Basic information

2019/2084(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European GNSS Agency (GSA) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	LEGUTKO Ryszard Antoni (ECR)	07/10/2019
	Shadow rapporteur NOVAKOV Andrey (EPP) WOLTERS Lara (S&D) CSEH Katalin (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens/EFA) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (GUE/NGL)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

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	A9-0067/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0080/2020	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	2019/2084(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00830

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.821	13/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.057	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0067/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0080/2020	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
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2019)0316	27/06/2019	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2020/1867 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0089

2018 discharge: European GNSS Agency (GSA)

2019/2084(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European GNSS Agency (GSA) 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 629 votes to 56 with 7 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 GNSS Agency for the financial year 2018 was EUR 32 230 582, representing an increase of 13.22 % 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 the same rate as in 2017. The execution rate of payment appropriations was 83.72 %, representing a decrease of 2.48 % compared to 2017.

In addition to its core budget, the Agency continued to manage a large amount of delegated budget in 2018 for the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS), the Galileo Delegation Agreement, the Delegation Agreement for Public Regulated Service and the Horizon 2020 delegation agreement. A total of EUR 1 173 219 279 was committed under a delegated budget in 2018 and EUR 796 500 300.84 made in payments.

Parliament noted that the cancellations of carry-overs from 2017 to 2018 represents 3.25 % of the total amount carried over after a decrease of 2.05 % in comparison to 2017.

Other observations

Members also made a series of observations regarding performance, staff policy, procurement and conflicts of interest.

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency's Galileo and EGNOS programmes are now fully in their operational phase and that specifically with regard to Galileo, besides the successful launch in 2018 of the last four satellites before batch 3, the Agency completed the contract award activities;

- on 31 December 2018 the establishment plan was executed to 90.63 %, with 116 temporary agents appointed out of 128 that were authorised under the Union budget;

- the Agency should take measures with a view to ensuring better gender balance within its senior management;

- one former high-level official occupies an advisory role under the active senior initiative, without financial emoluments;

- the Agency adopted an internal whistleblowing policy in June 2018;

- as regards Brexit, the Agency sent letters to all contractors and beneficiaries of contracts and grants affected, requiring mitigating measures to be implemented by the end of October 2019, in particular to ensure that prime contractors and subcontractors are not entities established in the United Kingdom and that the backup site of the Galileo Security Monitoring Centre has been relocated from the United Kingdom to Spain.