


# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">2002/2103(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
2001 discharge: EC general budget, Council		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control	PPE-DE <a href="#">AVILÉS PEREA</a> <a href="#">María Antonia</a>	10/09/2002
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Budget</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
30/04/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2002)0405	Summary
10/06/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
24/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0101/2003</a>	
08/04/2003	Debate in Parliament		
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0151/2003</a>	Summary
08/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2103(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2002)0405	30/04/2002	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N5-0538/2002 <a href="#">OJ C 295 28.11.2002, p. 0001-0288</a>	10/10/2002	CofA	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">01375/2003</a>	07/03/2003	CSL	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">01376/2003</a>	07/03/2003	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0101/2003</a>	24/03/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T5-0151/2003</a> OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0027-0216 E	08/04/2003	EP	Summary

#### Final act

[Budget 2003/410](#)  
[OJ L 148 16.06.2003, p. 0042-0042](#) Summary

## 2001 discharge: EC general budget, Council

By adopting the report by María Antonia AVILES PEREA (EPP-ED, E), the European Parliament granted discharge to the Council for the 2001 financial year (please refer to the document dated 24/03/2003). It should be stated that the Parliament deplores the fact that, despite the Council's acceptance of the Court of Auditors' recommendations and the Council's intention to adopt the necessary measures to rectify the shortcomings which had already become apparent in previous years, those shortcomings go on recurring and there is continual contravention of basic principles of budgetary management, such as the annuality principle. More specifically as regards the Common foreign and security policy (CFSP), Parliament urges the Council to establish clear rules on remuneration and salary-related costs for special representatives and office staff and on the production of reports, audits and evaluations. Lastly, it regrets that in its replies to the questionnaire<sup>7</sup> the Council was unable to give more than a cursory response to the request by the Committee on Budgetary Control for an explanation of the budgetary aspects of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP).?

## 2001 discharge: EC general budget, Council

PURPOSE : to grant discharge to the Council on the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2001. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2003/410/EC of the European Parliament concerning discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2001 (Section II - Council). CONTENT : with the present decision, the European Parliament grants the Council's Secretary-General discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year (operational expenditure). This decision is accompanied by a series of comments which complete the discharge decision. These comments are included in the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the summary of the European Parliament's resolution dated 8 April 2003).?