








Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2019/2095(DEC)	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)		
Subject 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control	 LEGUTKO Ryszard Antoni Shadow rapporteur  NOVAKOV Andrey  WOLTERS Lara  CSEH Katalin  EICKHOUT Bas  KUHS Joachim	01/10/2019
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner OETTINGER Günther	

Key events			
27/06/2019	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2019)0316	
18/09/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/02/2020	Vote in committee		
03/03/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0054/2020	
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		

13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0103/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2019/2095(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00786

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	COM(2019)0316	27/06/2019	EC	
Committee draft report	PE639.871	05/12/2019	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE646.998	31/01/2020	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	05761/2020	06/02/2020	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A9-0054/2020	03/03/2020	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T9-0103/2020	13/05/2020	EP	Summary

Final act

Budget 2020/1928
[OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0278](#)

2018 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Director of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 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 Institutes annual accounts for the financial year 2018 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 603 votes to 75 with 15 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:

Institutes financial statement

The final budget of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology for the financial year 2018 was EUR 458 057 031.54, representing an increase of 35.33 % compared to 2017, mainly due to the increasing importance of Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), in particular those on EIT Health, EIT Raw Materials and EIT Food, in their education, innovation and business creation activities. The overall contribution of the Union to the Institute's budget for 2018 amounted to EUR 312 886 716.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2018 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 92.05 %, representing an increase of 0.82 % compared to 2017. The payment appropriations execution rate was 97.80 %, representing a decrease of 1.72 % compared to 2017. This slight increase in the commitment implementation rate is mainly owing to an increase in commitment execution in operational expenditure and, in particular, grants to the Institutes KICs.

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 Institute uses additional key performance indicators to enhance its budget management;
- it reached another major milestone in 2018, growing to eight KICs, as provided for in the EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda for 2014 to 2020, including the designation of EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility in December 2018. The three first-wave KICs are a cause for concern

due to their low financial sustainability indicators, displaying only modest growth, with a higher concern with regard to the Climate-KIC, which has the lowest score;

- on 31 December 2018, the establishment plan was 97.73 % executed, with 43 temporary agents appointed out of 44 temporary agents authorised under the Union budget;

- the new director was appointed by the Institutes governing board decision of 19 August 2019;

- the EIT decided to adopt a manual for informal procedures for cases of harassment and that the decision of the director of the Institute on the appointment of confidential counsellors will be adopted by end of 2019;

- the Institute requested the Commission to grant it seven additional posts from 2020 onwards to address the structural understaffing of the Institute, and to be able to fully implement the Institutes work programme planned for 2020. However, the Commission did not grant the requested additional posts;

- in 2018 several potential conflicts of interests cases were identified and assessed and adequate measures were taken, including exclusion from relevant activities where a conflict of interests was identified;

- the Institute actively engaged with key stakeholders, including in the context of the Unions next Multiannual Financial Framework and its Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Commission proposed a budget of EUR 100 billion for Horizon Europe, including a EUR 3 billion budget for the Institute.