## Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2022/2099(DEC)	Procedure completed
2021 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)		
Subject 8.70.03.11 2021 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible  CONT Budgetary Control	Rapporteur	Appointed 14/07/2022
		renew europe. MITUA Alin	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		SARVAMAA Petri	
		MANDA Claudiu	
		EICKHOUT Bas	
		KUHS Joachim	
		CZARNECKI Ryszard	
		OMARJEE Younous	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
23/06/2022	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2022)0323	
13/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2023	Vote in committee		
03/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	<u>A9-0110/2023</u>	

09/05/2023	Debate in Parliament	-	
10/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/05/2023	Decision by Parliament	<u>T9-0172/2023</u>	Summary
29/09/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information		
Procedure reference	2022/2099(DEC)	
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure	
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159	
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed	
Committee dossier	CONT/9/09849	

Documentation gateway				
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2022)0323	23/06/2022	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N9-0002/2023 OJ C 412 27.10.2022, p. 0012	27/10/2022	CofA	
Committee draft report	PE737.537	20/01/2023	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	06248/2023	13/02/2023	CSL	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE742.571	20/02/2023	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A9-0110/2023	03/04/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	<u>T9-0172/2023</u>	10/05/2023	EP	Summary

## Final act

Budget 2023/1865

OJ L 242 29.09.2023, p. 0252

## 2021 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the European Banking Authority (EBA) for the financial year 2021 and to approve the closure of the accounts for that year.

Noting that the Court of Auditors has stated that it has obtained reasonable assurance that the Authority's annual accounts for the financial year 2021 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted, by 556 votes to 40, 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 contained in the <u>resolution</u> on the performance, financial management and control of EU agencies.

Authoritys financial statements

The Authority's final budget for the financial year 2021 was EUR 49 132 610.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament noted with satisfaction that the budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2021 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 98.51 %, representing a decrease of 0.66 % compared to 2020. The rate of execution of payment appropriations was 83.99 % representing a decrease of 6.37 % compared to 2020.

## Other observations

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

In particular, it noted that:

- the Authority executed 91 % of its work programme, which included 21 % of additional tasks not initially foreseen in the planning;
- in 2021, the Authority underwent meaningful organisational changes to reflect the shifting priorities of its mandate and work programme. The reorganisation saw the creation of new units to reflect the growing importance of topics such as digital finance, environmental, social and governance reporting and transparency, and anti-money laundering;
- on 31 December 2021, the establishment plan was 94.44 % implemented, with 153 temporary agents appointed out of 162 temporary agent posts authorised under the Union budget (compared to 145 authorised posts in 2020);
- the Authority completed three procurement procedures above the directive threshold and four calls for tenders in the form of negotiated procedures above EUR 15 000;
- the Authority fully adopted and implemented e-procurement procedures;
- more systematic rules on transparency, incompatibilities, conflict of interests, illegal lobbying and revolving doors should be put in place. The Authority should also strengthen its internal control mechanisms, including the setting up of an internal anticorruption mechanism;
- internal control weaknesses were reported affecting recruitment procedures;
- the digitalisation of procedures should be accelerated.