Basic information

1997/2076(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
1996 discharge: EC general budget (other sections) **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	MORGAN Eluned (PSE)	06/11/2001

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	MIRANDA Joaquim (GUE/NGL)	28/10/1997

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2072	1998-03-09

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/04/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(1997)0402	Summary
16/05/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/07/1998	Vote in committee		
21/07/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0289/1998	
06/10/1998	Debate in Parliament		
07/10/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/03/2002	Decision by Parliament	A5-0094/2002	
20/03/2002	Vote in committee		
20/03/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0094/2002	
09/04/2002	Debate in Parliament		
10/04/2002	Report referred back to committee		

16/04/2002	Vote in committee		
16/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0113/2002	
25/04/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0196/2002	
17/06/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/2076(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 102
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/4/08857

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0289/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0003	21/07/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0562/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0075-0111	07/10/1998	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0563/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0075-0114	07/10/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0564/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0075-0115	07/10/1998	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0094/2002	20/03/2002	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0113/2002	16/04/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0196/2002 OJ C 131 05.06.2003, p. 0016-0103 E	25/04/2002	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Final act

Budget 2002/0453
OJ L 158 17.06.2002, p. 0066

1996 discharge: EC general budget (other sections)

1997/2076(DEC) - 29/04/1997 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to present the revenue and expenditure account and financial statements of transactions under the 1996 budget (sections I, II, IV, V, VI - other institutions). CONTENT: this document summarizes the utilization of appropriations by the European Parliament, the Ombudsman, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee in 1996.

1996 discharge: EC general budget (other sections)

1997/2076(DEC) - 07/10/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

After refusing by 286 votes to 201, with 7 abstentions, to refer the report back to committee, as called for by Mr Edward KELLETT-BOWMAN (PPE, UK), the European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Joaquim MIRANDA (GUE/NGL, P) as it stood. As regards the European Parliament, Parliament gave its Secretary-General discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 1996 financial year, while stressing various aspects of internal management (particularly Parliament's procedures for awarding contracts and certain appointment practices and internal rules). As regards the Ombudsman, it authorised the giving of discharge to the accounting officer for the 1996 financial year, while stating that in future the Ombudsman's budget should be independent of that of Parliament. It gave discharge to the Registrar of the Court of Justice and the Secretaries-General of the Court of Auditors and the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of their budgets for the 1996 financial year. However, it was unable to give discharge to the Economic and Social Committee until Parliament's conditions and requests had been satisfied (including the giving of discharge to the accounting officer), as required under Article 77 of the Financial Regulation. It may be recalled that the annual report of the Court of Auditors had stressed certain irregularities with regard to the management of the ESC's appropriations. Consequently, Parliament refused the discharge and called for the problems to be referred to the Court of Auditors and UCLAF to enable the various administrative responsibilities to be determined and to enable the reliability of the new system for reimbursement and recovery of incorrectly paid expenditure to be checked. Criticising the attitude of the ESC's Financial Controller, it called for information contained in the ESC's revenue and expenditure account and financial statement to be transparent, comprehensive and accurate in future.