Basic information

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2018 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	01/10/2019
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	GRAPINI Maria (S&D)	07/10/2019

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		

05/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0066/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0079/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00847

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.860	07/01/2020	
Committee opinion	TRAN	PE643.064	22/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.000	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0066/2020	05/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0079/2020	13/05/2020	Summary

Council of the EU

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Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05761/2020	06/02/2020	

European Commission

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Final act
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2018 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

2019/2076(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) 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 Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 605 votes to 83 with 5 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:

Agency's financial statements

The final budget of the Agency for the financial year 2018 was EUR 106 777 232.65 representing an increase of 23.76 % compared to 2017. The increase was mainly related to the enhanced mandate of the Agency.

Budget and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.02%, representing a slight increase of 0.98% compared to 2017 and a payment appropriations execution rate of 92.84%, representing a decrease of 3.41%.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the delay in the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) operations linked to European cooperation on coast guard functions due to technical challenges and continuing difficulties in obtaining from national authorities the permits to fly led to a budget amendment reducing the EU subsidy and to the return of EUR 6 000 000 in payment appropriations to the Commission.. This reduction proved insufficient due to further delays caused by technical problems and bad weather, leading to lower consumption of payment appropriations;

- the Agency should exploit to the full, and if necessary to adapt, the operational possibilities offered by drones, high altitude pseudo satellites and satellites with a view to combatting illegal activities, such as drug trafficking, people smuggling and unlicensed fishing;

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 98.58 % filled, with 209 officials and temporary agents appointed out of 212 officials and TAs authorised under the Union budget;

- the gender imbalance at management level should be reviewed;

- the Agency did not systematically check prices and uplifts charged with supplier's quotes and invoices issued to the framework contractor for the acquisition of software licences.