



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2129(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		01/10/2009
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2994	16/02/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
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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	A7-0073/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0119/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2129(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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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		PE430.457	02/02/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.359	03/03/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0073/2010	25/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0119/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary
Final act					
Decision 2010/550 OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0218 Summary					

2008 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) Supervisory Authority for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the Authority's budget for the financial year 2008. It indicates that the Agency's final budget amounted to EUR 22.7 million (compared to EUR 436.5 million in 2007).

In terms of personnel, the Agency, whose headquarters are in Brussels, official set out 50 posts in its establishment plan. 49 of those posts are currently occupied + 10 other posts (contract agents, seconded national experts and interim staff) amounting to 52 staff assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

The Authority concentrated on the following activities (between 1.1.2008 to 8.7.2008):

Galileo system

- management of the Configuration Control Board, control of the coherence of the Mission Requirements Document (MRD) and the System Requirements Document (SRD), coordination with ESA and the European Commission,
- definition and procurement of tools for modelling and analysis of RNSS signals,
- analysis of intra and inter-system interference and link budgets,
- follow-up of the project management by ESA for the IOV,
- assistance to the Commission in the supervision of the deployment phase and on frequency coordination,
- system certification - selection, nomination and supervision of the Galileo certification bodies, - designing of the Galileo safety case,
- preparation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) for Galileo.

EGNOS system

- Control of the Mission Requirements Document, assessment and approval of new requirements, coordination with ESA and the EGNOS Service Provider,
- follow-up of the Operational Qualification Review,
- preparation of the monitoring of the EGNOS system performance,
- implementation of the extension to the Mediterranean region,
- supervision of the completion of the EGNOS Design Safety Case and EGNOS Operations Safety Case,
- supervision of the process for the certification of the service provider,
- extension of the system certification to other domains of utilisation than the civil aviation.

Programmes

- support to the European Commission in the implementation of the EGNOS and Galileo programmes,
- establishment of the EGNOS Service Provision contract and monitoring of its implementation,
- definition of EGNOS' performance indicators and of various elements of the EGNOS services,

- EGNOS third party liability protection of the GSA and Community exposure to liability stemming from the provision of EGNOS signals in space, in line with the European GNSS liability policy.

Security

- security accreditation of the systems,
- assisting the Commission in preparing the operation of the GNSS Security Monitoring Centre (GSMC),
- research and development to ensure compliance of GNSS service with security requirements of safety critical applications,
- definition of the specifications and instructions for manufacturing PRS receivers and of guidelines for the implementation of PRS management rules in the Member States.

Market development

- recommendations and actions regarding the development of markets for EGNOS and Galileo,
- assessment of the environment in which satellite navigation applications can develop, propose strategies and encourage market take up: definition of market development tools.

Research and development

- Management of projects under the Sixth Framework Programme and Seventh Framework Programme for research,
- implementation/update of a web-based knowledge management and dissemination tool.

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

2008 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA

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

Noting that the Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2008 are reliable, and the underlying transactions are legal and regular, MEPs approve the closure of the Authority'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\(INI\)](#)):

- budgetary and financial management: Members regret that the Court of Auditors qualified its statement of assurance on the reliability of the annual accounts for the financial year 2008 and on the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions. They note that the Authority has decided to present the results of its activities without taking into account the fact that the Authority's management of the Galileo and EGNOS programmes would be discontinued after the finalisation of the transfer of assets and funds to the Commission scheduled for the end of the first quarter of 2008. In spite of the transfer to the Commission of responsibility for the programmes, the Commission transferred EUR 95 million to the Authority's bank account on 24 December 2008, although no proper amending budget had been established. Members also note that a very substantial reduction in the Authority's budget was adopted in 2008 (from EUR 436.5 million in 2007 to EUR 22.7 million in 2008) and are concerned that, although under Regulation (EC) No 683/2008, the Commission became responsible, from 1 January 2009, for fund management and implementation of the European satellite navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo), neither of these activities nor any assets had been transferred to the Commission by the end of 2008. In addition, the new distribution of responsibilities between the Commission and the Authority was not clearly reflected in their respective annual accounts. Members also note important differences in the treatment of certain amounts attributed to the Authority as a result of the transfer of responsibility to the Commission;
- internal audit: Members also call on the Authority to implement the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) in particular in regard to human resources.

2008 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA

The European Parliament adopted by 551 votes to 33, with 57 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Executive Director of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2008.

Furthermore, Parliament adopted a resolution with observations which are an integral part of the decision to grant discharge.

The main points are as follows:

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2008 discharge: European GNSS Supervisory Authority GSA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European GNSS Supervisory Authority Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/550/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority 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.