Basic information

2022/2107(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2021 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) **Subject** 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	CSEH Katalin (Renew)	14/07/2022
	Shadow rapporteur SARVAMAA Petri (EPP) MANDA Claudiu (S&D) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) 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
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	A9-0130/2023	
09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament		
10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0177/2023	Summary
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/2107(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/09866

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE737.547	20/01/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE742.579	21/02/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0130/2023	05/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0177/2023	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

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2022)0323	23/06/2022	

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		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2023/1889 OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0316

2021 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

2022/2107(DEC) - 10/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 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 576 votes to 31 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.

Institute's financial statements

The Institute's final budget for the financial year 2021 was EUR 360 913 825.71 representing a decrease of 42.26 % compared to 2020. EUR 357 511 198 (96 %) have been allocated by the governing board to the Institute’s eight Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) for the implementation of their 2021 business plans.

The budget for the financial year 2021 decreased because of the significantly lower amount of grants awarded and implemented for the KICs in 2021 due to the transition between the previous and the new multi-annual financial framework periods.

Budgetary and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 97.91 %, representing a decrease of 1.94 % compared to 2020. Payment appropriations execution rate was 99.47 %, representing an increase of 0.34 % compared to 2020.

The adoption of the Institute’s strategic innovation agenda (SIA) 2021-2027 marking the Institute’s increased budget of nearly EUR 3 billion for the seven years period and an enhanced mandate.

Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the Institute implemented extensively its work programme in 2021; some priorities were postponed to 2022, namely monitoring strategy and transition to eGrants, due to the Institute’s insufficient human resources;

- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 93 % implemented, with 42 temporary agents appointed out of 45 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (the same number of authorised posts as in 2020). Parliament regretted the lack of gender balance within the Institute’s senior and middle management positions, namely five out of six (83 %) men;

- the increased mandate and workload were not accompanied by any new staff resources, leading to a critical understaffing situation putting at risk the implementation of the Institute’s multiannual work programme as well as the assurance on the managed funds;

- in 2021, the Institute completed 87 % of procurement procedures in accordance with its plan, thereby exceeding the target of 85 % of procurement procedures completed in 2021;

- more systematic rules on transparency, incompatibilities, conflict of interests, illegal lobbying and revolving doors should be put in place. The Authority should also strengthen its internal control mechanisms, including the setting up of an internal anticorruption mechanism;

- the digitalisation of procedures should be accelerated.