Basic information

2025/2152(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
Discharge 2024: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions **Subject** 8.70.03.14 2024 discharge	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	TRIDICO Pasquale (The Left)	18/09/2025
	Shadow rapporteur KOVATCHEV Andrey (EPP) MOLNÁR Csaba (S&D) KNOTEK Ondřej (PfE) STURDZA Şerban Dimitrie (ECR) WIEZIK Michal (Renew)	

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	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner

Budget	SERAFIN Piotr

Key events

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		
12/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0056/2026	
28/04/2026	Debate in Parliament		
29/04/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0132/2026	Summary
29/04/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/09/2026	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/2152(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/10/03481

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE778.064	15/12/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE782.492	27/01/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0056/2026	12/03/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0132/2026	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		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Budget 2026/1590 OJ OJ L 10.09.2026

Discharge 2024: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions

2025/2152(DEC) - 29/04/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of the Committee of the Regions' budget for the financial year 2024, Section VII - Committee of the Regions.

In its resolution, adopted by 567 votes to 70, with 13 abstentions, Parliament made the following observations:

Budgetary and financial management

The final adopted budget of the Committee was **EUR 123 178 345** in 2024, including the Amending Budget 5/2024 (salary related), representing an increase of EUR 6 502 953 (i.e. + 5.60 %) compared to 2023. The implementation of current year commitment appropriations was 99.9 % in 2024 (the same as in 2023). The appropriations carried over from 2023 to 2024 were EUR 12 578 853 compared to EUR 10 540 464 in the previous year. The consistently high budget implementation rate over the years is due to optimisation in budget planning and execution in light of persistent budgetary pressures.

In the context of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, that the Committee continued to be affected in 2024 by rising costs of energy, transportation, accommodation and by indexation mechanisms linked to inflation rate, which have had an impact directly or indirectly, on expenditure for raw materials, external contractors, energy, travel, rents, lease and maintenance of buildings.

Members commend the common actions of the Committee and the EESC to secure better interinstitutional collaborations through digitalisation and joint procurement efforts.

The mission’s budget increased by 13.60 % from EUR 420 833 in 2023 to EUR 478 050 in 2024 and an execution rate of that budget of approximately 80 % in 2024 (similar to 2023). This increase was due to an increase in the number of missions.

Internal management, performance and internal control

As part of its annual operational plan, the reporting of the performance of the Committee was based on 26 objectives, the achievement of which was assessed through 87 quantitative indicators. The Committee is called on to further strengthen the outcome -and impact-oriented indicators to better demonstrate the impact and the added value of the Committee’s activities on Union policies. The targets of the majority of those indicators (approximately 74 %) were achieved with a level of 90 % or more, six were partially achieved with a level of less than 90 % and six were not achieved.

In 2024, the Committee adopted 53 opinions (the same as in 2023) and four resolutions (six in 2023). Parliament recognised the Committee’s political achievements in 2024 and its role in integrating local and regional perspectives into Union policymaking, thereby enhancing citizen involvement. The Committee also: (i) continued implementing measures to improve its internal management and modernise its administration, streamline its processes and enhance cost effectiveness; (ii) implemented a partially digitalised and simplified procedure for financial workflows and the appointment of financial actors.

Other observations

Parliament noted that:

- at the end of 2024, the Committee had a total of **561 members of staff** (seconded national experts, interim, *intra muros* and trainees not included), compared to 559 in 2023. The occupation rate of posts in the establishment plan was 96.40 % (a decrease from 98 % in 2023) and the turnover rate

was 7.30 % (an increase from 6.60 % in 2023), respectively. The Committee has not yet achieved gender parity in leadership positions, but acknowledges significant progress made in this area. The proportion of women in senior management positions decreased from 44.4 % in 2023 to 33.3 % in 2024 (it increased back to 44.4 % in 2025) and the proportion of women in middle management decreased from 32.50 % in 2023 to 29.7 % in 2024. The Committee employed 57.2 % women and 42.8 % men, almost the same proportions as in 2023.

- Members also noted that the number of burnout cases decreased from 18 in 2023 to 6 in 2024. They commended the Committee for its proactive approach to preventing burnout, by closely monitoring staff on long-term sick leave through tailored measures which entail regular contact with the respective staff and input from medical experts;

- the combined **IT budget** of the Committee and the EESC was EUR 13.70 million in 2024, compared to EUR 12.70 million in 2023, i.e., a decrease of approximately 7.90 %, whereas EUR 760 000 of that budget (or approximately 6 %) was paid for cybersecurity in 2024;

- budgetary and administrative **savings** were achieved through interinstitutional cooperation;

- the Committee's **communication activities** focus on relationship with press, organisation of events and digital content and social media with a total budget (current year appropriations) of approximately EUR 2,3 million in 2024, i.e., approximately EUR 500 000 less than in 2023.