

Basic information	
<b>2023/2151(DEC)</b> DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2022 discharge : European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  <b>Subject</b> 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">CONT</div> Budgetary Control		SARVAMAA Petri (EPP)	14/06/2023
			<b>Shadow rapporteur</b> RÓNAI Sándor (S&D) CSEH Katalin (Renew) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens/EFA) CZARNECKI Ryszard (ECR) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (The Left)	
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">ENVI</div> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		Chair on behalf of committee CANFIN Pascal (Renew)	11/09/2023	
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	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		
18/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0129/2024	

10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0250/2024	Summary
11/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/10/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/2151(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/12938

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE753.519	24/01/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.221	09/02/2024	
Committee opinion	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ENVI</span>	PE754.679	12/02/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0129/2024	18/03/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0250/2024	11/04/2024	Summary
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06180/2024	12/03/2024		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2023)0391 	28/06/2023		
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
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	

## 2022 discharge : European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

2023/2151(DEC) - 11/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for the financial year 2022 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 Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2022 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 554 votes to 50 with 6 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.

### **Authority's financial statements**

The Authority's final budget for the financial year 2022 was **EUR 149 841 816.93**, representing an increase of 15.99 % compared to 2021.

### **Budgetary and financial management**

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation of current year commitment appropriation rate of 99.95 % representing a slight decrease of 0.04 % compared to 2021. The payment appropriations execution rate was at 89.77 % representing an increase of 0.92 % compared to 2021.

The lack of resources and posts for plant protection products regulatory authorities is noted which results in delays in approving low risk active substances and updating assessment methodologies according to scientific developments, which would lower the environmental impact of plant protection products in the long term. In this regard, Parliament called on the Commission to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Authority has sufficient resources and posts to support Member States to meet their deadline and to double the amount of assessments of active substances for plant protection products per year and to triple the speed of development of methodologies to keep risk assessments abreast of the latest scientific developments and in line with societal expectations.

### **Other observations**

Parliament also made a number of observations concerning performance, staff policy, conflicts of interest and communication.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Authority implemented an integrated performance framework connecting resources and activities to outputs and expected results, complemented by a set of key performance indicators to monitor and drive performance. The performance against the targets set out in the Performance Framework reached an overall rate of 96 %;
- 2022 marked the first year of the implementation of the Authority's 2027 Strategy addressing new evolving Union policies (in the longer term);
- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 95.55 % implemented, with five officials and 382 temporary agents appointed out of 405 posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 380 authorised posts in 2021);
- three cases of burnout were reported in 2022 by the medical service. The Authority is called on to continue promoting a healthy work-life balance among staff;
- the Authority identified and managed seven conflicts of interest at the level of annual declarations of interest pertaining to external experts. The Authority prevented them from participating in the scientific activity;
- the Authority increased its public visibility and online presence and invested in making its website multilingual, with artificial intelligence via the Commission's eTranslation widget.