


Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2013/2015(DEC)	Procedure completed
Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge		
Subject		
8.40.03 European Commission		
8.40.05 Court of Auditors		
8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		30/01/2013
		S&D GEIER Jens	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE PIEPER Markus	
		ALDE MULDER Jan	
		Verts/ALE STAES Bart	
		ECR BRADBOURN Philip	
		EFD ANDREASEN Marta	
		NI EHRENHAUSER Martin	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to	

European Commission		give an opinion.
	PETI Petitions	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas

Key events

24/07/2012	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2012)0436	Summary
05/02/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2013	Vote in committee		
22/03/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0096/2013	Summary
16/04/2013	Debate in Parliament		
17/04/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/04/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0123/2013	Summary
17/04/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/2015(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/11720

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2012)0414	24/07/2012	EC	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2012)0436	25/07/2012	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE504.139	01/02/2013	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE504.180	27/02/2013	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A7-0096/2013	22/03/2013	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T7-0123/2013	17/04/2013	EP	Summary

Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

PURPOSE: presentation of the Court of Auditors special reports in the context of the Commission 2011 discharge.

CONTENT: the Court of Auditors publish various types of documents:

- an annual report on the implementation of the EU budget for each financial year, as well as an annual report on the activities of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Fund (EDF);
- special reports on issues of particular interest;
- specific annual reports on the EU agencies.

The European Court of Auditors special reports, published throughout the year, present the results of selected audits on specific areas of the EU budget or specific management issues. These reports are generally published in all official languages of the EU.

Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Jens Geier (S&D, DE) on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge.

In the motion for resolution, Members recall that the special reports of the Court of Auditors provide information on issues of concern related to the implementation of funds, which are thus useful for Parliament in exercising its role of discharge authority.

They state that the observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of the resolution on [discharge](#) in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III Commission.

Members concentrate on each of the special report in question and make a series of recommendations in view of improving the use of Community Funds.

To recall, the special reports concern the following:

- Special Report No 12/2011 entitled "[Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?](#)"
- Special Report No 13/2011 entitled "[Does the control of customs procedure 42 prevent and detect VAT evasion?](#)"
- Special Report No 14/2011 entitled "[Has EU assistance improved Croatia's capacity to manage post-accession funding?](#)"
- Special Report No 16/2011 entitled "[EU Financial assistance for the decommissioning of nuclear plants in Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia: Achievements and Future Challenges](#)"
- Special Report No 1/2012 entitled "[Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in sub-Saharan Africa](#)"
- Special Report No 2/2012 entitled "[Financial instruments for SMEs co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund](#)"
- Special Report No 3/2012 entitled "[Structural Funds: Did the Commission successfully deal with deficiencies identified in the Member States' management and control systems?](#)"
- Special Report No 4/2012 entitled "[Using Structural and Cohesion Funds to co-finance transport infrastructures in seaports: an effective investment?](#)"
- Special Report No 5/2012 entitled "[The Common External Relations Information System \(CRIS\)](#)"
- Special Report No 6/2012 entitled "[European Union Assistance to the Turkish Cypriot Community](#)"
- Special Report No 7/2012 entitled "[The reform of the common organisation of the market in wine: Progress to date](#)"
- Special Report No 9/2012 entitled "[Audit of the control system governing the production, processing, distribution and imports of organic products](#)"
- Special Report No 12/2012 entitled "[Did the Commission and Eurostat improve the process for producing reliable and credible European statistics?](#)"

It should be noted that each of these reports were subject to an individual Parliamentary report (a hyperlink is available on each of the procedures).

Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2011 Commission discharge.

It recalls that the special reports of the Court of Auditors provide information on issues of concern related to the implementation of funds, which are thus useful for Parliament in exercising its role of discharge authority.

Parliament also states that the observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of the resolution on [discharge](#) in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III Commission.

Parliament then returns to each of the special reports in question and make a series of recommendations in view of improving the use of Community Funds.

To recall, the special reports concern the following:

- Special Report No 12/2011 entitled "[Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?](#)"
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It should be noted that each of these reports are or will be the subject of an individual Parliamentary resolution (a hyperlink is available on each of the procedures).