




Basic information	
2022/2102(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure 2021 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA) Subject 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
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European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/06/2022	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2022)0323 	
13/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2023	Vote in committee		
13/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0143/2023	
09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	

10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0152/2023	Summary
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2022/2102(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/09855

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE740.670	17/01/2023	
Committee draft report		PE737.543	20/01/2023	
Committee opinion	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ENVI</div>	PE738.600	13/02/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE742.574	21/02/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0143/2023	13/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0152/2023	10/05/2023	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06248/2023	13/02/2023		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2022)0323 	23/06/2022		
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0002/2023 OJ C 412 27.10.2022, p. 0012	27/10/2022	

Final act
Budget 2023/1874 OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0277

2021 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)

2022/2102(DEC) - 10/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to **grant discharge** to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the financial year 2021 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2021 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 544 votes to 78 with 4 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations contained in the [resolution](#) on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Agency's financial statements

The Agency's final budget for 2021 was EUR 64 867 177 representing a decrease of 27.64 % compared to 2020. The Agency's budget derives mainly from the Union budget and the EFTA contribution (79.26 %) and the contributions under specific agreements (20.73 %), in particular for the Copernicus programme.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament noted with appreciation that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 % of the current year commitment appropriations, representing a slight increase of 0.04 % compared to 2020. The payment appropriations execution rate was 84.90 %, representing a decrease of 1.18 % compared to the previous year.

Other observations

Parliament also made a series of observations concerning performance, staff, internal controls and digitalisation.

In particular, it noted that:

- 2021 was the first year of implementation of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030, which is aligned with the Union's policy priorities;
- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 99.28 % implemented, with 3 permanent officials and 136 temporary agents appointed out of 140 posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 130 authorised posts in 2020);
- to properly perform the tasks on the Union's path to climate neutrality, a circular economy and nature restoration, the number of staff within the Agency should grow in the years to come;
- the e-procurement IT tools developed by the Commission should be implemented;
- more systematic rules on transparency, incompatibilities, conflicts of interest, illegal lobbying and revolving doors should be put in place;
- an internal anticorruption mechanism should be set up;
- the digitalisation of procedures should be accelerated.