

# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">2003/2215(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
2002 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and social Committee ESC		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

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

Key events			
13/05/2003	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">N5-0034/2003</a>	Summary
25/02/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/03/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
29/03/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0228/2004</a>	
21/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0342/2004</a>	Summary
21/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/2215(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		<a href="#">N5-0034/2003</a>	13/05/2003	CSL	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N5-0019/2003	08/10/2003	CofA	Summary

		<a href="#">OJ C 286 28.11.2003, p. 0325-0361</a>			
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0228/2004</a>	29/03/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T5-0342/2004</a> <a href="#">OJ C 104 30.04.2004, p. 0424-0698 E</a>	21/04/2004	EP	Summary

#### Final act

[Budget 2004/726](#)  
[OJ L 330 04.11.2004, p. 0149-0149](#) Summary

## 2002 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and social Committee ESC

---

PURPOSE : to grant discharge to the Economic and Social Committee for the financial year 2002.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 2004/726/EC of the European Parliament concerning discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 2002 financial year - Section VI- Economic and Social Committee.

CONTENT : with this present Decision, the European Parliament gives discharge to the Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Committee in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2002 financial year.

This Decision is in conformity with the European Parliament's resolution approved on 21 April 2004 and which is accompanied by a series of which complete the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion).

## 2002 discharge: EC general budget, Economic and social Committee ESC

---

In adopting the report by Gabriele STAUNER (EPP-ED, D), the European Parliament has voted to grant the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the 2002 financial year. In an accompanying resolution, Parliament thanks the EESC for forwarding its internal rules governing budget implementation and the charter of the internal auditor. Parliament notes the EESC's assurance that there have been no further irregularities whatever with regard to the settlement of travel expenses. It is also noted that, on 10 December 2003, the EESC adopted a statute for its Members and asks the Court of Auditors for an opinion on the financial implications of the provisions thereof. Parliament asks the Court of Auditors to submit that opinion no later than in the context of its annual report for 2003. Parliament welcomes the fact that the EESC has given an account of the extent to which the objectives it set itself for the period 1998-2002 were met and it is convinced that a critical evaluation of activities can be the basis for better public awareness of the EESC's work. The EESC is thanked for the progress report of 26 June 2003 on renovating the Belliard Building, according to which it will be handed over on 31 May 2004. It asks, however, for an explanation of the Financial Controller's comment on 2002 budget implementation that 'Shortcomings in the management of the 'Belliard' dossier, meaning that the Committees had a lack of oversight of certain aspects, were noted and pointed out. Parliament welcomes the fact that the two committees have managed to make early payments to the owner of the Belliard Building, Cofinimmo, so as to reduce liabilities more quickly. Lastly, the EESC whether it updated the inventory in 2002 and whether, as Parliament insisted, the Court of Auditors has verified the inventory.?