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2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 CZARNECKI Ryszard	09/10/2014
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		 VAUGHAN Derek	
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		 JÁVOR Benedek	
		 VALLI Marco	
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	 Transport and Tourism	 RIQUET Dominique	11/12/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
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Key events			
29/07/2014	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2014)0510	Summary
20/10/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2015	Vote in committee		
30/03/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary	A8-0088/2015	Summary
28/04/2015	Debate in Parliament		
29/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Documentation gateway					
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N8-0089/2014 OJ C 442 10.12.2014, p. 0210	08/07/2014	CofA	Summary
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2014)0510	30/07/2014	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE539.709	29/01/2015	EP	
Document attached to the procedure		05304/2015	30/01/2015	CSL	Summary
Committee opinion	TRAN	PE544.385	25/02/2015	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE539.769	06/03/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A8-0088/2015	30/03/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0149/2015	29/04/2015	EP	Summary

Final act
Budget 2015/1667 OJ L 255 30.09.2015, p. 0278 Summary

2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

PURPOSE: presentation of the EU Court of Auditors report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) for the year 2013, 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 Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

Statement of assurance: pursuant to the provisions of Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Court has audited:

- the annual accounts of the Agency, which comprise the financial statements and the reports on the implementation of the budget for the financial year ended 31 December 2013;
- the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying those accounts.

Opinion on the reliability of the accounts: in the Court's opinion, the Agency's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2013 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.

Opinion on the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying the accounts: in the Court's opinion, the transactions underlying the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 are legal and regular in all material respects.

The Court's report makes no observations on the budgetary and financial management of the Agency.

Lastly, the Court of Auditors report contains a summary of the Agency's activities in 2013. This is focused on the following:

Budget: EUR 57.8 million.

Activities:

- organising workshops and other events;
- training sessions for national experts;
- inspections and visits;
- SafeSeaNet was 99.43% available throughout the year;
- 2 547 satellite images ordered and analysed through CleanSeaNet;
- EU LRIT Data Centre 99.68 % available throughout the year;
- 16 anti-pollution vessels contracted;
- 65 drills and 33 exercises with the anti-pollution vessels;
- EMSA Maritime Support Services operating on a 24/7 basis;
- THETIS system.

2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2013, as part of the 2013 discharge procedure.

Analysis of the accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

CONTENT: this Commission document sets out the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2013 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 Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

The document contains the figures on which the discharge procedure is based.

Discharge procedure of the EU agencies: the EU Budget finances a wide range of policies and programmes throughout the EU. In accordance with the priorities set by the European Parliament and the Council in the multi-annual financial framework (MFF), the European Commission carries out specific programmes, activities and projects in the field with the technical support of some specialised agencies.

The consolidated annual accounts of the EU provide information on the activities of the institutions, agencies and other bodies of the EU from a budgetary and accrual accounting perspective.

The consolidated reports on the implementation of the general budget of the EU include the budget implementation of all Institutions. Agencies do not have a separate budget inside the EU budget; and they are partially financed by a Commission budget subsidy.

Each agency is subject to its own discharge procedure.

EMSA: in 2013, the tasks and budget of this agency were as follows:

- description of EMSA's tasks: the Agency, which is located in Lisbon, was established by was set up by [Regulation \(EC\) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#). The Agency's tasks are to: (i) ensure a high level of maritime safety and (ii) prevent pollution by ships; (iii) provide the Commission and Member States with technical assistance, (iv) monitor the implementation of Union legislation, and (v) evaluate the effectiveness of measures undertaken.
- EMSA's budget for the 2013 financial year: the Agency's budget for 2013, as presented in the Commission document on the consolidated annual accounts of the European Union, gives the following figures:

§ Commitment appropriations:

- committed : EUR 62 million;
- paid : EUR 59 million;
- carried over : EUR 2 million.

§ Payment appropriations:

- committed : EUR 59 million;
- paid : EUR 53 million;
- carried over : EUR 3 million.

Also see the [final accounts of EMSA](#).

2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL) on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) for the financial year 2013.

It called on the European Parliament to grant the Executive Director of the Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.

Noting that the Court of Auditors stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the annual accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Members called on the Parliament to approve the closure of the Agency'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](#).

- Agency's financial statements: Members noted that the final budget of the Centre for the financial year 2013 was EUR 57 819 864, representing an increase of 4.88% compared to 2012. The Union contribution to this amount was EUR 53 789 658, representing an increase of 2.65% compared to 2012.
- Commitments and carry-overs: Members noted that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2013 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 98.07%, and that the payment appropriations execution rate was 88.73%. They acknowledged that according to the Courts report no notable issues were identified as regards the level of carry-overs in 2013.

Members also made a series of observations on transfers, procurement and recruitment procedures, prevention and conflicts of interest and internal audits.

2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

The European Parliament adopted by 559 votes to 130, with 3 abstentions, a decision to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) for the financial year 2013. 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 2013 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 574 votes to 107, with 7 abstentions, a resolution containing a number of recommendations that form an integral part of the discharge decision and as well as the general recommendations that appear in [the resolution on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies](#):

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Parliament also made a series of observations on transfers, procurement and recruitment procedures, prevention and conflicts of interest and internal audits.

It acknowledged that the Agency made efforts to avoid potential conflicts of interests situations by introducing training on ethics and integrity which is provided in-house and is compulsory for all staff.

2013 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) in respect of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/1667 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2013.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2013.

This decision is in line with the European Parliament's resolution adopted on 29 April 2015 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 29 April 2015).

Amongst Parliament's main recommendations, it encourages the Agency to make the declarations of interests and the CVs of its managing personnel available on its website in order to further enhance transparency.