Basic information

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2020 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) **Subject** 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš (EPP)	29/07/2021
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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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	A9-0106/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0159/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06716

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.983	17/01/2022	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE699.140	02/02/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.742	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0106/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0159/2022	04/05/2022	Summary

Council of the EU

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Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06003/2022	16/02/2022	

European Commission

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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		
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Final act
Budget 2022/1788 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0365

2020 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

2021/2141(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Interim Executive Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2020.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 559 votes to 56 and 25 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

The final budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2020 was EUR 16 058 100, representing an increase of 2.03 % compared to 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 96.8 %, representing a decrease of 1.04 % compared to 2019. Parliament regretted that the payment appropriations execution rate was at 62.15 %, representing a decrease of 14.18 % compared to 2019. The low rate of payment appropriations is related to a slow-down of activities of the Agency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations concerning performance, staff, procurement, prevention of conflicts of interest, internal controls and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Agency achieved almost all its targets with a part of the work programme not achieved as the pandemic had an impact on traveling and events. Parliament stressed the need to ensure adequate human and financial resources allowing the Agency to continue implementing its work programme with a very high activity completion rate, in particular in the light of the implementation of the new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work (2021-2027) and the forthcoming legislation on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work and carcinogens and mutagens directive;

- on 31 December 2019, the establishment plan was 97.5 % implemented, with 39 temporary agents appointed out of 40 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget. Further efforts are needed to achieve gender balance at senior management level and in the Management Board;

- concern has been expressed regarding the long and non-transparent procedure for appointing the Agency’s new executive director;

- the Agency developed a consolidation strategy of its finance and procurement function. However, its implementation was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic ;

- the Agency should increase its digitalisation in terms of internal operation and management but also in order to speed up the digitalisation of procedures;

- all necessary security measures should be taken to avoid any risk to the online security of the processed information;

- the Agency started a cooperation with CERT-EU via a service level agreement in order to ensure cyber protection for the Agency;

- the management board revised the prevention and management of conflicts of interest policy and that the management board members are requested to provide a declaration of absence of conflicts of interest in addition to a declaration of interests;

- the Agency performed an assessment of the internal control framework for the reporting year 2020 that concluded that the framework is present and functions adequately concerning all internal control components;

- remote working arrangements for staff were put in place with the launch of new electronic internal procedures to facilitate business continuity during the Covid-19 pandemic.