





Basic information	
2019/2083(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) Subject 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	<div>CONT</div> Budgetary Control		BRUDZIŃSKI Joachim Stanisław (ECR)
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	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	<div>AFET</div> Foreign Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
European Commission	<div>LIBE</div> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		METSOLA Roberta (EPP)
			06/11/2019
	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		
04/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0072/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0117/2020	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

Procedure reference	2019/2083(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00832

Documentation gateway


European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.855	13/12/2019	
Committee opinion	<div>LIBE</div>	PE643.088	30/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.056	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0072/2020	04/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0117/2020	13/05/2020	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05761/2020	06/02/2020	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
NOVAKOV Andrey	Shadow rapporteur	CONT	19/02/2020	Frontex

Final act
Budget 2020/1975 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0444

2018 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

2019/2083(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency 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 588 votes to 95 with 10 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 Border and Coast Guard Agency for the financial year 2018 was EUR 288 663 520, representing an increase of 2.89 % compared to 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.37 %, representing a slight increase of 0.74 % compared to 2017. Parliament noted with concern that the payment appropriations execution rate was low at 69.69 %, representing an increase of 3.27 % compared to 2017.

In 2018, the Agency had financing agreements with cooperating countries for operational activities, representing 59 % of the Agency's budget.

Carry-overs

It is noted that the Agency's budgetary carry-overs to 2019 amounted to EUR 83 000 000 (29 %), a slightly lower percentage than in the previous year. The rate of cancelled carry-overs to 2018 was EUR 11 000 000 (12 %), somewhat lower in relative terms than the previous year. The main reasons for carry-overs and cancellations were challenges arising from the staff establishment plan regarding the number and profile of staff, the delay to the launch of the building project for the Agency's new premises, the multi-annual nature of information and communications technology projects, and the overestimation of the scale and cost of activities from cooperating countries.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was only 72.49 % executed, with 303 temporary agents appointed out of 418 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;
- although the Agency continued further recruitment efforts and increased the number of staff from 526 to 630 in 2018, it still did not achieve the number of 760 staff authorised in its 2018 establishment plan;
- the Agency introduced a revised joint operations and returns financing scheme in 2018, which is based on simplified grant agreements with Member States using standardised unit costs for human resources;

- following the recent revision of its internal control framework, the Agency has ensured that all decisions to override controls, or deviations from the established processes and procedures, are documented, duly approved, and logged centrally;
- as regards the construction of the new headquarters building and the establishment of a European school in Warsaw, an adequate plot of land was attributed to the Agency by the Polish authorities in 2019, that planning is ongoing to build a purpose-designed premises of the Agency's headquarters by the end of 2024. The board of governors of European schools is to be asked by Polish authorities in Autumn 2019 to consider accreditation of a Warsaw associate European school of type II, which would be operational partly as from the 2020-2021 academic year.