

2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Court of Justice for the financial year 2022.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2024/2235 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022, Section IV – Court of Justice of the European Union.

CONTENT: the European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Registrar of the Court of Justice in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Justice for the financial year 2022.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 11 April 2024 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary dated 11 April 2024).

Parliament noted with satisfaction that 2022 marked the 70-year anniversary of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) which constitutes a very important anniversary for the entire Union. It also welcomed an initiative offering remote visits to the CJEU which was launched in 2022 giving young people between the ages of 15 and 18 an understanding of the CJEU and the impact of case-law on their daily lives and increasing their understanding of their rights as Union citizens and of the democratic values of the Union.

The overall budget allocated for the CJEU for 2022 amounted to **EUR 467 900 000**, an increase from EUR 444 049 000 in 2021 and in 2020, equivalent to an increase of 5.4 % from 2021 to 2022, and 79 % of the budget in 2022 was used for its members and staff, 14 % for buildings, 6 % for IT and 1 % for other expenditure. The general mission budget of the CJEU declined from EUR 405 000 in 2021 to EUR 390 000 in 2022, equivalent to a reduction of 3.7 %, which was primarily due to changes in working methods with a larger number of remote meetings.

Moreover, Members noted that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in various ways created budgetary pressures for the CJEU, including through rising inflation and salary adjustments, strongly increasing energy costs and costs for a number of goods and services.