Basic information

2023/2149(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2022 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA) **Subject** 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	SARVAMAA Petri (EPP)	14/06/2023
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	Chair on behalf of committee CANFIN Pascal (Renew)	11/09/2023

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	HAHN Johannes

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/06/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2023)0391	
12/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/03/2024	Vote in committee		
19/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0130/2024	

10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0242/2024	Summary
11/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/10/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/2149(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/12934

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE753.517	10/01/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.219	09/02/2024	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE754.680	12/02/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0130/2024	19/03/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0242/2024	11/04/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

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Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06180/2024	12/03/2024	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2023)0391	28/06/2023	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0096/2023 OJ C 000 27.10.2023, p. 0000	26/10/2023	

Additional information		
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Final act
Budget 2024/2285 OJ OJ L 10.10.2024

2022 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

2023/2149(DEC) - 11/04/2024 - 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 2022 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 2022 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 529 votes to 67 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 2022 was **EUR 88 173 021**, representing an increase of 35.93 % compared to 2021.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament noted with appreciation that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 % of the current year commitment appropriations, the same as 2021. It noted that the current year payment appropriations execution rate was 86.66 %, representing an increase of 1.75 % compared to 2021.

The Court concluded in its report in 2021 that the use of a negotiated procedure without prior publication to amend a framework contract by doubling the initial budget to EUR 1 million was irregular and as a result, all subsequent payments made in connection with this procedure are irregular. The contract expired in December 2022 and the associated 2022 payments amounted to EUR 470 660. Parliament noted that the current status of the Court's observation on this is already closed.

Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the delivery rate of the annual work programme as regards key reports and assessment achieved 95 % and 96 %, respectively, as regards updated core set indicators, both above the target established at 90 %;

- in 2022, the Agency continued to play a key role in informing actions to support the environment, responding to the objectives of the European Green Deal and the 8th Environment Action Programme ('8th EAP'), as well as to Europe's overall ambitions and global commitments;

- the Agency should be more proactive regarding digitalisation;

- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 97.33 % implemented, with three permanent officials and 143 temporary agents appointed out of 150 posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 140 authorised posts in 2021);

- the Agency should review its staffing policy given the substantial increase of workload;

- the Agency is in the process of reviewing its policy on the prevention and management of conflict of interest to assess its fitness and relevance following a risk-based approach;

- while the Agency's visibility has been achieved, there is still a room for greater visibility in the media, internet, and social media in order to make its work and the dangers to our environment known to the citizens;

- the documentation of procedures should be updated to remedy the weaknesses identified in the Agency’s internal control framework.