is a public-private partnership between industry, research organisations and European Commission. The FCH 2 JU pools resources together and helps overcoming barriers to deployment of the FCH technologies.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Fuel cells and hydrogen are innovative technologies allowing for production electricity at very high efficiencies while reducing pollution and CO2 emissions. They have thus the potential to contribute to the decarbonisation of our transport and energy systems and to improve our energy security. The FCH 2 JU's aim is therefore to bring these benefits to citizens by accelerating the market introduction of these technologies.

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ACRONYM OF AGENCY: FRA

ROLE: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2016

NUMBER OF STAFF: 107

2015 BUDGET: 21.6 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.013%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- FRA provides independent, evidence-based advice on fundamental rights to EU and national decision makers to make debates, policies and legislation on fundamental rights better informed and targeted;
- FRA does this through large scale surveys, comparative legal and social research, and by working with fundamental rights actors at EU, national and local level to ensure that its activities are relevant to current fundamental rights issues and future trends;
- FRA consults a wide range of stakeholders to make sure its projects match specific gaps and needs;
- FRA promotes fundamental rights through awareness-raising and cooperation with stakeholders to ensure everyone in the EU is informed about and understands their rights and responsibilities.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights guarantees everyone in the EU their fundamental rights. In practice many are deprived of these rights. FRA's evidence-based advice to EU institutions and Member States helps make fundamental rights a reality for everyone. Hate crime and discrimination often remain 'invisible' due to widespread underreporting. The rights of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants entering or staying in the EU are often not respected. Internal security concerns may override fundamental rights. FRA research consistently reveals such issues. It has shown anyone can be a victim. It is well placed to give a voice to majority and hard-to-reach populations – such as ethnic minorities, children and people with disabilities on issues such as data protection and access to justice. Its networks and links with partners ensure it reaches decision makers in national governments and the EU.

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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: FRONTEX | ROLE: SUPPORT MEMBER STATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF EU'S EXTERNAL BORDERS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2004 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 366 | 2015 BUDGET: 143.3 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.09%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- Frontex was created to assist Member States in managing EU external borders and to bring greater consistency to border control;
- It coordinates the deployment of technical equipment and border guards to support EU countries facing high migratory pressure;
- It implements European integrated border management to ensure security within the EU;
- It carries out vulnerability assessments to evaluate the capacity of Member States to face challenges at their external borders;
- Its main tasks include: risk analysis, joint operations, rapid response, support to EU coast guard functions, research and innovation, training, information sharing, combatting cross-border crime, returns, and cooperation with non-EU countries and international organisations.

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TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The abolishment of internal border checks under the Schengen provisions requires sound and reliable control at the external borders, since Schengen members have to rely on border checks and surveillance conducted by other Member States. It is estimated that each year more than 700 million passengers cross Europe's external borders. One of the biggest challenges, therefore, is detecting any illegal activity without creating unnecessary delays for travellers. The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) was created to assist the Member States in the management of their external borders and to bring greater consistency and harmonisation to EU border control in full respect of fundamental rights.

European
Global Navigation
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EUROPEAN GNSS AGENCY

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: GSA

ROLE: LINKING SPACE TO USER NEEDS

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2004

NUMBER OF STAFF: 140

2015 BUDGET: 27.6 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.020%

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- GSA ensures that Europe's investment in the European Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) - EGNOS and Galileo - delivers real benefits to users, economic growth and competitiveness;
- GSA is responsible for all activities related to the operations, service provision and security for EGNOS and Galileo;
- GSA promotes and supports the adoption of European GNSS by users in key areas such as aviation, rail, location-based services, maritime, agriculture, mapping and surveying, road, and more.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The declaration of Galileo Initial Services represents another big step forward for space-based services in Europe. For the first time, Europe will provide highly-accurate, reliable and secure satellite navigation services to the world.

As Europe's link between space technology and user needs, the GSA is dedicated to ensuring that the end user remains at the centre of Galileo and EGNOS. To accomplish this, the Agency is in constant dialogue with user communities, industry, SMEs and stakeholders via a wide range of activities. The Agency also ensures that Europe's GNSS signals are secure, along with supporting the development of new services and products via Horizon 2020 and the Fundamental Elements initiative.

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INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: IMI

ROLE: HEALTH RESEARCH AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2008

NUMBER OF STAFF: 47

2015 BUDGET: 315.2 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.19%

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- IMI mobilises public and private sector resources to achieve its objectives;
- IMI seeks to improve the current drug development process, increase the success rate in clinical trials of priority medicines identified by the World Health Organisation, and develop new therapies for diseases for which there is a high unmet need;
- IMI initiates, communicates and evaluates competitive calls for proposals and awards funding to projects;
- IMI ensures dissemination of project results;
- IMI liaises with and consults a broad range of stakeholders to ensure openness and transparency of IMI activities.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

IMI is the world's biggest public-private partnership (PPP) in the life sciences, working to improve health by speeding up the development of, and patient access to, the next generation of medicines, particularly in areas where there is an unmet medical or social need. It does this by facilitating collaboration among the key players involved in healthcare research, including universities, pharmaceutical companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), patient organisations, and medicines regulators. This approach has proven highly successful, and IMI projects are delivering exciting results that are helping to advance the development of urgently-needed new treatments in diverse areas. This will ultimately benefit patients and bring cost savings to public healthcare systems.

