Basic information

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2021 discharge: European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) **Subject** 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	STRUGARIU Ramona (Renew)	14/07/2022
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	BRICMONT Saskia (Greens /EFA)	10/10/2022

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/06/2022	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2022)0323	
13/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

22/03/2023	Vote in committee		
05/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0123/2023	
09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament		
10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0178/2023	Summary
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	CONT/9/09847

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE737.487	20/01/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE742.570	21/02/2023	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE739.756	01/03/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0123/2023	05/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0178/2023	10/05/2023	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06248/2023	13/02/2023	

European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0002/2023 OJ C 412 27.10.2022, p. 0012	27/10/2022	

Additional information		
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Final act
Budget 2023/1862 OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0242

2021 discharge: European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

2022/2098(DEC) - 10/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office in respect of the implementation of the Office's budget for the financial year 2021 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 Institute's annual accounts for the financial year 2021 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 492 votes to 111, with 22 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations contained in the resolution on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Office's financial statements

The final budget of the Office for the financial year 2021 was EUR 152 743 528, representing an increase of 8.5 % compared to 2020. whereas the budget of the Office derives mainly from the Union budget. The Office’s growing role was highlighted in the Commission’s new pact on migration and asylum, which was published in September 2020. The Office’s operational footprint has increased in past years.

Budgetary and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 96.67 %, representing a slight increase of 1.53 % compared to 2020 (95.14 %). Payment appropriations execution rate was at 90.91 %, representing an increase of 10 % compared to 2020 (80.91 %). The measures put in place by the Office to resolve the long-standing late payments issue, with a high rate (96.5 %) of payments made on time in 2021.

The Court declared payments made by the Office in 2021 of a total amount of EUR 362 204 irregular because they were related to procurement errors in procedures carried out in 2016 and in 2020 for rented premises in Rome and Lesbos. The corrective actions taken by the Office, whereby moves to new premises in Lesbos and Rome are expected in the first or second quarter of 2023.

Other comments

Parliament also made a series of observations concerning performance, staff policy and public procurement.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Office implemented its 2021 annual work programme, with 78 % of its annual indicators and 85 % of its multi-annual indicators being achieved or exceeded, despite the continuous challenges due to the COVID-19 global pandemic;

- upscaled its technical and operational assistance to Member States and for its readiness to react swiftly to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, the increased number of asylum seekers crossing the border from Belarus and the challenges stemming from the war in Ukraine;

- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 86.61 % executed (92.35 % including 21 posts offered), with 317 temporary agents appointed out of 366 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 366 authorised posts in 2020). The Office stressed the need for 68 additional posts, over a period of three years, in its establishment plan to meet the requirements of the new mandate. Allegations of staff-related irregularities caused by the Office’s entire senior management team was reported;

- the Office launched 83 procedures in 2021, compared to 65 in 2020, 42.17 % of which were negotiated procedures with one candidate and 31.33 % of which were open calls;

- the Office made efforts to increase its public visibility in 2021 through various communication campaigns, including a campaign regarding the fact that the Office has become the European Union Agency for Asylum and the Office’s new corporate identity.