Basic information

2021/2135(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) **Subject** 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CHRISTOFOROU Lefteris (EPP)	29/07/2021
	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	A9-0119/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0168/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2135(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06728

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.977	17/01/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.736	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0119/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0168/2022	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 2022/1773 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0327

2020 discharge: European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)

2021/2135(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of ENISA (European Union Agency for Cyber Security) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget 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 Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 560 votes to 47, 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 set out in the resolution on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Agency's financial statements

ENISA's final budget for the year 2020 was EUR 21 682 883, representing an increase of 28.05 % compared to 2019. The Court provided the basis for a qualified opinion on the legality and regularity of the payments underlying the accounts. Parliament deplored the Court’s observation that forms the basis for a qualified opinion. The Court found that a temporary delegation granted by the previous executive director to a staff member expired on 31 December 2019 and that that staff member was granted a new delegation by the new executive director on 12 February 2020. In the intervening time, that member of staff authorised, in the pursuance of the Agency’s objectives, budgetary commitments amounting to EUR 529 120 and payments amounting to EUR 914 100 without a valid delegation (3.5 % of the total payment appropriations

available in 2020).Parliament welcomed the observation of the Court that following its audit, the Agency has taken steps to mitigate the identified risks in the future.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 97.35 %, representing an increase of 0.55 % compared to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 68.62 %, representing a decrease of 1.49 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the revision of the Agency’s key performance indicators (KPIs) in 2020 with the purpose of better reflecting the new challenges and mandate conferred to the Agency by the Cybersecurity Act was welcomed;

- on 31 December 2020 the establishment plan was 89.86 % implemented, with 62 temporary agents appointed out of 69 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 59 authorised posts in 2019). The increased establishment plan is due to the new Agency’s mandate that conferred greater competencies and resources following the adoption of the Cybersecurity Act. The gender imbalance reported for 2020 in senior management is however of concern;

- due to unfilled vacant posts and the heavy workload the Agency relies on interim staff to perform some of its tasks of its annual work programme. Interim workers should have the same working conditions as directly employed workers according to Parliament;

- the Agency´s internal control assessment concluded that the structures supporting internal controls and compliance appear to be spread out and weak;

- the restrictions imposed from March 2020 and for the best part of that year, such as imposed teleworking and heavily restricted travel for work related missions, led to a number of environmental benefits, in particular a significant reduction of the carbon footprint and a reduction of the use of paper due to increased digitalised processes.