Basic information

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2020 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) **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
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	TOMC Romana (EPP)	01/10/2021

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	A9-0109/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0155/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.984	17/01/2022	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE699.139	02/02/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.744	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0109/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0155/2022	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	

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Final act
Budget 2022/1794 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0375

2020 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

2021/2142(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) for the financial year 2020 and to approve the closure of the accounts for the financial year in question.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Foundation's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 544 votes to 78 with 8 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations, which form an integral part of the decision on discharge and which add to the general recommendations set out in the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

Foundation's financial statements

The final budget of Eurofound for the financial year 2020 was EUR 21 395 000 representing a decrease of 0.44 % compared to 2019.

Budget and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 99.91 %, representing a slight decrease of 0.07 %. Payment appropriations execution rate was 80.44 %, representing a decrease of 0.48 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations regarding performance, staff policy, procurement, conflict of interests and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- the delivery of work programme outputs planned for 2020 reached 98 % of achievement, with 45 out of 46 deliverables achieved in 2020;

- the Foundation successfully adapted to the difficult conditions created by the Covid-19 pandemic (i.e. teleworking, platform work, increasing gender inequalities and intergenerational differences, labour shortages, long-term care, industrial relations, etc.);

- on 31 December 2020 the establishment plan was 95 % implemented, with 11 officials and 76 temporary agents appointed out of 91 authorised under the Union budget (compared to 91 authorised posts in 2019);

- there were more women in senior management with four men and five women, however there is no gender balance at management board level with 49 men and 32 women and among the overall staff with 41 men and 58 women;

- on procurement, the Foundation concluded a framework contract for a maximum amount of EUR 170 000 for the supply of electricity on the basis of a negotiated procurement procedure with a single candidate and without the prior publication of a contract notice. The Foundation stated that a new tender was launched in early 2021;

- the Foundation updated its rules for the prevention and management of conflicts of interests. It confirmed that no declaration of conflict of interest from a board member or an external gave reason to launch a detailed assessment of the declared interests during 2020.