Basic information

2019/2093(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	24/07/2019
	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	A9-0052/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0101/2020	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	2019/2093(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00791

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.862	05/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE644.970	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0052/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0101/2020	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 2020/1922 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0263

2018 discharge: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

2019/2093(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) 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 604 votes to 84 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 Agency for the financial year 2018 was EUR 13 562 000, representing an increase of 2.18 % compared to 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.26 %, exceeding the Agency's planned target and representing an increase of 0.54 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was at 79.73 %, representing an increase of 3.92 % compared to 2017.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency has been successful in implementing Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency and in accompanying and monitoring the shift in the implementation of the already adopted network codes in electricity and gas;

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 95.52 % executed, with 64 temporary agents appointed out of 67 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;

- the Agency has expressed concerns about the inadequate additional resources envisaged for the implementation of the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" package, in terms of staff numbers, timing and grades. It will not be able to properly fulfil its extended mandate without the assignment of additional resources;

- concern was expressed regarding the lack of gender and geographical balance;

- all of the necessary tools to manage procurement procedures should be introduced by Agency;

- the Agency adopted its own internal control framework in December 2018;

- a formal analysis in 2018 was carried out concerning the likely impact of the United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from the Union on its organisation, operations and accounts.