Basic information

2021/2116(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) **Subject** 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CHRISTOFOROU Lefteris (EPP)	28/07/2021
	Shadow rapporteur CHINNICI Caterina (S&D) CSEH Katalin (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (The Left)	

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
30/06/2021	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2021)0381	

14/09/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2022	Vote in committee		
07/04/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0097/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0181/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2116(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06770

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.956	14/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.716	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0097/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0181/2022	04/05/2022	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06003/2022	16/02/2022	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2021)0381	30/06/2021	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0044/2022 OJ C 439 29.10.2021, p. 0003	29/10/2021	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2022/1716 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0183

2020 discharge: European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

2021/2116(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) for the financial year 2020 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 550 votes to 51 with 36 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.

Agency's financial statements

The Agency's final budget for the year 2020 was EUR 17 297 383, representing an increase of 7.12 % compared to 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.83 %, exceeding the Agency's planned target of 95 %, representing a decrease of 0.44 % compared to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 83.35 %, representing an increase of 0.09 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations on performance, procurement, staff policy and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the objectives of the 2020 work programme were largely met;

- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 100 % implemented, with 71 temporary agents appointed out of 71 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 67 authorised posts in 2019). Gender balance is still a matter for concern;

- the Agency was reorganised following the arrival of the Agency's new Director, aiming to increase synergies in the Agency by creating clusters (data excellence, legal service);

- 185 procurement procedures were concluded in 2020, compared to 79 in 2019;

- following measures to contain the spread of Covid-19, the Agency made recourse to teleworking as its normal operational mode;

- the Agency should speed up the development of its cybersecurity policy and inform the discharge authority on its completion.