Basic information

2020/2171(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2019 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA) **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	A9-0088/2021	
27/04/2021	Debate in Parliament		
28/04/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0195/2021	Summary
24/09/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/2171(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/03901

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE657.209	11/01/2021	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE680.796	04/03/2021	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0088/2021	30/03/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0195/2021	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 2021/1625
OJ L 340 24.09.2021, p. 0362

2019 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

2020/2171(DEC) - 28/04/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided by 606 votes to 84, with 8 abstentions, to **grant discharge** to the Director General of the Euratom Supply Agency (ESA) 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 631 votes to 56 with 4 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations contained in the resolution on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Financial statements of the Agency

The Agency's final budget for the year 2019 was EUR 223 000, which represents an increase of 81.30% compared to 2018, due to the execution of an IT services contract for which the Agency received an additional contribution from the Commission at the end of 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament welcomed the budget monitoring efforts during 2019, which resulted in an implementation rate of 99.86% for commitment appropriations, an increase of 2.02% compared to 2018. However, it regretted that the implementation rate of payment appropriations was 41.05%, a decrease of 31.85% compared to 2018. This decrease is due to the carry-over of outstanding commitments, which amounted to EUR 131 137.56 or 59 % of committed amounts in relation to signed IT service contracts that were not been completed by the year end. The cancellation rate of budgetary appropriations carried over from 2018 to 2019 was 17%, which shows that commitments were unjustifiably made in 2018. The Agency is invited to carry over budgetary appropriations only where justified.

Other comments

Members also made a series of observations concerning staff performance and policy and internal controls.

In particular, they noted that :

- efforts to diversify sources of supply have been made by the Agency: in 2019, it awarded 178 new registration references corresponding to new contracts and modifications or additions to existing contracts and it awarded 139 new registration references corresponding to transactions related to the provision of services for the delivery of small quantities of nuclear material;

- by 31 December 2019, 100% of the establishment plan was implemented with 17 Commission officials appointed to the 17 posts authorised in the establishment plan;

- in 2019, the Agency implemented the Commission's Internal Control Standards (ICS) for effective management. It has started to develop a new internal control framework, which will take effect in 2020.

With regard to the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the Joint Political Declaration states that the future relationship should include a wide-ranging nuclear cooperation agreement between the Agency and the UK on peaceful uses of nuclear energy and parties agree on cooperation, through the exchange of information, on the supply of medical radioisotopes.

Parliament called on the Agency to ensure that it remains vigilant about the effects of the UK's withdrawal and to inform the discharge authority of any developments in this area.