Basic information

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2018 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	BRUDZIŃSKI Joachim Stanisław (ECR)	07/10/2019
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš (EPP)	18/09/2019

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	OETTINGER Günther

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/06/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2019)0316	
18/09/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

19/02/2020	Vote in committee		
03/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0051/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0100/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information

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European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE639.878	05/12/2019	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE642.929	23/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.051	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0051/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0100/2020	13/05/2020	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

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2018 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)

2019/2067(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) for the financial year 2018 and to approve the closure of the accounts for the financial year in question.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 466 votes to 223 with 4 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations, which form an integral part of the decision on discharge and which add to the general recommendations set out in the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

Foundation's financial statements

The final budget of Eurofound for the financial year 2018 was EUR 20 760 000 representing an increase of 1.37 % compared to 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.58 %, representing a slight decrease of 0.42 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was 82.70 %, representing an increase of 2 % compared to 2017.

Other observations

Members also made a series of observations regarding procurement, staff policy and internal controls.

In particular, they noted that:

- the delivery of work programme outputs planned for 2018 were 83 % achieved (48 of 58 outputs), the Foundation contributed to 236 policy development events (41 % of them at Union level);

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 96.70 % executed, with 88 officials or temporary agents appointed out of 91 authorised under the Union budget;

- gender balance was achieved among senior managers, however that there is no gender balance at management board level (97 men and 64 women);

- on procurement, the Foundation did not systematically check prices and uplifts charged with the suppliers' quotes and invoices issued to the framework contractor for the acquisition of software licences;

- the Foundation adopted a revised internal control framework marking a shift from a compliance-based to a principles-based process.