

Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2008/2263(DEC)	Procedure completed
2007 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit Eurojust		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		26/03/2008
		PPE-DE FJELLNER Christofer	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		20/02/2008
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Barbara	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2922	10/02/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	KALLAS Siim	

Key events			
23/07/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2008)2359	Summary
20/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
20/03/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0161/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0265/2009	Summary
23/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2008)2359	23/07/2008	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N6-0004/2009 OJ C 311 05.12.2008, p. 0001	05/12/2008	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		05588/2009	23/01/2009	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE416.342	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE416.414	30/01/2009	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE421.111	23/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0161/2009	20/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0265/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2009)3507	25/06/2009	EC	

Final act

[Budget 2009/643](#)
[OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0112](#) Summary

2007 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit Eurojust

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of EUROJUST for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of EUROJUST's budget for the financial year 2007. It notes that EUROJUST's final budget amounted to EUR 18.9 million in 2007 (compared to EUR 14.7 million in 2006).

As regards the staffing policy, EUROJUST, whose head office is based in The Hague (The Netherlands), set out 147 posts in its establishment plan of which 98 are currently occupied. 32 other posts (contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff) are also occupied totalling 179 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2007, EUROJUST's main activities concentrated on bilateral and multilateral cooperation operations with regard to:

- 236 standard cases;
- 849 complex cases.

Total number of cases: 1 085 in the following areas:

- Fraud: 744 cases;
- Drug trafficking: 207 cases;
- Terrorism: 23 cases;
- Murder: 80 cases;
- Trafficking in human beings: 71 cases.

In total, members met 91 times in the course of 2007.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.EUROJUST.europa.eu/adm_budg_finance.htm

2007 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit Eurojust

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to EUROJUST

calling on the European Parliament to grant the administrative director of EUROJUST discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

Noting that EUROJUST's annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of EUROJUST's accounts.

However, they make a number of recommendations as part of the decision on discharge. In addition to the general recommendations appearing in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#)), MEPs make the following observations:

- the fact that the Court of Auditors indicates that structural problems remain in the areas of EUROJUST's budget implementation, procurement and recruitment planning;
- because of EUROJUST's rapid growth and the resulting need for new headquarters, the agency required additional office space in cooperation with the host state which is committed to providing suitable new premises by 2012 (in this regard, MEPs request EUROJUST to include information about progress in the negotiations in its 2008 annual report).

As far as the high level of appropriations carried over is concerned, MEPs note, like the Court of Auditors, that of the EUR 18 million, EUR 5.2 million were carried over, a matter that is of concern to them. They welcome the fact that EUROJUST has introduced a carry-over reduction strategy in 2008.

On the matter of procurement procedures, MEPs regret that the Court of Auditors still found weaknesses, as in the two previous financial years. They welcome the fact that EUROJUST has defined a general procurement plan for 2008 and adopted a decision on the organisation of procurement and related tasks.

As far as recruitment is concerned, MEPs note the Court's finding that the establishment plan for 2007 provided for 147 posts compared to 112 in 2006, and that, at the end of 2006, only 87 posts had been filled. Although concerned that the Court found that EUROJUST did not manage to recruit the 60 staff necessary to fill the establishment plan in 2007, they welcome the fact that, in 2008, efforts were made to fill the posts (of the 175 posts planned for 2008, 130 had been filled by the end of the 2008 financial year). They also welcome the adoption of a new recruitment policy describing the legal framework, principles, selection process, roles and actors involved.

Regarding the follow-up to the 2006 discharge exercise, MEPs call on EUROJUST to follow up on the Court's recommendations, in particular in the areas of budget implementation, procurement and recruitment. They welcome the conclusion of the Practical Arrangement on arrangements of cooperation between EUROJUST and OLAF on 24 September 2008

2007 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit Eurojust

The European Parliament adopted a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Administrative Director of EUROJUST in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

In parallel, the European Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

Parliament states that:

- structural problems remain in the areas of EUROJUST's budget implementation, procurement and recruitment planning;
- because of EUROJUST's rapid growth and the resulting need for new headquarters, the agency required additional office space in cooperation with the host state which is committed to providing suitable new premises by 2012 (in this regard, Parliament requests EUROJUST to include information about progress in the negotiations in its 2008 annual report).

As far as the high level of appropriations carried over is concerned, Parliament notes, like the Court of Auditors, that of the EUR 18 million, EUR 5.2 million were carried over, a matter that is of concern to it. It welcomes the fact that EUROJUST has introduced a carry-over reduction strategy in 2008.

On the matter of procurement procedures, Parliament regrets that the Court of Auditors still found weaknesses, as in the two previous financial years. It welcomes the fact that EUROJUST has defined a general procurement plan for 2008.

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Lastly, noting that EUROJUST'S annual accounts for the financial year 2007 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, the Parliament approves the closure of its accounts and refers, for other observations accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies - see [2008/2207\(INI\)](#) - adopted in parallel.

2007 discharge: European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit Eurojust

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to EUROJUST for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/643/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Administrative Director of EUROJUST for the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 23 April 2009 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 23/04/2009). The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.