



# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">2009/2112(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control	PPE <a href="#">MATHIEU HOUILLON</a> <a href="#">Véronique</a> Shadow rapporteur S&D <a href="#">STAVRAKAKIS Georgios</a> ALDE <a href="#">GERBRANDY</a> <a href="#">Gerben-Jan</a> Verts/ALE <a href="#">STAES Bart</a>	01/10/2009
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2994</a>	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Budget</a>	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
23/07/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">SEC(2009)1089</a>	Summary
07/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
25/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A7-0072/2010</a>	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0101/2010</a>	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		

25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		
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### Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/2112(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01095

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2009)1089	23/07/2009	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0012/2010 <a href="#">OJ C 304 15.12.2009, p. 0001</a>	08/10/2009	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		N7-0036/2009 <a href="#">OJ C 269 10.11.2009, p. 0001</a>	10/11/2009	CofA	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">05827/2010</a>	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE430.471</a>	02/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE439.352</a>	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A7-0072/2010</a>	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0101/2010</a>	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2010/514](#)  
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0132](#) Summary

## 2008 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

**PURPOSE:** presentation of the final accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) for the financial year 2008.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of Agency's expenditure in 2008. According to this document, the final budget of the EAR - whose main head office is based in Thessalonica - Greece), amounted to EUR 236.5 million (compared to EUR 250.2 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, the EAR officially set out 93 posts in its establishment plan. 61 are currently occupied + 32 local staff and 19 contract staff giving a total of 112 posts assigned to administrative and operational tasks of the Agency.

It should be noted that the Agency terminated all its activities at 31.12.2008 after transferring all CARDS programmes to the Commission.

The principal operational activities in 2008 were as follows:

#### KOSOVO

- (a) Multisectorial returns empowerment of Roma communities and social economic development assistance to minority communities;
- (b) Support for civil society and the media;
- (c) Institutional and policy support for the ministries of Justice and Internal Affairs;
- (d) Strengthening of border management bodies and construction of border crossing facilities;
- (e) Capacity building of the Agency for European Integration;
- (f) Support of decentralisation;
- (g) Drafting of public procurement law, internal audit strategy;
- (h) Assistance to the Ministry of Trade and Industry on SME development, investment promotion, metrology and direct assistance to

small-scale businesses for marginalised groups;

(i) Support for the Statistical Office of Kosovo;

(j) Support for the Ministry of Agriculture;

(k) Sustainable forest management;

(l) Livestock breeding;

(m) Development of food safety control systems;

(n) Support for the energy sector including transmission network, support for the ministry of energy, support for the Kosovo Electric Company, support for the Energy Regulatory Office, support for the supply of coal, revenue collection, environmental actions for coal mines;

(o) Environmental upgrades including support for water and waste utilities and construction of a water treatment plant;

(p) Vocational Education Training Programme;

(q) Support for the transport sector with a planning and strategy for a multimodal transport.

#### SERBIA

(a) Draft laws in public administration reform;

(b) Supply of equipment to border police;

(c) Support for juvenile detention centres;

(d) Introduction of capitation payment in State primary health care facilities;

(e) Support for privatisation;

(f) Training support for enterprises;

(g) Support for implementation of the EIB education sector loan;

(h) Economic development programmes for poorest municipalities;

(i) Upgrading of the existing border crossing infrastructure and facilities at Presevo;

(j) Renovation of municipal infrastructure;

(k) Reform of the statistics office;

(l) Support for facilitation of FDIs;

(m) Support for vulnerable groups including refugees and displaced people;

(n) District heating renovation and modernisation;

(o) Installation of a new ash transport and disposal scheme for the Nikola Tesla B thermal power plant.

#### MONTENEGRO

(a) Support for refugee and IDP integration;

(b) Strengthening environmental management through legislative reform and refurbishment of waste water treatment plants in Podgorica and in coastal cities;

(c) Upgrading road infrastructure in coastal areas;

(d) Assisting public administration reform;

(e) Electricity utility unbundling/restructuring, energy efficiency strategy;

(f) Providing management expertise to companies;

(g) Police reform;

(h) Prison reform;

(i) Creating animal identification and registration system;

(j) Fishery resource management;

(k) Assisting in social inclusion reforms through support for civil society organisations.

#### FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

(a) Twinning support on money laundering, corruption and organised crime, statistics, air quality, financial control;

(b) Completing the establishment of the National Animal Identification System;

(c) Fostering the performance of SMEs and the development of a Human Resource Development Fund;

(d) Helping civil society organisations and municipalities to promote economic development across borders with the EU Member States;

(e) Support for the elimination of industrial hotspots, municipal waste water management and healthcare risk waste management;

(f) Construction of administrative headquarters to house the association of municipalities;

(g) Support for the programming of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance and its tendering;

(h) Support for implementation of professional standards in prison administrations;

(i) Elaborating a National Transport Strategy.

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

## 2008 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

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The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Agency for Reconstruction, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Agency in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 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 that need to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#)):

- end of the Agency's activities: Members note that the memorandum of understanding of 17 December 2008 between the Commission and the European Agency for Reconstruction stipulates that the Agency's residual assets become the property of the Commission after 31 December 2008. They deplore the fact that the efficiently functioning Agency has been wound up and the management of the funding has been transferred to the delegations. They demand that the Commission submit a report detailing how many staff the delegations have taken on to cope with the Agency's tasks as well as comprehensive and complete information on whether budget support has been provided from the funds transferred from the Agency to the delegations;
- budgetary and financial management: Members note the Court's comments on the provision of grants and the relevance of certain cross-border cooperation projects. They call, now that the Agency's work has finished, for an evaluation of the funding allocated in Kosovo to determine whether the allocation of funding there resulted in the establishment of functional, sustainable justice and administration structures.

## 2008 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

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**PURPOSE:** to grant discharge to the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2008.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision 2010/514/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2008.

**CONTENT:** with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 5 May 2010 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 5 May 2010).

A parallel Decision, adopted on the same day, approves the closure of the accounts of this EU agency.

## 2008 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

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The European Parliament adopted by 548 votes to 31, with 57 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008. The decision to grant discharge is also an approval of the closure of the accounts of this EU agency. Furthermore, Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge to this Agency.

The main points are as follows:

- end of the Agency's activities: Parliament notes that the Agency's residual assets become the property of the Commission after 31 December 2008. It deplores the fact that the efficiently functioning Agency has been wound up and the management of the funding has been transferred to the delegations. It demands that the Commission submit a report detailing how many staff the delegations have taken on to cope with the Agency's tasks, as well as comprehensive and complete information on whether budget support has been provided from the funds transferred from the Agency to the delegations;
- budgetary and financial management: Members note the Court's comments on the provision of grants and the relevance of certain cross-border cooperation projects. They call, now that the Agency's work has finished, for an evaluation of the funding allocated in Kosovo.

Noting that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament approves the closure of its accounts and refers to the general recommendations that appear in the draft resolution on financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).