




Basic information	
2021/2131(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure 2020 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)	Procedure completed
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	

Final act

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.