










Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2016/2208(DEC)	Procedure completed
2015 discharge: Court of Auditors' special reports		
Subject 8.70.03.05 2015 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 ZELLER Joachim	28/09/2016
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 LIBERADZKI Bogusław	
		 CZARNECKI Ryszard	
		 DLABAJOVÁ Martina	
		 STAES Bart	
		 VALLI Marco	
		 ALIOT Louis	
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner GEORGIEVA Kristalina	

Key events			
11/07/2016	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2016)0475	
04/10/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2017	Vote in committee		
04/04/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary	A8-0160/2017	Summary
26/04/2017	Debate in Parliament		
27/04/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/04/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0144/2017	Summary
27/04/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/8/07581

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	COM(2016)0475	11/07/2016	EC	
Committee draft report	PE592.205	08/02/2017	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE600.920	07/03/2017	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A8-0160/2017	04/04/2017	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T8-0144/2017	27/04/2017	EP	Summary

2015 discharge: Court of Auditors' special reports

The Committee on Budgetary Control adopted the report by Joachim ZELLER (EPP, DE) on the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2015 Commission discharge.

In the motion for a resolution, Members recalled 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 noted that the Parliament's observations on the special reports of the Court of Auditors form an integral part of Parliament's abovementioned decision on the [general discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015](#), Section III Commission.

Members then returned to each of the reports in question and make a number of recommendations to improve the use of Community Funds.

To recap, the special reports deal with the following subjects:

As a reminder, these special report focus on the following themes:

- Special Report No 18/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled Financial assistance provided to Member States in difficulties
- Special Report No 19/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "More attention to result needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece"
- Special Report No 21/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Review of the risks related to a results-oriented approach for Union development and cooperation action"
- Special Report No 23/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Water quality in the Danube river basin: progress in implementing the Water Framework Directive but still some way to go"
- Special Report No 24/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Tackling intra-Community VAT fraud: More action needed"
- Special Report No 25/2015 of the Court of Auditors entitled "EU support for rural infrastructure: potential to achieve significantly greater value for money"
- Special Report No 1/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Is the Commissions system for performance measurement in relation to farmers incomes well designed and based on sound data?"
- Special Report No 3/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Combating eutrophication in the Baltic Sea: further and more effective action needed
- Special Report No 4/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled The European Institute of Innovation and Technology must modify its delivery mechanism and elements of its design to achieve the expected impact
- Special Report No 5/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Has the Commission ensured effective implementation of the Services Directive?
- Special Report No 6/2016 of the Court entitled Eradication, control and monitoring programmes to contain animal diseases
- Special Report No 7/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled The European External Action Services management of its buildings around the world
- Special Report No 8/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Rail freight transport performance in the EU: still not on the right track
- Special Report No 9/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Union external migration spending in Southern Mediterranean and Eastern Neighbourhood countries until 2014"
- Special Report No 10/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Further improvements needed to ensure effective implementation of the excessive deficit procedure
- Special Report No 11/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Strengthening administrative capacity in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: limited progress in a difficult context
- Special report No 12/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Agencies use of grants: not always appropriate or demonstrably effective
- Special Report No 13/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Union assistance for strengthening the public administration in Moldova
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- Special report No 16/2016 of the Court entitled "EU education objectives: programmes aligned but shortcomings in performance measurement"
- Special Report No 17/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled The EU institutions can do more to facilitate access to their public procurement
- Special Report No 18/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled The EU system for the certification of sustainable biofuels
- Special report No 19/2016 of the Court entitled Implementing the EU budget through financial instruments - Lessons to be learnt from the 2007-2013 programme
- Special report No 20/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Strengthening capacity in Montenegro: progress but better needed in many key areas
- Special Report No 22/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled EU nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania, Bulgaria and Slovakia: some progress made since 2011 but critical challenges ahead
- Special Report No 23/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Maritime transport in the EU: in troubled waters - much ineffective and unsustainable investment
- Special Report No 25/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled The Land Parcel Identification System: a useful tool to determine the eligibility of agricultural land but its management could be further improved
- Special Report No 26/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Making cross-compliance more effective and achieving simplification remains challenging
- Special Report No 27/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled "Governance at the European Commission - best practice?"
- Special Report No 28/2016 of the Court of Auditors entitled Dealing with serious cross-border threats to health in the EU: important steps taken but more needs to be done.

A summary of the [special reports](#) can be found on the Court of Auditors website.

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It should be noted that the amendments proposed by the GUE/NGL group in plenary were all rejected.