



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2116(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA		
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
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		26/11/2009
		PPE GRÄSSLE Ingeborg	
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
25/03/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0069/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0113/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01101

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	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.475	02/02/2010	EP	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE430.900	25/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.377	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0069/2010	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0113/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/538](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0187](#) Summary

2008 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 14.9 million (same amount as 2007) of which 96.5% stems from a Community subsidy (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities) and 2.4% from DG Enlargement.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is based in Bilbao (Spain), set out 44 posts in its establishment plan of which 41 are currently occupied. 23 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts and local staff) are also occupied totalling 64 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2008, the Agency's main activities concentrated on the following:

European Risk Observatory (ERO)

- Completion of Phases I and II of the European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER).
- Publication of reports (occupational skin diseases and dermal exposure, exposure to vibration).
- Data collection on waste management and on respiratory diseases.

Working environment information

- Data collection of good practice case studies and links to good practice information providers on road transport.
- Establishment of a network of European organisations which can provide OSH economic incentives.
- Publication of an MSD prevention report.
- Publication of a wide range of products for the Healthy Workplace Campaign 2008/2009 (HWC).
- Establishment of a risk assessment resource database on the Agency's website for the HWC 2008/2009.
- Publications of good practice information materials for the Horeca sector.

- Six E-facts on Cleaning Workers.
- Extension of the Agency's website good practice area, in particular in the fields of construction, health care and accident prevention.
- Participation in seminars, conferences and other events.

Communication, campaigning and promotion

- ?Lighten the Load? summit - campaign on musculoskeletal disorders.
- ?Healthy Workplaces Campaign.
- Good for You. Good for Business? ? European campaign on risk assessment.
- Multilingual web-based and printed information products on occupational safety and health.
- Monitoring and evaluation: evaluation report of European campaigns on young workers, musculoskeletal disorders and small and medium-sized enterprises.

Networking and coordination

- Further development of focal point network.
- Liaison with European and international organisations.
- Institutional capacity building in candidate and potential candidate countries.

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

2008 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) on discharge to be granted to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, 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 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\(INI\)](#)):

- performance: Members congratulate the Agency on having significantly improved its financial management over the last three years and they encourage it to continue to strive for the highest standards in budgetary planning, implementation and control. They congratulate the Agency on the establishment of a network of European organisations which can provide occupational safety and health economic incentives. They also call on the Agency to set out a comparison of operations carried out during the year for which discharge is to be granted and in the previous financial year so as to enable the discharge authority to assess its performance from one year to the next more effectively;
- operating appropriations carried over: the committee notes that the Agency carried forward EUR 3.4 million (44% of its operating appropriations) and it calls, in the interests of sound financial management, for the budget forecasts to be adjusted to reflect actual needs. It congratulates the Agency nevertheless on improving its monitoring and planning of operational expenditure to avoid committing significant funds at the year-end;
- procurement procedures: Members note the irregularity identified by the Court of Auditors with respect to a procurement procedure (use of a framework contract beyond its maximum value). They expect the Agency to resolve the problem of using a public procurement framework contract beyond its maximum value, in order to give effect to European budgetary law;
- internal audit: lastly, Members ask the Agency to implement the recommendations from the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in particular as regards the internal control standards.

2008 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

The European Parliament adopted by 553 votes to 30, with 54 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work 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 congratulates the Agency on having significantly improved its financial management over the last three years and it encourages it to continue to strive for the highest standards in budgetary planning, implementation and control. It congratulates the Agency on the establishment of a network of European organisations which can provide occupational safety and health economic incentives. It also calls on the Agency to set out a comparison of operations carried out during the year for which discharge is to be granted and in the previous financial year so as to enable the discharge authority to assess its performance from one year to the next more effectively;
- operating appropriations carried over: Parliament notes that the Agency carried forward EUR 3.4 million (44% of its operating appropriations) and it calls, in the interests of sound financial management, for the budget forecasts to be adjusted to reflect actual needs. It congratulates the Agency, nevertheless, on improving its monitoring and planning of operational expenditure to avoid committing significant funds at the year-end;
- procurement procedures: Parliament notes the irregularity identified by the Court of Auditors with respect to a procurement procedure (use of a framework contract beyond its maximum value). It expects the Agency to resolve the problem of using a public procurement

- framework contract beyond its maximum value, in order to give effect to European budgetary law;
- internal audit: lastly, Parliament asks the Agency to implement the recommendations from the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in particular as regards the internal control standards.

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).

2008 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Agency for Safety and Health at work for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/538/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Environment Agency 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.