Basic information

2020/2164(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) **Subject** 8.70.03.09 2019 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	08/09/2020
	Shadow rapporteur CHRISTOFOROU Lefteris (EPP) RÓNAI Sándor (S&D) CSEH Katalin (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens/EFA) 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	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/06/2020	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2020)0288	
15/09/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2021	Vote in committee		

30/03/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0085/2021	
27/04/2021	Debate in Parliament		
28/04/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0188/2021	Summary
24/09/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/2164(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/03886

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE657.207	12/01/2021	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE680.790	04/03/2021	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0085/2021	30/03/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0188/2021	28/04/2021	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05793/2021	05/02/2021	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2020)0288	29/06/2020	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Budget 2021/1604
OJ L 340 24.09.2021, p. 0300

2019 discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)

2020/2164(DEC) - 28/04/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided by 612 votes to 74, with 12 abstentions, to grant discharge to the Executive Director of ENISA (European Union Agency for Cyber Security) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2019 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2019 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 602 votes to 79, with 10 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations set out in the resolution on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Agency's financial statements

ENISA's final budget for the year 2019 was EUR 16 932 952, an increase of 47.58% compared to 2018. This increase is mainly the result of higher expenditure on staff, ICT and core operational activities, related to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/881 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Cybersecurity Agency and on Information and Communication Technologies Cybersecurity Certification.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the 2019 financial year resulted in a budget implementation rate of 96.80%, which represents a decrease of 3.18% compared to 2018. The execution rate for payment appropriations was 70.12%, which represents a decrease of 18.44% compared to 2018.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency uses certain key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the added value of its activities and to improve its budgetary management, and it has put in place specific KPIs related to the new mandate given by the cyber security regulation;

- on 31 December 2019, the establishment plan was 79.66 % implemented, with 47 temporary agents appointed out of 59 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget. The gender imbalance reported for 2019 in senior management and the Management Board is however of concern;

- the Agency faces some difficulties in recruiting, attracting and retaining suitably qualified staff, mainly due to the low salary weightings applied to staff in Greece and the lack of professionals in the EU IT security market;

- there is an increased dependency on temporary agency workers, who account for 29% of the total workforce, an increase on the previous year;

- shortcomings were found in the procurement procedures, where in three of the four cases audited there was an overlap between the selection and award criteria and a lack of separation constituting a procedural defect;

- the CVs and conflict of interest declarations of the Management Board members are being published on the website; the Agency is encouraged to publish the conflict of interest declarations and CVs of its senior managers;

- the Agency produced 55 reports and was actively involved in raising awareness of cyber security issues. It should focus on disseminating the results of its research to the general public;

- lastly, the Agency has not yet developed a formal and comprehensive environmental management policy to ensure an environmentally friendly workplace.