

2011 Declaration of Assurance by the Executive Director of ESMA

I, the undersigned, Verena Ross, Executive Director of the European Securities and Markets Authority, in my capacity as authorising officer:

Declare that the information contained in this report gives a true and fair view1;

State that I have reasonable assurance that the resources assigned to the activities described in this report have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, and that the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions. This reasonable assurance is based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal such as the results of ex- ante and ex-post control verifications performed during the year;

Confirm that I am not aware of anything not reported which could harm the interests of the European Securities and Markets Authority.

Paris, 5 December 2012

Verena Ross

Executive Director

European Securities and Markets Authority

¹ Fair view in this context means a reliable, complete and correct view on the state of affairs in the service