Basic information

2024/2022(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice of the European Union **Subject** 8.70.03.13 2023 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	TERHEŞ Cristian (ECR)	03/10/2024
	Shadow rapporteur CHINNICI Caterina (EPP) MOLNÁR Csaba (S&D) JORON Virginie (PfE) BOYER Gilles (Renew) BOESELAGER Damian (Greens/EFA) TRIDICO Pasquale (The Left) JUNGBLUTH Alexander (ESN)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
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.	
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
JURI Legal Affairs	Chair on behalf of committee KYUCHYUK Ilhan (Renew)	05/09/2024
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
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	A10-0050/2025	Summary
06/05/2025	Debate in Parliament		
07/05/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0080/2025	Summary
07/05/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/10/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2024/2022(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/10/00577

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE764.996	20/01/2025	
Committee opinion	JURI	PE765.287	30/01/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE768.136	11/02/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0050/2025	01/04/2025	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0080/2025	07/05/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05754/2025	05/02/2025	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2024)0272	25/06/2024	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N10-0020/2024 OJ OJ L 10.10.2024	10/10/2024	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Budget 2025/1598
OJ OJ L 08.10.2025

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 TERHEŞ (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:

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Other observations

Parliament noted that:

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- the gender composition of the Court of Justice and the General Court continues to be very unbalanced;

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