

Basic information

2025/2146(DEC)

DEC - Discharge procedure

Discharge 2024: General budget of the EU - European Parliament

Subject

8.70.03.14 2024 discharge

Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal




Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT	Budgetary Control	GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan (Renew)	22/07/2025
		Shadow rapporteur HERBST Niclas (EPP)		
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	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
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	GARCÍA HERMIDA-VAN DER WALLE Raquel (Renew)	18/11/2025

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Budget	SERAFIN Piotr

Key events		
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Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/06/2025	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2025)0359 	
09/09/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/03/2026	Vote in committee		
30/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0081/2026	
28/04/2026	Debate in Parliament		
29/04/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0126/2026	Summary
29/04/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/2146(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	CONT/10/03371

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE776.734	15/12/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE782.523	27/01/2026	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE779.773	12/02/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0081/2026	30/03/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0126/2026	29/04/2026	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05749/2026	17/02/2026		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2025)0359 	25/06/2025		

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

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
LUPO Giuseppe	Shadow rapporteur	CONT	20/01/2026	Transparency International Liaison Office to the European Union

Discharge 2024: General budget of the EU - European Parliament

2025/2146(DEC) - 29/04/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** in respect of the implementation of the European Parliament's budget for the financial year 2024.

Parliament's budgetary and financial management

In its resolution adopted by 431 votes to 131, with 81 abstentions, Parliament noted that its final appropriations for 2024 totalled **EUR 2 383 million**, or 20.2 % of Heading 7 of the Multiannual Financial Framework set aside for the 2024 administrative expenditure total for the Union institutions, representing a 6.05 % increase compared to the 2023 budget (EUR 2 247 million).

Total revenue entered in the accounts as of 31 December 2024 was **EUR 281 517 001** (compared to EUR 255 205 473 in 2023). Assigned revenue made available in 2024 amounted to EUR 40 277 555 (compared to EUR 50 186 995 in 2023).

The following **six chapters** accounted for 85.7 % of total commitments: Chapter 1 0 'Members of the institution', Chapter 1 2 'Officials and temporary staff', Chapter 1 4 'Other staff and external services', Chapter 2 0 'Buildings and associated costs', Chapter 2 1 'Data processing, equipment and movable property' and Chapter 4 2 'Expenditure relating to parliamentary assistance'.

Parliament welcomed the Secretary-General's commitment to **simplification, good administration, and reinforcement of the scrutiny function of Parliament**, with simplification considered as a guiding principle to be systematically applied across all areas of Parliament's work. Members welcomed the continued emphasis on Parliament's core business, its legislative, budgetary and scrutiny activities, and in particular the creation of four thematic directorates-general, including the Directorate-General for Budgetary Affairs.

Political priorities

Parliament recalled the findings of Parliament's administration that at least **EUR 4 333 635,78** of budget item 400 appropriations were unduly spent by the former Identity and Democracy (ID) political group over the 2019-2024 term, exposing Parliament to a significant financial and reputational risk. Shortcomings were also identified in the public procurement procedures which represent significant reputational risks for Parliament. The Bureau awaits to know the outcome of the EPPO's investigation before taking any recovery action.

The Bureau is urged to ensure that **external auditors** fully comply with their letter of engagement and to ensure, for future audits, adequate oversight of groups by external auditors.

Members welcomed the use of Parliament as a **platform to raise awareness about gender-based** and domestic violence. In addition, they stressed the need to:

- **secure** information related to the activity of political groups via European infrastructures;
- preserve institutional integrity and **prevent any undue external interference**, in particular Russian influence, by means of stricter measures; in this context, the essential responsibility incumbent upon the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) to carry out all necessary in-depth investigations is emphasised;
- ensure that **internal safeguards and transparency requirements** are in place, and to cooperate with the relevant Union bodies, in order to protect the integrity of the Parliament and the Union budget;
- ensure that declarations of paid or unpaid **outside activities** are sufficiently detailed in order to avoid any problems regarding the quality of controls relating to conflicts of interest;

- resolve the recurring problems of completeness posed by the current framework with regard to the clarity of the **mandatory publication of meetings and declarations of private interests**, in particular declarations of material and financial support;
- inform Parliament about the conclusions of the internal working group established by the Commission, tasked with investigating allegations that Member States have engaged in **spying** and targeted Parliament;
- strengthen **protection measures**, including secure device management, the establishment of rapid incident reporting channels for Members and staff, and the organisation of regular threat-briefings on threats, while ensuring full respect for fundamental rights and data protection.

While acknowledging the **potential of artificial intelligence** (AI), Parliament expressed concern about the dominance of AI tools from third-country companies, as well as about privacy and data protection considerations when using third-party AI tools. It requested that Parliament's administration provide Members and staff with a range of AI tools, tailored to the needs of each category, that meet the professional requirements of Members and ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the data they process, using on-premises infrastructure to prevent data leaks.

Members called on Parliament to continue strengthening its action to address concrete critical challenges such as **cybersecurity and AI**. They stressed the urgent need to adopt a comprehensive AI strategy and roadmap, including a proposed action plan.

Considering that roll-call voting is a key instrument for ensuring transparency and accountability towards EU citizens, Members called on Parliament to introduce measures to **avoid abuse of voting by the secret ballot** procedure.

Parliament welcomed the progress made in integrating a **gender perspective** and gender-responsive budgeting, as well as the adoption of the 2025 Gender Equality Action Plan. It called for the swift publication and implementation of this action plan through its accompanying roadmap.

Lastly, Members believe that **measures promoting transparency, accountability, and ethical governance** must be strengthened. They reiterated that rules prohibit Members from engaging in paid lobbying activities directly linked to the EU's decision-making process and called for sanctions to be applied when breaches are established. They welcomed the introduction of robust standards in Parliament regarding transparency and access to institutions for entities registered in the Transparency Register and called for the inter-linking of the Transparency Register with the Financial Transparency System.