

## The financial conscience of the Union

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The principal task of the Court is to establish whether the budget of the European Union has been correctly implemented and to report on any improvements to be made in the field of financial management. That is why the Court is often described as ‘the financial conscience of the Union’. The Court ensures the lawfulness and regularity of operations involving Union revenue and expenditure. It also ensures sound financial management by examining how, and at what cost, the management objectives have been attained.