

Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2019/2104(DEC)	Procedure completed
2018 discharge: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 Joint Undertaking)		
Subject 8.70.03.08 2018 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 BRUDZIŃSKI Joachim Stanisław	19/09/2019
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 PIEPER Markus	
		 GRAPINI Maria	
		 DLABAJOVÁ Martina	
		 RIVASI Michèle	
		 KUHS Joachim	
		 OMARJEE Younous	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 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		
28/02/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0030/2020	
13/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0070/2020	Summary
13/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		

11/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2019/2104(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/00765

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2019)0316	27/06/2019	EC	
Committee draft report		PE639.842	13/12/2019	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE645.085	30/01/2020	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		05763/2020	06/02/2020	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0030/2020	28/02/2020	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0070/2020	13/05/2020	EP	Summary

Final act
Budget 2020/1837 OJ L 417 11.12.2020, p. 0010

2018 discharge: Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 Joint Undertaking)

The European Parliament decided to grant the Executive Director of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH 2) Joint Undertaking discharge in respect of the implementation of the joint undertakings budget for the financial year 2018 and to approve the closure of the joint undertakings accounts.

Noting that the Court of Auditors considered that the annual accounts of the Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2018 accurately reflected the financial position of the Joint Undertaking as at 31 December 2018, as well as the results of its operations, Parliament adopted by 629 votes to 58, with 6 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision.

General

Parliament noted that the Union contribution to FCH2 is EUR 318 800 000 from Horizon 2020 and that the contribution of resources by members from the Industry and Research Groupings amount to EUR 649 400 000 comprising EUR 1 800 000 of in-kind contributions in the Horizon 2020 projects funded by FCH2, EUR 7 700 000 of in-kind contributions to additional activities and EUR 3 600 000 of cash contributions to administrative costs.

Budget and financial management

FCH2's final budget for the financial year 2018 included commitment appropriations of EUR 85 504 157 and payment appropriations of EUR 126 526 307. The overall 2018 budget execution of commitment and payment appropriations reached 93 % and 83 % respectively.

Other observations

The resolution also contained a series of observations on performance, internal control systems and audits. It noted in particular that:

- all calls for proposals were published and closed according to the respective work plans and with the annual work programme 2018, included 20 topics;
- on the transport side, the deployment of fuel cells electric buses can be considered to be world-wide state of the art, having progressed significantly throughout FCH2 projects;
- there is gender balance among staff (51 % men and 49 % women);
- in 2018 FCH2 finalised the implementation of all action plans addressing the recommendations of the internal audit service (IAS) audits on the performance management undertaken by the IAS in 2016, including a recommendation on the revision of the multiannual work programme

and of the strategic and operational objectives;

- in December 2018 FCH2 submitted all action plans addressing the recommendations of the 2017 audit report to the IAS for a review;
- by the end of 2018 there were two open audits launched in 2017 and FCH2 did not finalise these audits due to ongoing discussions with beneficiaries that also required coordination with other DG Research and Innovation services to ensure coherent audit results across different stakeholders.