Basic information

2019/2095(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) **Subject** 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	LEGUTKO Ryszard Antoni (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.	

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	A9-0054/2020	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0103/2020	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	2019/2095(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00786

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE639.871	05/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE646.998	31/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0054/2020	03/03/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0103/2020	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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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2020/1928 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0278

2018 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

2019/2095(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 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 Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 603 votes to 75 with 15 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:

Institute's financial statement

The final budget of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for the financial year 2018 was EUR 458 057 031.54, representing an increase of 35.33 % compared to 2017, mainly due to the increasing importance of Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), in particular those on EIT Health, EIT Raw Materials and EIT Food, in their education, innovation and business creation activities. The overall contribution of the Union to the Institute's budget for 2018 amounted to EUR 312 886 716.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 92.05 %, representing an increase of 0.82 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was 97.80 %, representing a decrease of 1.72 % compared to 2017. This slight increase in the commitment implementation rate is mainly owing to an increase in commitment execution in operational expenditure and, in particular, grants to the Institute's KICs.

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 Institute uses additional key performance indicators to enhance its budget management;

- it reached another major milestone in 2018, growing to eight KICs, as provided for in the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda for 2014 to 2020, including the designation of EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility in December 2018. The three first-wave KICs are a cause for concern due to their low financial sustainability indicators, displaying only modest growth, with a higher concern with regard to the Climate-KIC, which has the lowest score;

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 97.73 % executed, with 43 temporary agents appointed out of 44 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;

- the new director was appointed by the Institute's governing board decision of 19 August 2019;

- the EIT decided to adopt a manual for informal procedures for cases of harassment and that the decision of the director of the Institute on the appointment of confidential counsellors will be adopted by end of 2019;

- the Institute requested the Commission to grant it seven additional posts from 2020 onwards to address the structural understaffing of the Institute, and to be able to fully implement the Institute's work programme planned for 2020. However, the Commission did not grant the requested additional posts;

- in 2018 several potential conflicts of interests cases were identified and assessed and adequate measures were taken, including exclusion from relevant activities where a conflict of interests was identified;

- the Institute actively engaged with key stakeholders, including in the context of the Union's next Multiannual Financial Framework and its Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Commission proposed a budget of EUR 100 billion for Horizon Europe, including a EUR 3 billion budget for the Institute.