





Basic information	
<b>2019/2104(DEC)</b> DEC - Discharge procedure  2018 discharge: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 Joint Undertaking)  <b>Subject</b>  8.70.03.08 2018 discharge	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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			Shadow rapporteur PIEPER Markus (EPP) GRAPINI Maria (S&D) DLABAJOVÁ Martina (Renew) RIVASI Michèle (Greens/EFA) KUHS Joachim (ID) OMARJEE Younous (GUE /NGL)	
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">ITRE</div> Industry, Research and Energy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Budget		OETTINGER Günther	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/06/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2019)0316 	
18/09/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/02/2020	Vote in committee		
28/02/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A9-0030/2020</a>	
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0070/2020</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

#### Technical information

<b>Procedure reference</b>	2019/2104(DEC)
<b>Procedure type</b>	DEC - Discharge procedure
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	CONT/9/00765

#### Documentation gateway

##### European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE639.842</a>	13/12/2019	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE645.085</a>	30/01/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A9-0030/2020</a>	28/02/2020	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T9-0070/2020</a>	13/05/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>

##### Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">05763/2020</a>	06/02/2020	

##### European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">COM(2019)0316</a> 	27/06/2019	

#### Final act

Budget 2020/1837  
[OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0010](#)

# 2018 discharge: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 Joint Undertaking)

2019/2104(DEC) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to grant the Executive Director of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH 2) Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the joint undertaking's budget for the financial year 2018 and to approve the closure of the joint undertaking's accounts.

Noting that the Court of Auditors considered that the annual accounts of the Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2018 accurately reflected the financial position of the Joint Undertaking as at 31 December 2018, as well as the results of its operations, Parliament adopted by 629 votes to 58, with 6 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision.

## **General**

Parliament noted that the Union contribution to FCH2 is EUR 318 800 000 from Horizon 2020 and that the contribution of resources by members from the Industry and Research Groupings amount to EUR 649 400 000 comprising EUR 1 800 000 of in-kind contributions in the Horizon 2020 projects funded by FCH2, EUR 7 700 000 of in-kind contributions to additional activities and EUR 3 600 000 of cash contributions to administrative costs.

## **Budget and financial management**

FCH2's final budget for the financial year 2018 included commitment appropriations of EUR 85 504 157 and payment appropriations of EUR 126 526 307. The overall 2018 budget execution of commitment and payment appropriations reached 93 % and 83 % respectively.

## **Other observations**

The resolution also contained a series of observations on performance, internal control systems and audits. It noted in particular that:

- all calls for proposals were published and closed according to the respective work plans and with the annual work programme 2018, included 20 topics;
- on the transport side, the deployment of fuel cells electric buses can be considered to be world-wide state of the art, having progressed significantly throughout FCH2 projects;
- there is gender balance among staff (51 % men and 49 % women);
- in 2018 FCH2 finalised the implementation of all action plans addressing the recommendations of the internal audit service (IAS) audits on the performance management undertaken by the IAS in 2016, including a recommendation on the revision of the multiannual work programme and of the strategic and operational objectives;
- in December 2018 FCH2 submitted all action plans addressing the recommendations of the 2017 audit report to the IAS for a review;
- by the end of 2018 there were two open audits launched in 2017 and FCH2 did not finalise these audits due to ongoing discussions with beneficiaries that also required coordination with other DG Research and Innovation services to ensure coherent audit results across different stakeholders.