

Basic information	
2023/2164(DEC)	Procedure completed
DEC - Discharge procedure	
2022 discharge: European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)	
Subject	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš (EPP)	13/11/2023
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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			
21/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary		A9-0106/2024	
10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament			
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament		T9-0268/2024	Summary
11/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament			
10/10/2024	Final act published in Official Journal			

Technical information	
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Committee dossier	CONT/9/12966

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE753.532	15/01/2024	
Committee opinion		PE756.192	25/01/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.240	12/02/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0106/2024	21/03/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0268/2024	11/04/2024	Summary

Council of the EU			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06180/2024	12/03/2024	

European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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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	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
RÓNAI Sándor	Shadow rapporteur	CONT	26/01/2024	EUAA
ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš	Rapporteur for opinion	LIBE	25/08/2023	European Union Agency for Asylum

Final act
Budget 2024/2273 OJ OJ L 10.10.2024

2022 discharge: European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

2023/2164(DEC) - 11/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Asylum (before 19.1.2022 the European Asylum Support Office) for the financial year 2022 in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022 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 Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2022 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 473 votes to 126, with 2 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 final budget of the European Union Agency for Asylum for the financial year 2022 was **EUR 186 842 192**, representing an increase of 12.46 % compared to 2021.

Budgetary and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 96.23 %, representing a slight decrease of 0.44 % compared to 2021 (96.67 %). Payment appropriations execution rate was at 89.55 %, representing a decrease of 1.36 % compared to the previous year 2021 (90.91 %). Parliament noted with concern a relatively high cancellation rate (15 %) of funds carried over from 2021 to 2022, thus missing the Agency's annual target rate of less than 10 %.

In 2022, the Agency conducted a mid-year review of its 2022 budget which determined the Agency to ask the Commission for an additional subsidy of EUR 12 million in commitments and EUR 6 million in payments to address the additional tasks stemming from the humanitarian crisis instigated by the illegal and unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine.

There is a lack of clarity and different interpretations regarding the contributions of Schengen associated countries to the Agency's budget leading to contributions. This issue should be addressed.

Other comments

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the Agency's performance was measured against 204 annual targets, of which 48 % were exceeded, 26 % achieved, 10 % nearly achieved, 12 % delayed and 4 % not applicable;
- the Agency faced new tasks and multiple challenges due to the Russian illegal invasion of Ukraine. It expanded its operations to six additional Member States, leading to operational plans in a total of 14 Member States;

- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 90 % executed (87 % in 2021), with 333 temporary agents appointed out of 371 temporary agents posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 366 authorised posts in 2021);
- concern was raised about the internal management and procedures of the Agency given that in 2022 OLAF launched one investigation into the management and staffing policies, allegedly involving nepotism and also an investigation relating to lack of observance of human rights;
- the Agency should continue providing support to Member States and third countries in dealing with asylum and migration applications;
- the budget should be focused on further staff recruitment if needed to help Member States to ensure fair and just examination of the asylum applications for international protection, especially of interpreters and psychologists for applicants that belong to vulnerable groups.