Basic information

2019/2087(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (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	A9-0056/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0104/2020	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	2019/2087(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00824

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.856	05/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.050	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0056/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0104/2020	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

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Final act
Budget 2020/1931 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0286

2018 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

2019/2087(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director-General of the Euratom Supply Agency (ESA) 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 620 votes to 59 with 14 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 Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2018 was EUR 123 000, representing the same amount as in 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a commitment appropriations implementation rate of 97.84 % representing a decrease of 1.04 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriation execution rate was 72.90 % representing a decrease of 1.73 % compared to 2017.

Parliament raised concerns that the cancellation rate of budget appropriations carried over from 2017 to 2018 is high, at 21 %, demonstrating unjustified commitments in the previous year. The Agency should carry over budget appropriations only when justified.

Other observations

Members also made a series of observations regarding performance and staff policy.

In particular, they noted that:

- in 2018 the Agency processed 331 transactions, including contracts, amendments and notifications, and continued to take responsibility for the Union common nuclear supply policy in line with its statutory mandate, in order to ensure the security of the supply of nuclear materials;

- the Agency had 16 members of staff at the end of 2018, all being Commission officials, out of 25 authorised by the establishment plan, the same number as were authorised in 2017;

- given that the United Kingdom has withdrawn from the Union, including Euratom, Parliament called on the Agency to ensure that it remains aware of the effects of the United Kingdom's withdrawal and that it report to the discharge authority of any developments in that regard.