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Basic information		
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2022 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 SARVAMAA Petri	14/06/2023
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Key events			
28/06/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2023)0391	
12/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/03/2024	Vote in committee		

13/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0112/2024	
10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0240/2024	Summary

Technical information

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Non-legislative basic document		COM(2023)0391	28/06/2023	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N9-0096/2023 OJ C 000 27.10.2023, p. 0000	26/10/2023	CofA	
Committee draft report		PE753.542	15/01/2024	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE756.201	24/01/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.248	12/02/2024	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		06180/2024	12/03/2024	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0112/2024	13/03/2024	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0240/2024	11/04/2024	EP	Summary

2022 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) for the financial year 2022 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 assurance that the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2022 are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular, Parliament adopted by 470 votes to 123, with 3 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:

Agency's financial statements

The final budget of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the financial year 2022 was EUR 25 857 952, representing an increase of 4.01 % compared to 2021.

Budget and financial management

Budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2022 resulted in a budget implementation rate of current year commitment appropriations of 1000 % (same as in 2021). The current year payment appropriations execution rate was 73.59 %, representing a slight increase of 2.64 % compared to 2021.

Parliament noted with concern that, according to the Courts report, the Agency carried over EUR 6.4 million (26 %) of available commitment appropriations from 2022 to 2023, of which EUR 5.9 million representing appropriations related to operational expenditure (74 % in 2021). The high levels of carry overs is a recurring issue for the Agency that has been observed by the Court for several financial years in a row. Parliament noted the Courts renewed opinion that a high level of carry overs contradicts the budgetary principle of annuality and is indicative of structural issues in the budget process and implementation cycle.

Other observations

Parliament made a series of observations regarding performance, staff policy and internal controls.

In particular, it noted that:

- the Agency had a high rate of achievement against its key performance indicators in 2022, maintaining a high level of stakeholders satisfaction in relation to the Agency's events and the relevance, usefulness and reliability of the Agency's output, and contributing to a high level of understanding of fundamental rights and trends;
- the Agency has swiftly taken measures to respond to the human rights situation in Ukraine following Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion, through several major actions;
- regarding the monitoring of fundamental rights and rule of law situation in Hungary, the Agency decided to collaborate with and rely on the information of the National University of Public Service and the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, even though both institutions have a track record of supporting the deterioration of fundamental rights in Hungary;
- on 31 December 2022, the establishment plan was 94 % executed with 68 temporary agents appointed out of 72 authorised under the Union budget (the same number of authorised posts as in 2021);
- in 2022, the Agency continued to automate and streamline HR processes in order to achieve further efficiencies;
- efforts were made to increase the Agency's public visibility and online presence.