

## Basic information

2024/2022(DEC)

DEC - Discharge procedure

2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union

### Subject

8.70.03.13 2023 discharge

Procedure completed

## Key players

European Parliament

### Committee responsible

**CONT** Budgetary Control

### Rapporteur

TERHEȘ Cristian (ECR)

### Appointed

03/10/2024

### Committee for opinion

**AFET** Foreign Affairs

### Rapporteur for opinion

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

### Appointed

**SEDE** Security and Defence

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**DEVE** Development

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**INTA** International Trade

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**BUDG** Budgets

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**ECON** Economic and Monetary Affairs

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**EMPL** Employment and Social Affairs

The committee decided not to give an opinion.


**ENVI** Environment, Climate and Food Safety



The committee decided not to give an opinion.

**SANT** Public Health


The committee decided not to give an opinion.

	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>IMCO</b> Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>CULT</b> Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs	Chair on behalf of committee <a href="#">KYUCHYUK Ilhan (Renew)</a>	05/09/2024
	<b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>AFCO</b> Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Budget	HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/06/2024	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2024)0272 	

17/09/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2025	Vote in committee		
01/04/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A10-0050/2025</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
06/05/2025	Debate in Parliament		
07/05/2025	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T10-0080/2025</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
07/05/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/10/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/10/00577

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE764.996</a>	20/01/2025	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">JURI</a>	<a href="#">PE765.287</a>	30/01/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE768.136</a>	11/02/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A10-0050/2025</a>	01/04/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T10-0080/2025</a>	07/05/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">05754/2025</a>	05/02/2025		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">COM(2024)0272</a> 	25/06/2024		
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
		<a href="#">N10-0020/2024</a>		

CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	<a href="#">OJ OJ L 10.10.2024</a>	10/10/2024	
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Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2025/1598 <a href="#">OJ OJ L 08.10.2025</a>

## 2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union

2024/2022(DEC) - 01/04/2025 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Cristian TERHEȘ (ECR, RO) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023, Section IV – Court of Justice of the European Union.

The committee called on the European Parliament to **grant discharge** to the Registrar of the Court of Justice discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Justice of the European Union for the financial year 2023.

### ***Budgetary and financial management***

The budget allocated for the CJEU in 2023 amounted to **EUR 486 025 796**, which represented an increase of 3.9 % compared to 2022. This increase was mainly related to salary adjustments forecasted for 2023. The overall implementation rate of the budget at the end of 2023 was **97.72%**. The CJEU's mission budget, which stood at EUR 638 000 for both staff and Members in 2023, continued to decrease by 3.3 % in 2023 compared to 2022.

### ***Internal management, performance and internal control***

Members noted the significant steps taken by the CJEU in 2023 towards its judicial reform which has led to the partial transfer of jurisdiction to give preliminary rulings from the Court of Justice to the General Court. A political agreement with Parliament and Council was reached at the end of 2023 in view of the amendment to the Statute of the CJEU and with a view to improving the functioning of the CJEU against the background of a steady increase in the caseload and in the complexity and sensitive nature of questions raised.

In 2023, 821 new cases were submitted to the Court of Justice, compared to 806 in 2022, out of which 63% were references for preliminary ruling and 28,6% were appeals against decisions of the General Court. The General Court saw a major increase of cases with 1 271 new cases in 2023 compared to 904 in 2022, including an exceptional series of 404 joint cases submitted in October 2023.

The Court of Justice closed 783 cases in 2023, compared to 808 in 2022, and the General Court closed 904 cases in 2023, compared to 858 in 2022.

Regarding internal audits, the main internal audits concerned the CJEU's expenditure on the cleaning of buildings, the effectiveness of the internal control system to safeguard the CJEU's IT assets and the staff selection procedures.

### ***Human resources***

The report noted that, at the end of 2023, the occupation rate of the establishment plan stood at 97.11 %. The annual turnover of staff was 7.8 % in 2023, which was particularly due to the 20% of those staff who left the CJEU by taking retirement.

Moreover, the gender composition of the Court of Justice and the General Court continues to be very unbalanced.

### ***Ethical framework***

Members noted with satisfaction that, as requested in previous discharge recommendations, the new code of conduct on the rights and obligations of officials and other servants of the CJEU reflecting the CJEU's values and commitment to ethics was drawn up in 2023 and adopted in March 2024.

Further to the adoption of the code of conduct for Members and former Members of the CJEU, the declaration of interests of the Members have been published online to avoid any potential conflict of interest in the handling of cases.

### ***Interinstitutional cooperation***

Members welcomed the budgetary savings achieved through cooperation with other institutions and in particular the shared applications and hosting services based on service-level agreements with the Commission as well as the participation in interinstitutional procurement procedures, which have allowed the CJEU to optimise costs and resources. They recommended establishing a permanent judicial exchange programme for judges from Member States to work alongside their CJEU counterparts, fostering best practices in the interpretation of Union law.

### ***Communication***

Lastly, the report noted that, in 2023, the CJEU strengthened its efforts to engage with Union citizens by enhancing its outreach on social media. Members welcomed the CJEU's efforts to enhance strategic communication and transparency towards Union citizens on the judicial activities of the CJEU.

## **2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union**

2024/2022(DEC) - 07/05/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided by 541 votes to 97, with 26 abstentions, to **grant discharge** to the Registrar of the Court of Justice in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Court of Justice of the European Union for the financial year 2023, Section IV - Court of Justice of the European Union.

In its resolution, adopted by 485 votes to 113 with 61 abstentions, Parliament made the following observations:

### ***Budgetary and financial management***

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### ***Internal management, performance and internal control***

A political agreement with Parliament and Council was reached at the end of 2023 in view of the amendment to the Statute of the CJEU and with a view to improving the functioning of the CJEU against the background of a steady increase in the caseload and in the complexity and sensitive nature of questions raised.

### ***Other observations***

Parliament noted that:

- in 821 new cases were submitted to the Court of Justice, compared to 806 in 2022, out of which 63% were references for preliminary ruling and 28.6% were appeals against decisions of the General Court. The General Court saw a major increase of cases with 1 271 new cases in 2023 compared to 904 in 2022, including an exceptional series of 404 joint cases submitted in October 2023;
- the Court of Justice closed 783 cases in 2023, compared to 808 in 2022, and the General Court closed 904 cases in 2023, compared to 858 in 2022;
- at the end of 2023, the occupation rate of the establishment plan stood at 97.11 %. The annual turnover of staff was 7.8 % in 2023, which was particularly due to the 20% of those staff who left the CJEU by taking retirement;
- the gender composition of the Court of Justice and the General Court continues to be very unbalanced;
- the budgetary savings achieved through cooperation with other institutions and in particular the shared applications and hosting services based on service-level agreements with the Commission as well as the participation in interinstitutional procurement procedures, which have allowed the CJEU to optimise costs and resources. Parliament recommended establishing a permanent judicial exchange programme for judges from Member States to work alongside their CJEU counterparts, fostering best practices in the interpretation of Union law.