2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2022.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2024/2241 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 VII – Committee of the Regions.

CONTENT: the European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Committee of the Regions 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 of the opinion of 11 April 2024).

In 2022, the final adopted budget for the Committee amounted to **EUR 109 976 858**, including Amending Budget 5/2022, representing an overall increase of 3.03 % compared to 2021. The appropriations on budget line 1004 for ‘travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at meetings and associated expenditure’ increased from EUR 4 244 488 to EUR 8 158 838, i.e. by 92 %, between 2021 and 2022, owing to the resumption of travel after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budget implementation rate was 99.2 % in 2022, which is slightly higher than in 2021, when the budget implementation rate was 98.9 %.

The resolution noted that Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine created budgetary pressure for the Committee, including through rising inflation and salary adjustments, strongly increasing energy costs and the cost of construction and raw materials.

Lastly, regarding interinstitutional cooperation, Parliament welcomed the willingness of the Committee to further develop its cooperation with other institutions, in particular Parliament, ahead of the 2024 European elections through a roadmap predicting a further intensification of cooperation and a bigger role for the Committee and local and regional authorities in that context.