Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Budget		

Key events

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27/04/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2001)0530	
11/06/2001	Committee referral announced 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		Summary
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	
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25/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Council of the EU

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European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

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2000 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

2001/2107(DEC) - 27/04/2001

PURPOSE : to present the analysis of the financial management of the European Communities for the financial year 2000 (other sections : Economic and Social Committee). CONTENT : this document sets out the amount of expenses and the financial report of the other Community institutions (except for the Commission) for the 2000 financial year. It analyses in particular the expenses of the Economic and Social Committee which are characterised by the following elements : the 2000 budget was marked by the suppression of the joint organisational structure betweent he ESC and the Committee of the Regions. These two institutions have therefore budget autonomy with a better visibility of the work of each institution. The implementation of the budget was, therefore, for the first time, distinct. Please refer to procedure reference DEC/2001/2104 which concerns all of the institutions.

2000 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

2001/2107(DEC) - 25/04/2002

PURPOSE : to grant the discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 2000 financial year - Section VI - Economic and Social Committee (ESC) and to close the discharge procedures 1996-1997-1998-1999 for the implementation of the ESC's budget. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2002/453/EC of the European Parliament. CONTENT : with this Decision, the European Parliament grants the discharge to the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and for the first time to the European Ombudsman of their respective budget for the financial year 2000. This decision is accompanied by comments which constitute an integral part of the discharge decision and which are included in the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the summary of the opinion dated 25 April 2002). This decision also aims to close the discharge procedure concerning the implementation of the ESC's budget for the years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

2000 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

2001/2107(DEC) - 10/10/2001

PURPOSE : to present the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors concerning the financial year 2000. CONTENT : the Annual Report concerning the financial year 2000 focuses on the all the accounts and operations involving administrative expenditure of the European Union's institutions. These appropriations are managed directly by these authorities and are used primarily to pay the salaries, allowances and pensions of persons working for the Community institutions, as well as rent, property purchases and miscellaneous administrative expenditure. The Court has reviewed the information presented in Volumes I to IV of the revenue and expenditure account. Volumes I and III provide a commentary on budgetary management for the year and, in particular, explanations of variations between the initial approved budget and the appropriations finally available, as well as between the appropriations finally available and those utilised. The Court indicates that the general approach adopted by the institutions to the analysis of budgetary management fails to inform readers of the most significant features of expenditure for the year. All of the institutions focus on explaining variances between out turn and the budget, sometimes in great detail. The way they do this is, however, inconsistent both within and between institutions. The analysis often obscures key issues in budgetary management. For the Court, it is desirable for the institutions to provide a more global analysis in the future, focusing on the main trends in expenditure, and the major capital items, as well as offering key measures of economy and efficiency. In view of all the results of its audit, the Court is of the opinion that the transactions underlying the financial statements, taken as a whole, are legal and regular in respect of revenue, commitments and administrative expenditure but declines to provide this assurance in respect The way in which the budget implementation process is split up in terms of place and time thus makes the task of verifying the legality and regularity of all the transactions a particularly complex one. The Commission, which, under Article 274 of the EC Treaty, is responsible for implementing the budget, is dependent on the good cooperation of the national authorities and other bodies involved. This system is characterised by great diversity in terms of the administrative and accounting cultures, traditions and practices involved. of the other payments. In addition, the Court of Auditors has examined the consolidated accounts of the European Communities for the financial year ended 31 December 2000. The accounts consist of the consolidated revenue and expenditure account and balance sheet as well as explanatory notes and are the responsibility of the Commission. The Court is required to provide the Parliament and the Council with a statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the transactions which underlie these accounts. The Court of Auditors observes that the respective balance sheets of the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions neither disclose the value of the buildings worth 225 million euro for which they signed long-lease contracts with anoption to purchase in December 2000, nor even the advance of 26 million euro that was paid (which the Commission nevertheless included in the consolidated balance sheet). A formula for apportioning these joint assets between the 2 institutions has still not been determined.

2000 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

2001/2107(DEC) - 05/03/2002

PURPOSE : presentation of the Council Recommendation on the 2000 discharge procedure (Economic and Social Committee). CONTENT : based on the comments contained in the Court of Auditor's report relating to the 2000 financial year, the Council invites the European Parliament to grant the discharge to the Economic and Social Committee for the implementation of its budget for 2000. However, a series of comments from the Council must be fully taken into consideration and followed-up without delay (for general details of these comments, please refer to procedure DEC/2001/2104).