


Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2013/2222(DEC)	Procedure completed
2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		10/10/2013
		PPE SARVAMAA Petri	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D KADENBACH Karin	
		ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	
		Verts/ALE STAES Bart	
		ECR ANDREASEN Marta	
		EFD VANHECKE Frank	
		NI EHRENHAUSER Martin	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
26/07/2013	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2013)0570	Summary
22/10/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/03/2014	Vote in committee		
20/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0194/2014	Summary
02/04/2014	Debate in Parliament		
03/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0319/2014	Summary
03/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
05/09/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/7/13894

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2013)0570	26/07/2013	EC	Summary
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N7-0031/2014 OJ C 365 13.12.2013, p. 0172	10/09/2013	CofA	Summary
Committee draft report		PE521.677	27/01/2014	EP	
Document attached to the procedure		05849/2014	05/02/2014	CSL	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE521.804	25/02/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0194/2014	20/03/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0319/2014	03/04/2014	EP	Summary

Final act

Budget 2014/597
[OJ L 266 05.09.2014, p. 0252](#) Summary

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012, as part of the 2012 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA).

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2012 as prepared on the basis of the information presented by the institutions, organisations and bodies of the EU, in accordance with Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the EU's General Budget, including the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA).

In 2012, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- description of the Agency's tasks: ENISA, which is located in Heraklion, Greece, was established under [Regulation 460/2004/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council. Its main task is to enhance the Community's capability to prevent and respond to network and information security problems by building on national and Community efforts;
- ENISA's budget for the 2012 financial year: the Agency's budget for 2012, as presented in the Commission document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union, gives the following figures:

§ Commitment appropriations :

- committed : EUR 8 million;
- paid : EUR 8 million;
- carried-over : 0.

§ Payment appropriations :

- committed : EUR 9 million;
- paid : EUR 9 million;
- carried-over : EUR 1 million.

Please refer also to the [final accounts of the ENISA](#).

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

PURPOSE: presentation of the EU Court of Auditors report on the annual accounts of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) for the year 2012, together with the Agency's reply.

CONTENT: in accordance with the tasks conferred on the Court of Auditors by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Court presents to the European Parliament and to the Council, in the context of the discharge procedure, a Statement of Assurance as to the reliability of the annual accounts of each institution, body or agency of the EU, and the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying them, on the basis of an independent external audit.

This audit concerned, amongst others, the annual accounts of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA).

In the Court's opinion, ENISA's Annual Accounts fairly present, in all material respects, its financial position as of 31 December 2012 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer.

The Court also considers that the transactions underlying the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 are, in all material respects, legal and regular.

The report confirms that the Agency's 2012 budget amounted to EUR 8.2 million.

The report also makes a series of observations on the budgetary and financial management of the Agency, accompanied by the Agency's response. The main observations may be summarised as follows:

The Court's observations:

- **Internal controls:** whereas the Financial Regulation and the corresponding Implementing Rules provide for a physical inventory of fixed assets at least every three years, the Agency has not carried out a comprehensive physical inventory since 2009.

The Agency's reply:

- **Controls:** ENISA states that it launched the inventory count in late April 2013 in both offices, in Heraklion and Athens. This is the first count in the history of ENISA which occurs with the use of a dedicated electronic tool, ABAC Assets, and its functionalities (including labelling, scanning, uploading of scanned items, providing reports). The results of the count will be processed by the Accounting Officer and the final accounting entries for the differences between the accounting records and the physical inventory will occur by 31 July 2013 at the latest.

Lastly, the Court of Auditors report contains a summary of the Agency's activities in 2012. This is focused on the following:

- identifying and responding to the evolving threat environment ;
- assisting Member States to increase the level of protection of critical information infrastructures;
- supporting the CERT and other operational communities ;
- securing the digital economy.

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

Having examined the revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial year 2012 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2012 of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA), as well as the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2012, accompanied by the Agency's replies to the Court's observations, the Council recommends the European Parliament to give a discharge to the Executive Director of the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2012.

The observations in the Court of Auditors' report in relation to the financial year 2012 call for some comments by the Council, which may be summarised as follows:

- in general, the Council welcomes the Court's opinion that, in all material respects, the Agency's annual accounts present fairly its financial position as at 31 December 2012 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of the Agency's Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer, and that the underlying transactions for that financial year are legal and regular.
- **Inventories:** the Council takes note of the fact that the Agency has taken corrective measures in order to address the shortcomings identified by the Court as regards the physical inventory of fixed assets.

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Petri SARVAMAA (EPP, FI) in which it recommended the European Parliament to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2012 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members approved the closure of ENISA's accounts. They made, however, a number of recommendations that needed to be taken into account when the discharge is granted, in addition to the general recommendations that appear in the [draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies](#).

- **Budget and financial management:** Members noted with satisfaction that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2012 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100% and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 91.45%.
- **Prevention and management of conflicts of interests and transparency:** Members stated that the Management Board approved and signed the decision on practical arrangements for implementing transparency and confidentiality rules in October 2013.

Lastly, Members also made a series of observations on transfers, procurement and recruitment procedures as well as comments on internal

controls.

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) for the financial year 2012.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2014/597/EU of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Network and Information Security Agency for the financial year 2012.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of ENISA for the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2012.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 3 April 2014 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 3 April 2014).

Amongst the main observations made, Parliament noted issues concerning the physical inventory of fixed assets and called on the Agency to address this issue.

2012 discharge: European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

The European Parliament adopted a decision concerning the discharge to be granted to the Executive Director of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2012. The vote on the discharge decision approved the closure of the accounts (in accordance with Annex VI, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament).

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2012 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 497 votes to 71, with 16 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations that form an integral part of the discharge decision and as well as the general recommendations that appear in the [draft resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies](#).

These recommendations are summarised as follows:

- **Budget and financial management:** Parliament noted with satisfaction that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2012 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100% and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 91.45%.
- **Prevention and management of conflicts of interests and transparency:** it stated that the Management Board approved and signed the decision on practical arrangements for implementing transparency and confidentiality rules in October 2013.
- **Performance:** Parliament requested that the Agency communicate the results and impact its work has on European citizens in an accessible way, mainly through its website.

Lastly, Parliament made a series of observations on transfers, procurement and recruitment procedures as well as comments on internal controls.