Basic information

2019/2088(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	07/10/2019
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	METSOLA Roberta (EPP)	06/11/2019

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		
04/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0075/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0118/2020	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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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00822

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.924	06/12/2019	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE643.086	21/01/2020	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.054	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0075/2020	04/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0118/2020	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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Additional information		
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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	02/03/2020	Europol

Final act
Budget 2020/1978 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0453

2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

2019/2088(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 Cooperation (Europol) 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 501 votes to 179 with 12 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:

Financial statements of Europol

The final budget of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation for the financial year 2018 was EUR 135 737 021, representing an increase of 13.84 % compared to 2017. The increase was due to additional tasks expanding its mandate.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 96.10 %, representing a slight decrease of 3.62 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was 86.92 %, representing a decrease of 2.09 % compared to 2017.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency achieved 78 % of the targets set for performance indicators and that it progressed in the implementation of 79 % of the actions contained within the 2018 work programme;

- a feasibility study should be conducted in order to assess the possibility of, at the very least, setting up shared synergies with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), if not of fully merging them;

- the number of operations that the Agency supported grew from 1 496 in 2017 to 1 748 in 2018 (representing an increase of 16.8 %);

- on 31 December 2018 the establishment plan was 96.35 % executed, with 555 temporary agents appointed out of 576 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared with 550 authorised posts in 2017);

- an uneven gender balance was reported for 2018 among the senior managers – 145 men and 27 women, with 43 men and 10 women on the management board.