



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2113(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		01/10/2009
		PPE MATHIEU HOUILLON Véronique	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D STAVRAKAKIS Georgios	
		ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	
		Verts/ALE STAES Bart	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		22/07/2009
		S&D LÓPEZ AGUILAR Juan Fernando	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2994	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
23/07/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(2009)1089	Summary
07/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
26/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0090/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0117/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/2113(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01093

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		SEC(2009)1089	23/07/2009	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0012/2010 OJ C 304 15.12.2009, p. 0001	08/10/2009	CofA	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		N7-0036/2009 OJ C 269 10.11.2009, p. 0001	10/11/2009	CofA	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE430.719	13/01/2010	EP	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.470	03/02/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0090/2010	26/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0117/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/546](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0207](#) Summary

2008 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2008 budget, including the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year concerned. According to this document, the final budget amounted to EUR 15 million (compared to EUR 14.2 million in 2007).

As regards staffing policy, the Centre, whose head office is based in Vienna (Austria), officially set out 49 posts in its establishment plan. 35 of these are currently occupied and there are 23 other members of staff (contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff), totalling 72 members of staff assigned to administrative, operational and mixed tasks.

During 2008, the Agency's activities concentrated on the following:

RAXEN network

- Number of contributions by the 27 national focal points: 219
- Number of meetings: 1

FRALEX (new network)

- Number of contributions by legal experts 201;
- Number of meetings 2

Research Reports

- Number of reports: 6
- Number of meetings: 21
- Annual Reports: 2

Non-Research materials

- Various publications: 13

- Member States: 9
- European Commission: 17
- European Parliament: 6
- Committee of the Regions: 2
- Council of Europe: 25
- OSCE: 7
- United Nations: 6
- Other meetings and round tables: 18.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://www.fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/home/home_en.htm

2008 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's 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 its 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\(INI\)](#)):

- performance: Members encourage the Agency to set objectives and indicators in its programming so as to improve assessment of its achievements. They note that in the coming years the discharge for the implementation of the budget for the Agency should be further based on the Agency's performance throughout the year;
- OLAF investigation: Members note that in 2009 OLAF finished its investigation concerning the Agency which it had opened in 2008 and has now closed it with no further action.

2008 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/546/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in respect of 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 Union Agency for Fundamental Rights FRA

The European Parliament adopted by 550 votes to 39, with 50 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights 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:

- performance: Parliament encourages the Agency to set objectives and indicators in its programming so as to improve assessment of its achievements. It notes that, in the coming years, the discharge for the implementation of the budget for the Agency should be further based on the Agency's performance throughout the year;
- OLAF investigation: Parliament notes that, in 2009, OLAF finished its investigation concerning the Agency which it had opened in 2008 and has now closed it with no further action.

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).