Basic information

2020/2179(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2019 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) **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	A9-0076/2021	
27/04/2021	Debate in Parliament		
28/04/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0203/2021	Summary
24/09/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/2179(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/03919

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE657.208	12/01/2021	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE680.786	04/03/2021	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0076/2021	30/03/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0203/2021	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 2021/1649
OJ L 340 24.09.2021, p. 0425

2019 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

2020/2179(DEC) - 28/04/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided by 635 votes to 24, with 39 abstentions, to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 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 Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2019 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 630 votes to 29 with 32 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.

Institute's financial statements

The Institute's final budget for the financial year 2019 amounted to EUR 557 896 982.73, an increase of 21.80% compared to 2018. The overall EU contribution to the Institute's budget amounted to EUR 378 562 704.82 in 2019, an increase of 20.99% compared to 2018.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2019 resulted in a budget execution rate of 97.04%, which represents an increase of 4.99% compared to 2018. The execution rate for payment appropriations was 97.57%, a decrease of 0.23% compared to 2018.

Other observations

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

In particular, they noted that:

- the Institute implemented 95% of its 2019 work programme; it is currently working on the development of an impact assessment framework to measure the socio-economic impact of Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) activities;

- the Institute has identified and evaluated the possibility of cooperation and sharing of resources with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training and is exploring other possibilities;

- at the end of 2019, the establishment plan was 97.73 % implemented with 43 temporary agents hired out of the 44 temporary agents authorised under the EU budget. The Institute's staff was equally divided between men and women (46% men and 54% women);

- according to the Court's report, the Institute's budget will increase by a further EUR 600 million, or 25%, under the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF), compared with the current MFF, while staff numbers remain capped at 70. There is a risk that the Institute will not have sufficient capacity to cope with the increased workload in the future;

- at the end of 2019, the Institute launched a new activity to monitor the procurement policies and procedures of the legal entities of the KICs and their co-location centres as a follow-up to the 2016-2017 expert mission;

- the Institute published the conflict of interest declarations and CVs of its Governing Board members and senior staff on its website; self-assessments provided by some officials on their compliance with ethical standards are not sufficient and require further monitoring;

- the Institute will have to report on the results of the process of implementing its general information security policy, including the ICT aspects of cyber security.