Basic information

2021/2117(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) **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.	
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	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	A9-0123/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0182/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2117(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06767

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.955	14/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.717	03/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0123/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0182/2022	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
		N9-0044/2022		

CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	OJ C 439 29.10.2021, p. 0003	29/10/2021	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2022/1719 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0189

2020 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

2021/2117(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the 2020 financial year and to approve the closure of the Joint Undertaking's accounts for the same financial year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the Office's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 561 votes to 71 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

The Agency's final budget for the financial year 2019 was EUR 7 233 653, representing an increase of 27.96 % compared to 2019, which mainly represents an increase in staff and operational expenditure.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.07 %, representing a decrease of 0.86 % compared to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 61.14 %, representing a decrease of 20.85 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the BEREC Office found some synergies with other agencies in common areas and currently cooperates in the development of a new corporate website with the European Union Intellectual Property Office and in the use of IT infrastructure and online platforms with the European Food Safety Authority;

- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 87.50 % implemented, with 14 temporary agents appointed out of 16 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared with 16 authorised posts in 2019). Measures should be taken to achieve gender balance as soon as possible;

- again, the Office struggles to attract and retain professionals;

- the BEREC Office signed a framework contract with one company for the provision of secretarial support services, which did not comply with Union social and employment rules, exposing the BEREC Office to legal and reputational risks. It also finished a procurement procedure and signed a contract before evaluating all of the offers it had received;

- due to the Covid-19 pandemic the BEREC Office cancelled most of the planned physical events and organised them successfully by means of videoconferencing instead which resulted in a reduction in its costs and in a better environmental performance.