Basic information

2021/2123(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA) **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) MITUȚA Alin (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	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	A9-0098/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0178/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2123(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06755

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.963	14/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.724	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0098/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0178/2022	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 2022/1737 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0234

2020 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)

2021/2123(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Banking Authority (EBA) 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 Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 556 votes to 52, with 34 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.

Authority's financial statements

The Authority's final budget for the financial year 2020 was EUR 46 715 822, representing an increase of 3.06 % compared to 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.17 %, representing an increase of 1.88 % compared to 2019. The rate of execution of payment appropriations was 90.36 %, representing an increase of 4.48 % compared to the previous year.

Parliament welcomed that the Authority managed to definitively close its premises in the United Kingdom on 7 December 2020 complying with all legal obligations and that, as a consequence, the share of the related unused provisions active in the books at the reporting date have been reversed against revenue. It called for an audit on the move, both on the financial and operational aspects in order to draw lessons for improvement and identification of good practices that can be used across all Agencies in anticipation of making them more agile in order to respond to future challenges.

Other observations

Parliament also made a number of observations concerning performance, staff policy, public procurement and the prevention of conflicts of interest and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Authority has upgraded its key performance indicator framework from 2021 onwards creating more sophisticated indicators specific to each of the strategic and annual objectives;

- prepared guidelines on legislative and non-legislative moratoria on loan repayments that provided guidance to banks in supporting ongoing liquidity challenges faced by the Union businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic;

- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 97.42 % implemented, with 151 temporary agents appointed out of 155 temporary agent posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 145 authorised posts in 2019);

- the Authority completed six procurement procedures, two of which were tenders, with three other Agencies (ESMA, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and Single Resolution Board) participating alongside the Authority, and that the Authority cancelled one contract after award, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It also participated in 33 inter-agency procurement procedures led by the Commission as well as other agencies. Parliament highlighted that certain procurement procedures of the Authority contravened the Financial Regulation, in particular those related to the signing of a short-term banking agreement with a bank. The Authority significantly underestimated the contract's value, resulting in the Authority using the wrong type of procurement procedure;

- the Authority should adopt a robust ethical framework in order to prevent conflicts of interest, revolving doors or harassment and properly assess and report on the implementation of the internal control framework;

- during the pandemic, the Authority devised a readiness plan aimed at demonstrating the Authority’s active monitoring of the pandemic and its capability to provide clear guidance and measures aimed at protecting the wellbeing of its staff and the continuity of its operations. It also revised its recruitment procedures to recruit and integrate new staff remotely.