Basic information

2002/2108(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2001 discharge: EC general budget, European Ombudsman **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
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Budget		

Key events

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30/04/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2002)0405	Summary
10/06/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
24/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0101/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0156/2003	Summary
08/04/2003	Debate in Parliament		
08/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/5/16588

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

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

Additional information

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OJ L 148 16.06.2003, p. 0059-0059 Summary

2001 discharge: EC general budget, European Ombudsman

2002/2108(DEC) - 08/04/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The Parliament adopted the report by María Antonia AVILES PEREA (EPP-ED, Spain) and grants discharge to the Ombudsman in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. Parliament records its comments in an accompanying resolution. Parliament congratulates the Ombudsman on the volume and the quality of work carried out in 2001. It highlights the fact that the analysis of the complaints shows that 77% of them led to an inquiry against the Commission and that, in most cases, a lack of transparency was involved. Parliament notes with satisfaction the steady improvement in the level of budget execution from 75.72% of appropriations in 1997 to 91.24% in 2001 and 98.18% (estimated) in 2002 and the concomitant rise in the utilisation rate of appropriations carried forward from one year to the next. Lastly, Parliament welcomes the cooperation agreements between the Ombudsman and the European Parliament in administrative and financial matters.

2001 discharge: EC general budget, European Ombudsman

2002/2108(DEC) - 10/10/2002 - Court of Auditors: opinion, report

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 (Ombudsman). 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 Ombudsman, the annual report makes no observation concerning the regularity and legality of the underlying activities.

2001 discharge: EC general budget, European Ombudsman

2002/2108(DEC) - 08/04/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to grant discharge to the Ombudsman on the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2001. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2003/415/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 VIII - Ombudsman). CONTENT : with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Ombudsman in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. This decision 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, European Ombudsman

2002/2108(DEC) - 30/04/2002 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present the balance sheets and the revenue and expenditure accounts concerning the implementation of the 2001 budget : Ombudsman. 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 second budget of the Ombudsman since the separation of its budget from that of the European Parliament. The budget appropriations for 2001 amount to EUR 3.902.316 against EUR 3.914.584 in 2000. This budget amounts to 92.62%. It is characterised firstly by a definite improvement of carryover appropriations (around -10% in 2001) in comparison to the carry over appropriations of the previous financial year. It is also marked by the increase in personnel and also by the hiring of auxiliary staff. The increase in the Ombudsman's workload and the necessity to the deal with an increasing number of complaints explains the need for additional staff. The development of the Ombudsman's annual report also implies an important workload and heavy financial investment (notably for translation). It is for this reason that it has been decided not to publish the report in the Official Journal but rather to make it available for consultation on the Internet (via the Ombudsman's site). Lastly, under-estimation of mission costs and meetings should be noted.