Basic information

2021/2130(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) **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) BOYER Gilles (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.	
EMPL Employment and Social 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	A9-0101/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0179/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2130(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06740

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.971	14/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.731	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0101/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0179/2022	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 2022/1758 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0289

2020 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

2021/2130(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) for the financial year 2020 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 Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 547 votes to 48 with 35 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 28 386 398, representing an increase of 4.60 % compared to 2019. The Authority is financed by a contribution from the Union (EUR 10 489 363, representing 36.59 %) and contributions from national supervisory authorities of the Member States (EUR 17 491 035, representing 61.63 %).

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament noted with appreciation that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 %, similar to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 82.80 %, representing a decrease of 2.83 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- all but one target has been met, despite the difficulties that the Covid-19 pandemic crisis posed and the efforts that the Authority needed to invest in crisis management, in addition to implementing its work programme;

- 295 products and services, or 88 % of the total, were delivered on time by the Authority, with a further 26 products and services experiencing minor delays and 13 not taken forward, often as a result of prioritisation of other more pressing demands caused by the pandemic;

- the Authority's Executive Director was reappointed for a second five-year term on 29 September 2020;

- on 31 December 2020, 100% of the establishment plan was implemented, with 127 temporary agents appointed out of 127 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 115 authorised posts in 2019); a lack of gender balance is reported for senior management;

- irregularities were found in procurement concerning the cost of virtual training courses which were initially tendered as in-person training courses;

- the Authority has neither an ex ante nor an ex post control system in place to verify whether the amount of costs reimbursed to and requested by the national authorities for seconded national experts (SNEs) is as agreed which

potentially constitutes a weakness in internal control;

- during the Covid-19 pandemic, different measures regarding staff, visitors and board members were adopted to slow down the spread of the virus and to ensure business continuity. Budget savings of around EUR 1 000 000 were reported primarily as a result of suspension of staff travel and exclusively remote meetings of staff, the management board and board of supervisors.