

Procedure file

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DEC - Discharge procedure	2001/2104(DEC)	Procedure completed
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		06/11/2001
		PSE MORGAN Eluned	
	Former committee responsible		
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European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner	

Key events			
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11/06/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/03/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
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10/04/2002	Decision by Parliament	A5-0094/2002	
10/04/2002	Report referred back to committee		
16/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0113/2002	
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Technical information

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Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N5-0617/2001 OJ C 359 15.12.2001, p. 0011-0416	10/10/2001	CofA	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		01651/2002	05/03/2002	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0094/2002	20/03/2002	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0113/2002	16/04/2002	EP	
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[OJ L 158 17.06.2002, p. 0066](#) Summary

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PURPOSE : to present the Council Recommendations on the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2000 (other sections). **CONTENT** : having regard to the observations contained in the report from the Court of Auditors relating to the financial year 2000, the Council calls on the Parliament to give a discharge to the Commission for the financial year 2000. Nevertheless, the implementation of the budget is subject to a series of comments made by the Council which should be immediately be taken into consideration by the Commission. Firstly, the Council welcomes the fact that the Court considers the operations and accounts covered by heading 5 of the financial perspective satisfactory as a whole, as was already the case for the financial year 1999. The Council also welcomes the significant improvement in the management of tangible assets, other than property, thanks to the implementation of a new inventory system (ELS). The Council also notes with satisfaction that the Court considers that the procurement procedures applied in the institutions are in general legal and regular and that the control system complies with the Financial Regulation. Like the Court, it urges all the institutions to continue to improve these procedures, in particular through a system of preventive measures and training actions for authorising officers and managers. With regard to the follow-up to various previous observations made by the Court concerning the institutions' management of expenditure on buildings, the Council points out that the Treaty does not allow European institutions to borrow. Nevertheless, in the light of its conclusions on the Court's special report No 5/2000, the Council considers it necessary that the institutions should, before undertaking large building projects, inform the budgetary authority, especially on the multi-annual financial implications. Lastly, the Council notes the Court's observations on the need for a match between the pay system and merit.?

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Following a proposal from the EPP-ED, the Parliament decided, by a show of hands (and not by recorded vote), to send the report by Mrs Eluned MORGAN (PES, UK) back to the budgetary control committee. The committee should take into consideration the practical results of the Council's promises. The Council should provide information concerning the expenditure relating to foreign affairs and defence policy before the end of this week. In favour of this commitment by the Council, the rapporteur was ready to waive the discharge report to benefit from a more general proposal aiming to promote the examination, by the Council, and by the Parliament of their respective budgetary sections. The EPP-ED group did not, however, agree with the rapporteur's decision. Consequently, following speeches from Mr Jean-Louis BOURLANGES (EPP-ED, F) and Mrs Maria Antonio AVILES PEREA (EPP-ED, Sp), the plenary session preferred to send the report back to the committee in order to carefully examine this question. Following the votes, the President of the Parliament called on the COCUBU to present a revised report at the second April plenary session in Brussels. He added that the perspective of an interinstitutional battle was not a constructive idea.?