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ACRONYM OF AGENCY: SatCen

ROLE: EXPLOITING SPACE ASSETS AND COLLATERAL DATA IN SUPPORT OF EU'S FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2002

NUMBER OF STAFF: 120

2015 BUDGET: 17.9 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0013%, THE BUDGET MAINLY CONSISTS OF MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS

TASKS OF THE AGENCY

- SatCen supports decision making of the EU and its Member States in the field of common foreign and security policy by providing products and services resulting from the exploitation of space assets and collateral data, including satellite and aerial imagery, and related services;
- SatCen provides decision makers with early warning of potential crises so that they can formulate a diplomatic, economic and humanitarian response in a timely manner;
- SatCen provides reports related to humanitarian aid, contingency planning, general crime and security surveillance, critical infrastructure, military capabilities and weapons of mass destruction.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

SatCen contributes to the EU's external policy by strengthening its position as a global actor in the world. EU's external policy strives to guarantee security for EU citizens and promote peace within and beyond the EU's border, in order to increase prosperity and safeguard democracy. SatCen has actively participated in the development of the Security Service of Copernicus, the EU's Earth Observation Programme. Copernicus is also a tool to create new applications, markets and jobs. Independent studies indicate that by 2030 nearly 48000 jobs could be created by the application of Copernicus. Knowing that each euro invested in satellite technology represents a high return on investment, the number of business opportunities is likely to increase in the coming years.

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SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY ATM RESEARCH (SESAR) JOINT UNDERTAKING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: SESAR JU | ROLE: AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT [OR] AVIATION

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2007 | NUMBER OF STAFF: 41 | 2015 BUDGET: 89.36 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.03%

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- SESAR JU is a public-private partnership responsible for developing technological and operational solutions to better manage air traffic while on the ground and in the sky;
- SESAR JU harnesses research and innovation expertise and resources of the entire air traffic management community, from the European Network Manager and civil and military air navigation service providers, to airports, civil and military airspace users, staff associations, academia and research centres;
- SESAR JU conducts its research and innovation in line with the European roadmap for ATM modernisation (European ATM Master Plan) and in support of the EU's Single European Sky and Aviation Strategy.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The results of the SESAR JU's work will mean fewer delays, shorter flight times, more affordable tickets — and all with a reduced carbon footprint. For instance, for a typical roundtrip between London and Rome, passengers will have an extra 20 minutes of free time to spend at home or work, shorter flight times (10 kg less fuel burnt per passenger) and savings of EUR 15 on an airline ticket. There is also good news for Europe's economy, in key areas of jobs, growth, competitiveness, mobility, digitisation and innovation. In the long term, subject to a timely and coordinated deployment of solutions, the SESAR project could potentially generate annual recurring benefits to the aviation sector of between EUR 8 billion to EUR 15 billion per year.

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SHIFT2RAIL JOINT UNDERTAKING

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: S2R JU

ROLE: RAILWAY RESEARCH & INNOVATION

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2014

NUMBER OF STAFF: 15

OVERALL BUDGET: 920 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) N/A

TASKS OF THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- S2R JU focuses on research and innovation (R&I) and market-driven innovative solutions in the railway sector;
- S2R JU accelerates the integration of new and advanced technologies into innovative railway product solutions;
- S2R JU promotes competitiveness of the European rail industry to meet changing EU transport needs;
- S2R JU coordinates R&I to develop the necessary technology to complete the Single European Railway Area (SERA);
- S2R JU aims to double the capacity of the European rail system, increase its reliability and service quality by 50 %, and halve life-cycle costs.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

Through R&I carried out under the H2020 initiative, Shift2Rail will foster the introduction of more energy and cost efficient, reliable, passenger trains which will provide the passenger with a more comfortable, digitally connected and safe journey; they will operate on an innovative rail network infrastructure reliably from the first day of service introduction, at a lower life-cycle cost, with more capacity to cope with growing passenger and freight mobility demand. All this will be developed together by the European railway sector, thereby increasing industry competitiveness in the global marketplace.

Shift2Rail will also contribute to the paradigm for the modal shift to attract users to rail. For EU passengers, this represents more travel options, more comfort and improved punctuality. For freight forwarder/shippers, rail freight will offer a more cost-effective, punctual and traceable shipment option.

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Single Resolution Board

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SINGLE RESOLUTION BOARD

ACRONYM OF AGENCY: SRB

ROLE: THE SRB IS THE EU RESOLUTION AUTHORITY WITHIN THE BANKING UNION

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT: 2015

NUMBER OF STAFF: 164

2015 BUDGET: 22 MILLION EUR

PERCENTAGE OF THE EU BUDGET (100%) 0.0% SRB IS FINANCED BY THE BANKING SECTOR

TASKS OF THE AUTHORITY

- SRB drafts resolution plans for the banks under its direct responsibility. This includes the banks under the direct supervision of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) and all cross-border groups;
- SRB carries out an assessment of the banks' resolvability and adopts resolution plans;
- SRB addresses any obstacles to resolution and sets the minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL);
- SRB adopts resolution decisions, to choose and decide on the use of resolution tools;
- SRB closely cooperates with and give instructions to national resolution authorities.

TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION

The Single Resolution Board has been created to respond to the euro area crisis and establishes one of the pillars of the Banking Union. By avoiding bail-outs and worst-case scenarios, the SRB will put the banking sector on a sounder footing – only then can we achieve economic growth and financial stability. The mission of the SRB is therefore to ensure an orderly resolution of failing banks with minimum impact on the real economy and the public finances of the participating Member States of the Banking Union.

To tackle the agency's mission, SRB staff is expected to grow and reach 300 to 350 members in the coming years.

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