Basic information

2002/2107(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	AVILÉS PEREA María Antonia (PPE-DE)	10/09/2002

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	AVILÉS PEREA María Antonia (PPE-DE)	10/09/2002

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/04/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2002)0405	
10/06/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/03/2003	Vote in committee		
24/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0101/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0155/2003	Summary
08/04/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/04/2003	Debate in Parliament		
15/12/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
15/12/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0486/2003	
28/01/2004	Debate in Parliament		

29/01/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0048/2004	Summary
29/01/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/02/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2107(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 102
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/5/20115

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0101/2003	24/03/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0155/2003 OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0027-0228 E	08/04/2003	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0486/2003	15/12/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0048/2004 OJ C 096 21.04.2004, p. 0021-0108 E	29/01/2004	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	01375/2003	07/03/2003	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	01376/2003	07/03/2003	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	SEC(2002)0405	30/04/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N5-0538/2002 OJ C 295 28.11.2002, p. 0001-0288	10/10/2002	Summary
		32003B0414		

EU	Implementing legislative act	OJ L 148 16.06.2003, p. 0057-0057	08/04/2003	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Budget 2004/0180 OJ L 057 25.02.2004, p. 0006-0007	Summary

2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions

2002/2107(DEC) - 29/01/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to give discharge on the implementation of the budget for the Committee of the Regions for the financial year 2001. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 2004/180/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 2001 financial year - Section VII - Committee of the Regions. CONTENT : this Decision gives discharge to the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. The Decision is accompanied by a resolution, the contents of which are set out in the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the opinion dated 29 January 2004).

2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions

2002/2107(DEC) - 30/04/2002

PURPOSE : to present the balance sheets and the revenue and expenditure accounts concerning the implementation of the 2001 budget : Committee of the Regions. CONTENT : this document presents the amount of expenditure and the balance sheets of the other institutions of the Union (except the Commission) for 2001. It highlights, in particular, the expenditure of the Committee of the Regions (CoR). 2001 was the second financial year of the CoR using an autonomous financial service following the suppression of the joint organisational structure with the Economic and Social Committee. The Committee of Region's budget amounts to EUR 90.7 million. From year to year, the CoR's administration gained experience in management. However, the CoR's report shows that the management of around 25% of the budget of the joint CoR - ESC implied major difficulties for the two Committees. The implementation rate of the appropriations carried over from the 2000 financial year, managed for the first time by the CoR's financial service, was 86%. Amongst the important points to be take into consideration in the 2001 budget are, in particular, the difficulties concerning the transition from the old to the new organisational structure and the under-estimation of expenses linked to the management of the CoR building (in particular, moving from the Montoyer building following the 11/09/2001 attacks and the under-estimation due to lateness in the works being carried out at Belliard I and II).

2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions

2002/2107(DEC) - 29/01/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a report by Maria AVILES PEREA (EPP-ED, E), giving discharge to the Committee of the Regions for 2001 by 318 votes in favour, 153 against and 5 abstentions. In April last year, Parliament had postponed granting discharge, as there were a number of serious concerns, among other things over the reimbursement of expenses to Members of the Committee of the Regions and over tendering procedures. (Please see the document dated 15/12/03.) Parliament also stated that the Committee of the Regions should involve its legal service in administrative procedures. In addition, Parliament demanded a declaration by the Committee of the Regions that everything possible will be done to ensure that all its Members cooperate sincerely in order to guarantee consistent and correct application of the rules on the payment of allowances to its Members. All possible steps should be taken to recover all the sums unduly paid to Members and former Members of the Committee of the Regions, but under no circumstances can claims from Members be backdated.

2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions

2002/2107(DEC) - 08/04/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

PURPOSE : to postpone discharge to the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2001. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2003/414/EC of the European Parliament concerning discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2001 (Section VII - Committee of the Regions). CONTENT : with the present decision, the European Parliament postpones discharge to the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. This decision to postpone discharge is accompanied by a series of comments which complete the discharge decision. These comments are included in the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the summary of the European Parliament's resolution dated 8 April 2003).

2001 discharge: EC general budget, Committee of the Regions

2002/2107(DEC) - 10/10/2002

PURPOSE : to present the Court of Auditor's Annual report on the implementation of the budget and other Community institutions for the financial year 2001 (Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions). CONTENT : the annual report from the Court of Auditors relating to the financial year 2001 concentrates on the entire Community budget, including the operational appropriations for the other 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 published by the Commission. Volumes I and III provide a commentary on budgetary management for the year and, in particular, explanations of variations between the approved budget and the appropriations finally available, as well as between the appropriations finally available and those utilised. This review sought to identify any significant variations for which explanations are not provided and to identify any explanation that might be considered misleading. The review did not reveal any such case. It should be noted that in response to the Court's observations of the Annual Report concerning the financial year 2000, the Commission and the Parliament have improved the presentation and user-friendliness of their analysis of budgetary management. In particular, the Commission has provided some global analysis and has introduced a more logical and consistent presentation between chapters and the Parliament has given factual information about the results achieved with the budgetary appropriation used. However, institutions other than the Commission continue to focus on describing changes in levels of appropriations during the year and on commitment made and not on the differences between sums committed and sums paid. It is still the Court's opinion that it would be desirable for all the institutions to provide a more global analysis of their budgetary management which highlights and explains trends over time in expenditure and the funding of major capital items, and which offers key measures of economy and efficiency. More specifically, as regards the expenditure of the Economic and Social Committee, the Court recalls that according to generally accepted accounting practices, land should not be depreciated. Contrary to this principle, accumulated depreciation on the land of the Montoyer building has been included in the ESC accounts. It should be noted that the reliability of the value of the heading 'other tangible fixed assets' cannot be guaranteed as no physical inventory has been conducted since 1998. The heading also includes items that have been disposed of without the required writing-off procedure having been properly completed. Consequently, the Court believes that except for the minor findings mentioned above, the audit of the reliability of the accounts did not reveal any evidence of misstatements considered material to the consolidated accounts of the European Communities.