Basic information

2000/2166(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
1999 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions EFILWC budget (Dublin) **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	CONT Budgetary Control	VAN DER LAAN Lousewies (ELDR)	06/11/2000
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2335	2001-03-12

Key events

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03/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/11/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	N5-0686/2000	Summary
21/03/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
21/03/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0108/2001	
03/04/2001	Debate in Parliament		
04/04/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0181/2001	Summary
04/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/06/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/5/12751

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0108/2001	21/03/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0181/2001 OJ C 021 24.01.2002, p. 0132-0225 E	04/04/2001	Summary
Council of the EU				
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Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	**Document type**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
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Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
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Final act	
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1999 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions EFILWC budget (Dublin)

2000/2166(DEC) - 12/03/2001 - Supplementary non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: presentation of the recommendation of the Council on the discharge to be granted to the Board of Administration of the Dublin Foundation regarding the implementation of the Foundations's budget for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT: For the most part, the Council considers that the implementation of the revenues and expenditures of the Foundation is such as to permit it to be granted discharge. The Council welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors was in a position to accord a statement of assurance on the reliability of the Foundation's accounts for the 1999 financial year. It considers, however, that the Foundation still needs to make progress in the implementation of its budget by respecting the principle of annuality in spite of the time lag between the budgetary cycle and the operational cycle. The Council stresses the need for the Foundation to continue to make efforts in regard to its administrative practices in order to reeduce to a minimum the use of the system of advances. It also calls on the Foundation to install a computerised general accounting system. This said, it recommends that the European Parliament grants discharge to the Dublin Foundation regarding the implementation of its budget.

1999 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions EFILWC budget (Dublin)

2000/2166(DEC) - 04/04/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Lousewies van der LAAN (ELDR, NL), thereby granting discharge for 1999 to the Adminsitrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin Foundation). Moreover, it called on the Foundation to carry out an external evaluation on its activities since its creation in 1975; it calls on its own specialised committees to monitor closely the activities and impact of the Dublin Foundation and Bilbao Agency to assess how well they fulfil their respective mandates.

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2000/2166(DEC) - 22/11/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: presentation of the Court of Auditors' report on the financial situation and management of the Dublin Foundation for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT: The Court considers that, for the most part, the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions or Dublin Foundation was correctly implemented. The budget for 1999 amounted to EUR 14.8 million as opposed to EUR 14 in 1998, an increase of 6%. Of this total amount, EUR 14.6 million were committed of which EUR 3.6 million were carried over into the year 2000 and EUR 0.3 million were cancelled. Almost all the commitments carried over into the 2000 year related to operational activities of the Foundation. The Court points to the late implementation, on the part of the Foundation, of contracts and difficulties in realizing corresponding activities. This meant that the Foundation was unable to manage appropriations with the desired rigour, which led to an increase of 12% in the amounts carried forward in comparison with 1998. For the Court, the volume and the persistence of the under-utilisation of the appropriations for the financial year show weaknesses in the Foundation's follow up of its annual programme. The Foundation is therefore called upon to better respect the principle of the annuality of appropriations. The Court points to some irregularities in the Foundation's accounting systems and in the system of advances (the amounts paid via the system of advances represented 20% of amounts paid in 1999, EUR 1.2 million of which fell under the heading of staff expenses). It should be recalled that the system of advances should be limited and exceptional. Bearing in mind these observations, the Court considers that the Foundation can obtain the reasonable assurance that the 1999 accounts are reliable and that the underlying operations are legal and regular. In response to these various criticisms, the Foundation recognises the carrying over of appropriations was greater than expected and it undertakes not to repeat this. It indicates that it is about to change its accounting system. Lastly, it notes that the system of advances has diminished over recent years and it undertakes to reduce its use still further in the 2000 financial year.

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2000/2166(DEC) - 04/04/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to grant discharge on the implementation of the budget of the Dublin Foundation for 1999. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2001/447 /EC of the European Parliament concerning discharge to the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin Foundation) in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT : with the present decision, the European Parliament grants the discharge to the Dublin Foundation in respect of the implementation of its budget for the 1999 financial year. The decision is in accordance with the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the previous text).