

**EU27 civil servants participating in the EAS' "ERASMUS for public administration" programme visiting the European Court of Auditors**

On 14 February 2011 a group of 65 civil servants from the 27 Member States paid a visit to the European Court of Auditors. The group was led by David WALKER, Director of the European Administrative School (EAS). From the Court's side, the "ERASMUS for public administration" visitor group was welcomed by Martin WEBER, Head of Unit for ERDF/CF, Transport and Energy in Chamber II.

The intention of the "ERASMUS for public administration" programme, which is organised approximately four times a year by the EAS, is to inform Member State officials involved in EU affairs and the management of EU programmes about how the EU Institutions work and how decisions are made at European level.

This two-week programme includes presentations on the European Civil Service, the history of the EU, the Commission's work programme, the Schengen Area, the Lisbon Treaty, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. In the second week the Group has visited the European Court of Auditors and the Court of Justice in Luxembourg, followed by the European Parliament and the Ombudsman in Strasbourg. The programme also provides for a 2 ½ days' job shadowing, mostly with staff from one of the Commission's Directorates General.