Basic information

2019/2094(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	01/10/2019
	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.	
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	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	A9-0050/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0099/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	Results of vote 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	2019/2094(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00788

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.875	05/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE644.971	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0050/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0099/2020	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

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Additional information		
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Final act
Budget 2020/1916 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0249

2018 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office)

2019/2094(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the Agency for Support for BEREC in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget 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 Office'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 85 with 3 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:

Office's financial statements

The final budget of the Agency for Support for BEREC for the financial year 2018 was EUR 4 331 000, representing an increase of 2% compared to 2017.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.85 %, representing a decrease of 0.09 % compared to 2017. Payment appropriations execution rate was 82.68 %, representing a decrease of 4.24 % compared to 2017. The Agency has been affected by a high staff turnover, which poses risk to the implementation of the Agency's work programme. As part of mitigation techniques, the management committee requested the establishment of reserve list for 75 % of all job profiles with the aim of keeping the vacancy rate below 15 %.

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:

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 100 % executed, with 14 temporary agents appointed out of 14 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;

- gender balance was almost achieved at staff level (52 % women and 48 % men) and was achieved in middle management positions (50 % women and 50 % men), however, this was not achieved among the members of the management board, with only 5 women among the 28 members;

- the Agency finally adopted its guidelines on whistleblowing at the end of 2018;

- the Agency has carried out an analysis of the likely impact of the United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from the Union and identified the necessary mitigating steps. The Agency has no members of staff with only UK citizenship and that there is therefore no risk related to human resources issues.