


# Procedure file

Basic information	
DEC - Discharge procedure	2002/2106(DEC)
2001 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC	
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	
Procedure completed	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control	PPE-DE <a href="#">AVILÉS PEREA</a> <a href="#">Maria 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="#">T5-0154/2003</a>	Summary
08/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2106(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	
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="#">T5-0154/2003</a> OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0027-0225 E	08/04/2003	EP	Summary

#### Final act

[Budget 2003/413](#)  
[OJ L 148 16.06.2003, p. 0054-0054](#) Summary

## 2001 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

**PURPOSE** : to grant discharge to the Economic and Social Committee on the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2001. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Decision 2003/413/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 VI - Economic and Social Committee). **CONTENT** : with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Committee in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. 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).?

## 2001 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and Social Committee ESC

The Parliament adopted the report by María Antonia AVILES PEREA (EPP-ED, Spain) and grants discharge to the Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Committee in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2001 financial year. Parliament has recorded its comments in the accompanying resolution. The Parliament welcomes the progress recorded by the Economic and Social Committee in introducing the independent internal auditor and financial irregularities panel as required by the new Financial Regulation and stresses the need for vigilance on the part of the Economic and Social Committee's internal auditor when examining systems and on the part of the officials ("verifiers") responsible for checking transactions in the light of the problems identified by previous discharge reports. Parliament requests the Economic and Social Committee to supply the discharge authority with a copy of its internal rules governing the implementation of its budget, as soon as they have been adopted, together with the charter of its internal auditor. On the other hand, the Parliament regrets the fact that, contrary to accounting practices, depreciation in respect of the land for the Montoyer Building has been included in both committees' balance sheets. In line with the Court of Auditors' recommendations, Parliament expects depreciation to be accounted for correctly in the accounts for the financial year 2002. Parliament notes the statement that the Belliard building renovation project remains on schedule in terms of both timing and quality and it asks the two committees nonetheless to submit to the discharge authority by 1 July 2003 a report on the state of progress with regard to invitations to tender for the fitting-out of meeting rooms and containing an assessment of the Belliard project to date from the standpoint of sound financial management. It calls on the members of the European Convention to reflect on the efficiency and significance of the Economic and Social Committee in the context of the 300 existing consultative bodies and committees configured around the Commission, to note the overlapping and duplication of work and to take steps to ensure that this does not continue.?