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Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2021/2128(DEC)	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)		
Subject 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš	28/07/2021
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	 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	 CANFIN Pascal	22/09/2021
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
30/06/2021	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2021)0381	
14/09/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2022	Vote in committee		

07/04/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0115/2022	
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0166/2022	Summary
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2021)0381	30/06/2021	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N9-0044/2022 OJ C 439 29.10.2021, p. 0003	29/10/2021	CofA	
Committee draft report		PE698.969	14/01/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE699.225	17/01/2022	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		06003/2022	16/02/2022	CSL	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE704.729	02/03/2022	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0115/2022	07/04/2022	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0166/2022	04/05/2022	EP	Summary

Final act

Budget 2022/1752
[OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0274](#)

2020 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for the financial year 2019 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors had stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2020 were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 544 votes to 63 with 34 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of recommendations which form an integral part of the discharge decision and which complement the general recommendations set out in the [resolution](#) on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Authority's financial statements

The Authority's final budget for the financial year 2020 was EUR 103 023 255,80, representing an increase of 27.60 % compared to 2019, mainly because of an increase in operating expenditure linked to the Authority.

Budgetary and financial management

The budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2020 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 100 %, representing a slight increase of 0.01 % compared to 2019. Payment appropriations execution rate was at 88.41 %, representing a decrease of 3.04 % compared to 2019.

Other observations

Parliament also made a number of observations concerning performance, staff policy, procurement, conflicts of interest and Covid-19.

In particular, it noted that:

- in 2020, the Authority finalised 697 questions through scientific outputs, technical reports and supporting publications;
- Parliament adopted two objections to extensions of approval periods of active ingredients used in pesticides which meet the cut-off criteria and should therefore not be authorised for use in the Union;
- on 31 December 2020, the establishment plan was 97.46 % implemented, with five officials and 340 temporary agents appointed out of 354 posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 320 authorised posts in 2019);
- the Authority continued its activities and was able to deliver its work programme despite the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the Authority's budget underwent changes with a decrease of commitments and payments appropriations by EUR 5 million due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on missions, training, energy supplies, maintenance and the cancellation of physical meetings;
- the Authority was involved in the Network of Procurement Officers (NAPO), contributing significantly to the implementation of its 2020 work programme, launching and signing seven inter-agency procurement calls in 2020, resulting in an estimated saving of EUR 2.1 million to the EU budget;
- the Authority identified and managed 31 conflicts of interest at the level of annual declarations of interests pertaining to external experts.