Basic information

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2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) **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
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European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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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	A9-0062/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0109/2020	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		
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
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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE639.864	05/12/2019	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE643.082	21/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE647.036	05/02/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0062/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0109/2020	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 Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

2019/2082(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) 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 495 votes to 193 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 European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training for the financial year 2018 was EUR 10 416 720 representing a decrease of 1.02 % compared to 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 97.97 %, representing an increase of 0.88 % compared to 2017.Payment appropriations execution rate was 76.51 %, representing a decrease of 7.51 % compared to the previous year.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency successfully delivered its mandate throughout 2018, and that in some cases it exceeded objectives set in its working programme for 2018;

- 2018 saw the launch of two new Union-funded projects, the EU/MENA Counter-Terrorism Training Partnership 2 and the Financial Investigation In-Service Training Western Balkan project, both of which demonstrate the Agency's increasing recognition as a key Union actor contributing to European security through external action;

- the Agency conducted the pilot EU-Strategic Training Needs Assessment (EU-STNA) and that more than 87 % of the Agency's residential and online training events (residential activities, webinars, online courses) addressed gaps in capability in relation to critical security threats stemming from the European Agenda on Security;

- a feasibility study should be carried out in order to assess the possibility of (if not fully merging) at the very least setting up shared synergies with Europol, and for the possible transfer of the Agency to the Europol headquarters in The Hague, and the transfer of the Europol headquarters to the Agency's headquarters in Budapest;

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 100 % executed, with 32 temporary agents appointed out of 32 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;

- as a consequence of its relocation from the United Kingdom to Hungary and the lower correction coefficient applied to staff salaries as a result, the staff turnover has been high and geographical balance has not always been maintained as applications from Member States other than the host country have decreased;

- the Agency does not have a carbon off-setting scheme in place but acknowledged on the basis of the Agency's reply that the cost of participating in such a scheme cannot be covered from its limited financial resources.