Procedure file

Basic information

DEC - Discharge procedure	2021/2150(DEC)	Procedure completed
2020 discharge: Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL Joint Undertaking) Subject 8.70.03.10 2020 discharge		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		28/07/2021
		ECR CZARNECKI Ryszard	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		epp MARINESCU Marian-Jean	
		S&D CREU Corina	
		renew europe. WIEZIK Michal	
		RIVASI Michèle	
		KUHS Joachim	
		OMARJEE Younous	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	HAHN Johannes	

Key events

30/06/2021	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2021)0381	
14/09/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/02/2022	Vote in committee		

30/03/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0077/2022	
04/05/2022	Debate in Parliament		
04/05/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0193/2022	Summary
05/10/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/2150(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/9/06672

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2021)0381	30/06/2021	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N9-0045/2022 OJ C 458 12.11.2021, p. 0020	12/11/2021	CofA	
Committee draft report		PE698.993	20/12/2021	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE703.125	02/02/2022	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		06005/2022	16/02/2022	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0077/2022	30/03/2022	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0193/2022	04/05/2022	EP	Summary

Final act

Budget 2022/1819
OJ L 258 05.10.2022, p. 0456

2020 discharge: Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL Joint Undertaking)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking (now the Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking) in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2020 and approve the closure of the Joint Undertakings accounts.

Noting that the Court of Auditors found that the annual accounts of the Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2020 present fairly the financial situation of the Joint Undertaking on 31 December 2020 and the results of its operations, Parliament adopted, by 576 votes to 62 with 3 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision.

Budgetary and financial management

The Joint Undertakings total available budget for year 2020 included EUR 218 342 000 for commitment appropriations and EUR 215 849 000 for payment appropriations, and that the utilisation rate was 99.59 % for commitment appropriations and 88.63 % for payment appropriations. At the end of 2020, the Union contributed EUR 573 197 000 for the co-financing of the Joint Undertakings Seventh Framework programme activities and a further EUR 10 390 000 for the co-financing of the related administrative costs.

In regard to the Joint Undertakings 2020 payment budget available for Seventh Framework programme projects (EUR 20 317 158), the implementation rate for payment appropriations was 70 %.

As regards the implementation of the Horizon 2020 budget, the Participating States are required to make financial contributions of at least EUR 1 170 000 to the operational activities of the Joint Undertaking and that at the end of 2020, the Participating States taking part in the 2014 - 2019 calls for proposals, signed contractual commitments amounting to EUR 936 588 004 and declared in total, financial contributions of

EUR 374 748 810 (or 40 % of the total committed contributions).

Parliament called for harmonisation of the calculation of in-kind contributions to the Joint Undertaking

Other observations

The resolution also contains a series of observations on performance, staff and internal control.

In particular, it noted the following:

- the Joint Undertaking launched its last calls, namely two Research and Innovation Actions, one Innovation Action and one Coordination and Support Action, for which 44 eligible proposals were submitted;

- on 31 December 2020, the Joint Undertaking employed 29 staff, which included temporary and contract agents and seconded national experts;

- the Joint Undertaking moved to a principle-based system to align its internal control framework (ICF) to the revised control framework adopted by the Commission;

- persistent systemic errors were found in the personnel costs declared by beneficiaries, in particular on the part of SMEs and new beneficiaries. Parliament encouraged the Joint Undertaking to strengthen its internal control systems given that SMEs and new beneficiaries are more error-prone.