Basic information

2021/2131(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) **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	A9-0094/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0183/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2131(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06738

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.972	14/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.732	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0094/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0183/2022	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 2022/1761 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0295

2020 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

2021/2131(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 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 Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 570 votes to 32 with 31 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 2020 amounted to EUR 625 088 022.57, representing an increase of 12.04 % compared to 2019. The overall contribution of the Union to the Institute's budget for 2020 amounted to EUR 546 629 182.74 representing an increase of 31.4 % compared to 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.85 %, representing an increase of 2.81 % compared to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 99.13 %, representing an increase of 1.56 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations concerning performance, staff policy, public procurement, internal controls and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- as a response to the challenges raised by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Institute successfully launched and managed the crisis response initiative, as part of its pandemic response projects that aimed to support the innovation cluster in Europe;

- the Institute’s governing board decided to mobilise EUR 60 million of additional funding for innovators powering high-impact solutions that tackle the unprecedented social and economic challenge brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic;

- actions have been taken to improve its online security and to increase its digitalisation in terms of internal operations and management procedures;

- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 95.56 % implemented, with 43 temporary agents appointed out of 45 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared with 44 authorised posts in 2019).Once again, Parliament noted the lack of gender balance within the Institute’s senior and middle management positions but welcomed a balance within the Institute’s management board;

- new procedures were added to the Institute´s 2020 procurement plan during the year. 95 % of procurement procedures were completed in accordance with its plan.