Basic information

2021/2151(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC) **Subject** 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR)	28/07/2021
	Shadow rapporteur MARINESCU Marian-Jean (EPP) CREȚU Corina (S&D) WIEZIK Michal (Renew) RIVASI Michèle (Greens/EFA) 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		

28/02/2022	Vote in committee		
30/03/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0078/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0194/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2151(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06710

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.994	17/12/2021	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE703.126	02/02/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0078/2022	30/03/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0194/2022	04/05/2022	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06005/2022	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	N9-0045/2022 OJ C 458 12.11.2021, p. 0020	12/11/2021	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2022/1837 OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0508

2020 discharge: European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC)

2021/2151(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2020 and approve the closure of the Joint Undertaking's accounts.

Noting that the Court of Auditors found that the annual accounts of the Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2020 present fairly the financial situation of the Joint Undertaking on 31 December 2020 and the results of its operations, Parliament adopted, by 554 votes to 18 with 62 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision.

General comments

Parliament noted that on 18 September 2020, the Commission proposed a new Council regulation allowing the Joint Undertaking to continue the development of high performance computing in Europe for the next decade in the context of the newly adopted multiannual financial framework 2021-2027. This resulted in the adoption of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1173 on establishing the new European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking.

Moreover, the accounting system migration took place in September 2020 and the Commission transferred funds in October 2020. The accounting officer of the Commission was appointed as the accounting officer of the Joint Undertaking in June 2020.

Budgetary and financial management

The Joint Undertaking's final available budget for the financial year 2020 included EUR 509 075 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 181 489 000 in payment appropriation. The implementation rates for commitment and payment appropriations were 95.5 % and 22.5 % respectively for Horizon 2020 projects. The low implementation level for the payment appropriations is partially explained by the fact that the Commission migrated the full annual payment budget to the Joint Undertaking when it achieved its financial autonomy on 23 September 2020.

At the end of 2020, contributions made comprised a total of EUR 190 919 000 in cash from the Union, including EUR 188 549 000 to operational costs and EUR 2 370 000 to administrative costs.

Parliament also noted delays in the recruitment of key staff together with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on planned costs for IT, communication, missions, meetings, events and other services, significantly reduced the implementation rates for administrative payment budget, representing around 1.5 % of the total available budget, down to 16.5 % at the end of 2020.

Other observations

The resolution also contains a series of observations on staff and internal control.

In particular, it noted the following:

- by the end of 2020, a total of 11 recruitments have been completed, including the executive director, and the selected staff are working for the Joint Undertaking;

- as the need for key administrative staff has yet to be addressed, it presents risks in terms of weaknesses in financial, budgetary and staff management, and in internal control processes for operational payments and in-kind contributions, and that the high proportion of contractual staff (74 %) may result in a significant level of staff turnover in the near future, further increasing the risks to its management systems. This could negatively affect the Joint Undertaking's overall performance;

- calls for eight supercomputers (three precursor to exascale and five petascale) were launched in 2019 and evaluated throughout 2020.