

## **European Court blocks EU staff pay rise**

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The European Court of Justice has blocked a 1.7% pay rise for the staff of the European institutions citing as justification the exceptional circumstances of the economic and financial crisis. The pay rise was due in 2011 and was based on the established formula linking EU staff pay increases to civil service pay developments in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK as well as the cost of living in Brussels. The Court had made an opposite ruling in 2010 but argued on the basis of a serious change in the economic situation.

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