




Basic information	
2023/2170(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2022 discharge: European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)	
Subject 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
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	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	<div>ITRE</div> 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
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		
14/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0121/2024	
10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0256/2024	Summary
11/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/10/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/2170(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/12978

Documentation gateway


European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE753.541	24/01/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.247	09/02/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0121/2024	14/03/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0256/2024	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
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	

2022 discharge: European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)

2023/2170(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 the Space Programme 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 559 votes to 22 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 set out in the [resolution](#) on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Agency's financial statements

The Agency's final budget for the financial year 2022 was **EUR 70 032 491.77**, representing an increase of 22.58 % compared to 2021. Parliament noted that the Court presented an "emphasis of matter" paragraph in relation to the impact of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in the Agency's operations.

Budgetary and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 100 %, representing the same rate as in the previous two years. The execution rate of the current year payment appropriations was 72.86 %, representing a decrease of 1.92 % compared to 2021.

In addition to its core budget, the Agency continued to manage a large amount of delegated budget (earmarked appropriations), and a total of EUR 574.5 million was committed under delegated budget in 2022 and EUR 1.26 billion made in payments.

Other comments

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the Agency has disclosed potential impacts from the war in Ukraine, including the interruption in using Soyuz launchers for Galileo satellites due to the unilateral withdrawal of the Russian Soyuz launcher team. The Agency does not envisage any direct, immediate impact on its financial performance but recognises that intensive work is required to minimise delays in the launch of new satellites, which could then lead to delays in expense recognition and the clearing of receivable assets paid in the form of pre-financing;
- on 31 December 2022 the establishment plan was 100 % implemented, with 231 temporary agents appointed out of 231 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared to 191 authorised posts in 2021);
- there is a lack of gender balance within the Agency's senior and middle management as well as the Agency's administrative board members;
- the digitalisation of procedures should be accelerated;
- work should be continued on public procurement procedures, transparency, incompatibilities, conflicts of interest, illegal lobbying and revolving doors;
- the Agency should develop greater visibility in the media, internet, and social media in order to make its work known to the citizens.