



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2009/2130(DEC)	Procedure completed
2008 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA		
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
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
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	A7-0105/2010	
21/04/2010	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/05/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0100/2010	Summary
05/05/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2130(DEC)

Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/01120

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	PE430.462	02/02/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A7-0105/2010	26/03/2010	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T7-0100/2010	05/05/2010	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2010/512](#)
[OJ L 252 25.09.2010, p. 0128](#) Summary

2008 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA) for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the Community Fisheries Control Agency's budget for the financial year 2008. It notes that the final budget amounts to EUR 8.5 million (compared to EUR 5 million in 2007 which was the Agency's first year) including EUR 1.2 million of assigned revenue.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is in Vigo (Spain), employed, on 31.12.2007, 25 staff members increasing steadily to 48 staff members by the end of 2008 (40 temporary agents and 8 contract agents).

In 2008, the Agency concentrated on the following activities:

Joint Deployment Plans (JDP), to organise the operational coordination of the fisheries control activities of Member States, were executed in the following Community fisheries:

- Cod fishery in the North Sea,
- Cod Fishery in the Baltic Sea,
- Bluefin tuna fishery in the Mediterranean Sea and Eastern Atlantic,
- Fishing of regulated resources in the North West Atlantic International waters (NAFO).

Training to Member State inspectors was provided linked to the operational activities, to improve the effective and uniform application of the common fisheries policy in all areas covered by a JDP.

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

2008 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

[The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Véronique MATHIEU \(EPP, FR\) on discharge to be granted to the Community Fisheries Control Agency, calling on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Community Fisheries Control Agency discharge 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\(INI\)\):](#)

- performance: Members underline the importance of drawing up a multiannual work programme so that the Agency can make effective organisational arrangements to implement its strategy and achieve its goals. They also call on the Agency to consider making a Gantt diagram part of the programming for each of its operational activities, with a view to indicating in concise form the amount of time spent by each staff member on a project and encouraging an approach geared towards achieving results;
- budgetary and financial management: Members draw attention to the need for the Agency to remedy the shortcomings in the programming of its activities so that in future the procedures for drafting the budget are sufficiently rigorous and obviate any need to increase and/or decrease the appropriations against its budget headings. They also welcome the fact that the Agency has undertaken to improve its budgetary planning and monitoring and, consequently, to reduce the number of budgetary modifications required;
- internal audit: Members acknowledge that the Internal Audit Service (IAS) has identified 15 recommendations for the Agency, nine of which have been rated as 'very important' and call for the development a set of indicators covering all activities of the Agency and its internal organisation;
- human resources: Members note that, in 2008, the rate of recruitment was so much faster than originally planned that the volume of appropriations required to pay salaries was underestimated by more than 35% (roughly EUR 1 300 000). They, therefore, call on the Agency to improve the monitoring of the implementation of its budget.

2008 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

[The European Parliament adopted by 546 votes to 29, with 56 abstentions, a decision on discharge to be granted to the Executive Director of the Community Fisheries Control Agency 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:

- performance: Parliament underlines the importance of drawing up a multiannual work programme so that the Agency can make effective organisational arrangements to implement its strategy and achieve its goals. It also calls on the Agency to consider making a Gantt diagram part of the programming for each of its operational activities, with a view to indicating in concise form the amount of time spent by each staff member on a project and encouraging an approach geared towards achieving results;
- budgetary and financial management: Parliament draws attention to the need for the Agency to remedy the shortcomings in the programming of its activities so that in future the procedures for drafting the budget are sufficiently rigorous and obviate any need to increase and/or decrease the appropriations against its budget headings. It also welcomes the fact that the Agency has undertaken to improve its budgetary planning and monitoring and, consequently, to reduce the number of budgetary modifications required;
- internal audit: Parliament acknowledges that the Internal Audit Service (IAS) has identified 15 recommendations for the Agency, nine of which have been rated as 'very important' and call for the development a set of indicators covering all activities of the Agency and its internal organisation;
- human resources: Parliament notes that, in 2008, the rate of recruitment was so much faster than originally planned that the volume of appropriations required to pay salaries was underestimated by more than 35% (roughly EUR 1 300 000). It, therefore, calls on the Agency to improve the monitoring of the implementation of its budget.

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 the Agency's accounts. However, it makes 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\(INI\)](#) adopted in parallel).

2008 discharge: Community Fisheries Control Agency CFCA

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Community Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/512/EU of the European Parliament on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Community Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of the Community Fisheries Control Agency 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.