# 2014 discharge: EU general budget, Committee of the Regions

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2016/1478 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section VII — Committee of the Regions.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2014.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 28 April 2016 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 28 April 2016).

Amongst Parliament’s main observations in the resolution accompanying the discharge decision, the latter regretted the increase in the **number of derogations from procurement rules or contract management.** It noted that one such derogation arose from a procedural error in a joint Committee-Parliament continuity of IT services procedure. It called on the Committee to take the necessary measures to ensure this type of situation does not recur and to address this issue without delay.