



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2119(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: The 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		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	A7-0093/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0116/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2119(DEC)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01106

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	PE430.720	13/01/2010	EP	
Document attached to the procedure		05827/2010	01/02/2010	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE430.482	02/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.371	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0093/2010	26/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0116/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act
Decision 2010/544 OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0202 Summary

2008 discharge: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of EUROJUST for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of EUROJUST's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that EUROJUST's final budget amounted to EUR 24.8 million in 2008 (compared to EUR 18.9 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, EUROJUST, whose head office is based in The Hague (The Netherlands), set out 175 posts in its establishment plan of which 130 are currently occupied. 43 other posts (contract agents, seconded national experts and employment agency staff) as well as 49 other staff members (National members, Liaison prosecutors, deputies and assistants) are also occupied totalling 222 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2008, EUROJUST's main activities concentrated on bilateral and multilateral cooperation operations with regard to:

- 168 standard cases;
- 1 025 complex cases.

Total number of cases: 1 193 in the following areas:

- Fraud: 810 cases;
- Drug trafficking: 223 cases;
- Terrorism: 23 cases;
- Murder: 86 cases;
- Trafficking in human beings: 83 cases.

In total, members met 131 times in the course of 2008.

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

2008 discharge: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU (EPP, FR) calling on the European Parliament to grant the Administrative Director of EUROJUST discharge in respect of the implementation of EUROJUST's budget for the financial year 2008.

Noting that the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of EUROJUST'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 underline that the lack of indicators, the deficits in measurement of user satisfaction and the lack of coordination between the budget and the work programme make it difficult to evaluate Eurojust's performance. They, therefore, note that, in the coming years, the discharge for the implementation of the budget for Eurojust should be further based on Eurojust's performance throughout the year;
- carry-over of appropriations: noting that the carry-over of appropriations was still very high, Members call on EUROJUST to take steps to avoid this situation recurring. They also note that, on 31 December 2008, Eurojust's cash holdings amounted to EUR 4 612 878.47 and call on the Commission to examine what scope there is for helping to ensure that the cash holdings are managed entirely on a needs-orientated basis in order to keep Eurojust's cash holdings permanently as low as possible;
- weaknesses in procurement procedures: Members regret that the Court of Auditors again found deficiencies in procurement procedures, as in the three previous years. They point out that this situation reveals severe weaknesses in the capacity of the various Eurojust departments involved. They, therefore, call on Eurojust to inform the discharge authority of the measures it will take to remedy this situation;
- human resources: expressing their concern at the fact that the Court of Auditors has again noted shortcomings in the planning and implementation of recruitment procedures, Members ask, in particular, that Eurojust should inform the discharge authority of its new recruitment procedure, launched in 2009, which from now on should ensure more transparency and no discrimination in the treatment of external and internal applicants;
- internal audit: Members note that none of the 26 recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) has been fully implemented. They urge Eurojust, therefore, to put in place without delay the recommendations on human resources management and to make sure that the public procurement procedures are correctly implemented.

2008 discharge: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to EUROJUST for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/544/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2008.

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 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: The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit EUROJUST

The European Parliament adopted by 555 votes to 28, with 52 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Administrative Director of EUROJUST 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 underlines that the lack of indicators, the deficits in measurement of user satisfaction and the lack of coordination between the budget and the work programme make it difficult to evaluate Eurojust's performance. It, therefore, notes that, in the coming years, the discharge for the implementation of the budget for Eurojust should be further based on Eurojust's performance throughout the year;
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implemented. It urges Eurojust, therefore, to put in place without delay the recommendations on human resources management and to make sure that the public procurement procedures are correctly implemented.

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 performance, financial management and control of EU agencies (see [2010/2007\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).