Basic information

1999/2004(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
1998 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds EDF **Subject** 6.30.03 European Development Fund (EDF) 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	RÜHLE Heide (V/ALE)	13/10/1999

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	RÜHLE Heide (V/ALE)	13/10/1999

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development and Cooperation	VAN DEN BERG Margrietus (PSE)	21/09/1999

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2246	2000-03-13

Key events

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11/05/1999	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1999)0227	Summary
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2000	Vote in committee		
22/03/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0089/2000	
11/04/2000	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0151/2000	Summary

21/06/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
21/06/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0167/2000	
04/07/2000	Debate in Parliament		
06/07/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0314/2000	Summary
06/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0089/2000 OJ C 040 07.02.2001, p. 0006	22/03/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0151/2000 OJ C 040 07.02.2001, p. 0147-0383	13/04/2000	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0167/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0007	21/06/2000	
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1998 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds EDF

1999/2004(DEC) - 06/03/2000 - Supplementary non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : To present three Council Recommendations to the European Parliament concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1995)(Eigth EDF) for the financial year 1998 and also for the Seventh EDF (1989) for the financial year 1998 and the Sixth EDF (1984) for the financial year 1998. CONTENT : The discharge for the the management of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth EDF must be given to the Commission to the Parliament on a recommendation from the Counil. In three separate recommendations, the Council recommends that the European Parliament give the Commission discharges in respect of the implementation of operations of the EDFs.

1998 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds EDF

1999/2004(DEC) - 11/05/1999 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: presentation of the financial statements and revenue and expenditure accounts of the 6th, 7th and 8th European Regional Development Funds for the 1998 financial year. CONTENT: This document serves as an accounting statement for the 6th, 7th and 8th European Regional Development Funds (EDFs). EDFs are a distinct type of Community financial instrument because their resources do not come from the EC budget, but from the Member States. As a result, the financial regulations generally applicable to budget appropriations do not apply to the EDF which operate on a multi-annual basis, requiring the Commission to manage several FEDs in parallel until their definitive completion (in the case of 1998, there were 3 EDFs at the one time). The document outlines the overall expenditures committed and spent under the 3 EDFs concerned with details on the trends in expenditures by type of action (emergency aid, refugee aid, SYSMIN, STABEX, etc.). The consolidated figures in the annex of the document show that up to 31.12.1998, the allocations from the various EDFs were as follows: 1) 6th EDF: 7.883 billion euros, 2) 7th EDF: 11.583 billion euros, 3) 8th EDF: 13.151 billion euros, amounting to a total of around 32.6 billion euros. The Commission also provides details of the amount of payments to 31.12.1998: 1) 6th EDF: 6.9 billion euros (88% of the 6th EDF), 2) 7th EDF: 7.4 billion euros (64% of the 7th EDF), 3) 8th EDF: 467 million euros (4% of the 8th EDF). Details are also provided of allocations by country and financial instrument.

1998 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds EDF

1999/2004(DEC) - 13/04/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted its resolution to postpone the decision concerning discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial management of EDFs 6, 7 and 8 for the 1998 financial year. Parliament's rapporteur was Ms. Heide RÜHLE (Green/EFA, D). Parliament requests the Commission to draw up by 15 May 2000 an Action Plan with dates, where appropriate, incorporating the following elements: - a confirmation by the Commission of the procedures by which it will inform Parliament, OLAF and the Court of Auditors of fraud and irregularities in development aid programmes; - a breakdown of the corrective measures to be requested from beneficiary governments when found to be responsible for fraud and irregularities, including measures to strengthen national and EU control systems; - a statement of the monies which, according to the measures agreed by the Commission, have been or remain to be reimbursed by national authorities following the result of audits; - a commitment to a policy of zero tolerance of fraud and irregularity in the use of counterpart funds by beneficiary governments; - a full list of the administrative and/or disciplinary enquiries relating to delegation staff which need to be carried out in the light of audits of structural adjustment programmes, and other development assistance; - an outline of the measures which it will take to revise the policy framework for structural adjustment, in coordination with the donors, in order to ensure that the responsibilities given to beneficiary governments are matched with adequate independent controls of the counterpart funds at their disposal (to include strengthening of controls carried out both by national bodies and by the Commission); - the full measures to be taken to strengthen the internal audit and evaluation functions which deal with external aid; - a full response to the conclusions contained in the opinion of the Development Committee on the 1998 discharge; - rapid implementation of a standard model contract for services and supplies and an appraisal of all

technical assistance, as requested repeatedly by the Court of Auditors; - a commitment to a benchmarking exercise with audit and evaluation systems of aid delivered by Member States and to propose a fail-safe system whereby key findings are systematically and immediately flagged to senior management.

1998 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds EDF

1999/2004(DEC) - 06/07/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted its decision drafted by Heide RUHLE (Greens/EFA, Germany) granting the Commission the budgetary discharge for 1998 in respect of the sixth, seventh and eighth European Development Funds (EDF). Its comments on the discharge are recorded in the resolution forming part of the decision. Parliament noted the relevant figures, and closed the accounts relating to the implementation of the sixth, seventh and eighth EDF. The main points in the resolution recording its comments are as follows: -Parliament welcomed the Commission's adoption of an Action Plan and looked forward to receiving clear timetables and measures, and information on steps taken by beneficiary countries. With regard to ongoing monitoring of the Action Plan, it recommended an output-oriented approach, in which clear and disaggregated targets are sector specific results expected from the aid programme. A number of recommendations are made on delegations. there should be more locally-hired staff. A culture of accountability and a sense of responsibility in delegation staff should be fostered by spelling out clearly the role of officials, local agents and other staff. -On relations between headquarters and delegations, it was noted that Communications would be improved markedly with more systematic use of IT tools. Capacity building in beneficiary countries was also emphasised.