

Procedure file

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2007 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA			
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible CONT Budgetary Control	Rapporteur	Appointed 26/03/2008 PPE-DE FJELLNER Christofer
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Key events			
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20/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
20/03/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0167/2009	
21/04/2009	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0298/2009	Summary
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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		PE416.338	29/01/2009	EP	
Committee opinion	TRAN	PE416.339	18/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0167/2009	20/03/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0298/2009	23/04/2009	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2009/669](#)
[OJ L 255 26.09.2009, p. 0172](#) Summary

2007 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Maritime Agency for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Maritime Agency's 2007 budget. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 48.249 million (compared to EUR 44.738 million in 2006).

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is now based in Lisbon (Portugal) set out 153 posts in the establishment plan and 26 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, contract agents).

In 2007, the Agency's main activities focused on the following:

- Preparations of a draft methodology related to a new visits programme to Member States;
- Preparation of the technical specifications of the new THETIS project;
- Design of the interface between STIRES/SSN and CleanSeaNet;
- Add additional oil recovery capacity in the Atlantic, Aegean Sea, West Mediterranean and Strait of Gibraltar;
- Establishment of the CleanSeaNet service;
- Start of the Activity of the Maritime Support Services.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <https://extranet.emsa.europa.eu/>

2007 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report drawn up by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP-ED, SE) on discharge to be granted to the European Maritime Safety Agency, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2007.

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

- as in 2006, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) found that the Agency's procedures for establishing the budget were not sufficiently rigorous;
- the ECA observed that 32 transfers were made in 2007 and that between mid-June and December 2007, EUR 25 million for

anti-pollution measures, authorised by the Budgetary Authority as normal appropriations, were unduly moved to assigned revenue.

Moreover, MEPs call on the Agency to step up its training and communication efforts. They request that action taken in this respect be reported in the Agency's annual activity report for 2008.

MEPs also note that the ECA found weaknesses with regard to recruitment procedures and note the Agency's replies on this issue. They call on the Agency to see to it that its recruitment procedures are transparent and non-discriminatory.

Lastly, MEPs welcome the fact that the Agency closely cooperates with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, also based in Lisbon, in order to share buildings and make joint use of infrastructure and services.

2007 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

The European Parliament adopted a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency in respect of the implementation of the Agency's 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 by 424 votes to 15, with 10 abstentions, a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

Parliament states that:

- as in 2006, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) found that the Agency's procedures for establishing the budget were not sufficiently rigorous;
- between mid-June and December 2007, EUR 25 million for anti-pollution measures, authorised by the Budgetary Authority as normal appropriations, were unduly moved to assigned revenue.

Moreover, Parliament calls on the Agency to step up its training and communication efforts. It requests that action taken in this respect be reported in the Agency's annual activity report for 2008.

Parliament also notes that the ECA found weaknesses with regard to recruitment procedures and note the Agency's replies on this issue. It calls on the Agency to see to it that its recruitment procedures are transparent and non-discriminatory.

Parliament welcomes the fact that the Agency closely cooperates with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, also based in Lisbon, in order to share buildings and make joint use of infrastructure and services.

Lastly, noting that the Agency'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 Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/669/EC of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the implementation of the Agency's 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.