





Basic information	
<b>2022/2102(DEC)</b> DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2021 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)  <b>Subject</b> 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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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		

13/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A9-0143/2023</a>	
09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament		
10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0152/2023</a>	Summary
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2022/2102(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/09855

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE737.543</a>	20/01/2023	
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ENVI</span>	<a href="#">PE738.600</a>	13/02/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE742.574</a>	21/02/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A9-0143/2023</a>	13/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T9-0152/2023</a>	10/05/2023	Summary
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">06248/2023</a>	13/02/2023		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">COM(2022)0323</a> 	23/06/2022		
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0002/2023 <a href="#">OJ C 412 27.10.2022, p. 0012</a>	27/10/2022	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2023/1874 <a href="#">OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0277</a>

## 2021 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

2022/2102(DEC) - 10/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2021 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2021 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 544 votes to 78 with 4 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.

### ***Agency's financial statements***

The Agency's final budget for 2021 was EUR 64 867 177 representing a decrease of 27.64 % compared to 2020. The Agency's budget derives mainly from the Union budget and the EFTA contribution (79.26 %) and the contributions under specific agreements (20.73 %), in particular for the Copernicus programme.

### ***Budgetary and financial management***

Parliament noted with appreciation that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 % of the current year commitment appropriations, representing a slight increase of 0.04 % compared to 2020. The payment appropriations execution rate was 84.90 %, representing a decrease of 1.18 % compared to the previous year.

### ***Other observations***

Parliament also made a series of observations concerning performance, staff, internal controls and digitalisation.

In particular, it noted that:

- 2021 was the first year of implementation of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030, which is aligned with the Union's policy priorities;
- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 99.28 % implemented, with 3 permanent officials and 136 temporary agents appointed out of 140 posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 130 authorised posts in 2020);
- to properly perform the tasks on the Union's path to climate neutrality, a circular economy and nature restoration, the number of staff within the Agency should grow in the years to come;
- the e-procurement IT tools developed by the Commission should be implemented;
- more systematic rules on transparency, incompatibilities, conflicts of interest, illegal lobbying and revolving doors should be put in place;
- an internal anticorruption mechanism should be set up;
- the digitalisation of procedures should be accelerated.