





Basic information	
<b>2019/2078(DEC)</b> DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  <b>Subject</b> 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players			
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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	<a href="#">A9-0068/2020</a>	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0113/2020</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
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		
11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2019/2078(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00843

Documentation gateway


European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE639.854</a>	05/12/2019	
Committee opinion	<div>ENVI</div>	<a href="#">PE641.158</a>	22/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE646.781</a>	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A9-0068/2020</a>	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T9-0113/2020</a>	13/05/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">05761/2020</a>	06/02/2020	

European Commission

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Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">COM(2019)0316</a> 	27/06/2019	

Final act

## 2018 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

2019/2078(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) 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 Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 604 votes to 53 with 36 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:

### ***Authority's financial statements***

The final budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2018 was EUR 79 183 814.25, representing a slight decrease of 0.47 % compared to 2017.

### ***Budget and financial management***

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 %, representing a slight increase of 0.02 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was at 91.31 %, representing a decrease of 1 % compared to 2017.

### ***Other observations***

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

In particular, they noted that:

- 2018 was the second year of the comprehensive performance-based management approach, of the measurement of the Authority's performance based on new key performance indicators and of the implementation of the Authority's Strategy 2020 plan;
- the Authority finalised 788 questions through scientific opinions, technical reports and supporting publications;
- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 97.49 % executed, with 5 officials and 306 temporary agents appointed out of 319 posts authorised under the Union budget;
- the Authority was hit by conflicts of interest problems and a fitness-check was carried out with the aim of assessing how to revise the Authority's Anti-Fraud Strategy in 2019;
- the Authority shall make efforts in providing Union risk managers with comprehensive, independent and up-to-date scientific advice on questions linked to the food chain, communicating clearly to the public on its outputs and the information on which they are based, and cooperating with interested parties and institutional partners to promote coherence and trust in the Union food safety system.