Basic information

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2020 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF) **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	A9-0105/2022	
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0163/2022	Summary
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2139(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06720

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE698.981	17/01/2022	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE699.141	15/02/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.740	02/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0105/2022	07/04/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0163/2022	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

Budget 2022/1782
OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0349

2020 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)

2021/2139(DEC) - 04/05/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Interim Director of the European Training Foundation (ETF) for the financial year 2020 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors had 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 550 votes to 54 with 33 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.

Foundation's financial statements

The Foundation's final budget for the year 2020 was EUR 20 957 000, an increase of 2% compared to 2019.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament noted that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a high budget implementation rate of 99.88 %, representing a slight decrease of 0.08 % compared to 2019. The payment appropriations execution rate was 95.65%, representing a decrease of 0.25% compared to the previous year.

The particular importance of further strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the Union institutions by improving transparency and accountability and implementing the concept of performance-based budgeting and good governance of human resources was stressed.

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:

- the Foundation achieved an 86,84 % activity completion rate, a slight decrease compared to 2019, with a timely completion rate of 75,94 %;

- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 98.8 % implemented, with 85 temporary agents appointed out of 86 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 86 authorised posts in 2019). The Foundation should ensure better gender enhance and geographical balance of its staff;

- the Foundation should avoid digital overloading and ensure that staff should work only within working hours;

- e-procurement progressed with the receipt of electronic invoices (54 % of incoming invoices were received electronically in 2020 versus 42 % in 2019) and the receipt of electronic tenders for all open tenders (e-tendering and e-submission);

- various measures were set up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as permitting telework and limiting the access to the Foundation building for the majority of 2020, providing means and tools to support coping with change and disruptive social and working environments, and reprioritising the activities in the work programme 2020;

- the implementation rate of the work programme was at 87 %, according to the Foundation due to the fact that many actions were postponed from the second to the last quarter of the year which put a strain on the implementation capacity of the Foundation and on partner countries with some actions carried forward into 2021.