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Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2019/2088(DEC)	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)		
Subject 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 CZARNECKI Ryszard	07/10/2019
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	 METSOLA Roberta	06/11/2019
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner OETTINGER Günther	

Key events			
26/06/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2019)0316	
18/09/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/02/2020	Vote in committee		

04/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0075/2020	
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0118/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00822

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2019)0316	27/06/2019	EC	
Committee draft report		PE639.924	06/12/2019	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE643.086	21/01/2020	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.054	31/01/2020	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		05761/2020	06/02/2020	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0075/2020	04/03/2020	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0118/2020	13/05/2020	EP	Summary

Final act

Budget 2020/1978
[OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0453](#)

2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) for the financial year 2018 and to approve the closure of the accounts for the financial year in question.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 501 votes to 179 with 12 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations, which form an integral part of the decision on discharge and which add to the general recommendations set out in the [resolution](#) on performance, financial management and control of EU agencies:

Financial statements of Europol

The final budget of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation for the financial year 2018 was EUR 135 737 021, representing an increase of 13.84 % compared to 2017. The increase was due to additional tasks expanding its mandate.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 96.10 %, representing a slight decrease of 3.62 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was 86.92 %, representing a decrease of 2.09 % compared to 2017.

Other observations

Members also made a series of observations regarding performance, staff policy, procurement, conflicts of interest and internal controls.

In particular, they noted that:

- the Agency achieved 78 % of the targets set for performance indicators and that it progressed in the implementation of 79 % of the actions contained within the 2018 work programme;
- a feasibility study should be conducted in order to assess the possibility of, at the very least, setting up shared synergies with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), if not of fully merging them;
- the number of operations that the Agency supported grew from 1 496 in 2017 to 1 748 in 2018 (representing an increase of 16.8 %);
- on 31 December 2018 the establishment plan was 96.35 % executed, with 555 temporary agents appointed out of 576 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget (compared with 550 authorised posts in 2017);
- an uneven gender balance was reported for 2018 among the senior managers 145 men and 27 women, with 43 men and 10 women on the management board.

Transparency				
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