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Basic information		
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2022 discharge: Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (CAJU)		
Subject 8.70.03.12 2022 discharge		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	 WIEZIK Michal	23/05/2023
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 WINZIG Angelika	
		 CREU Corina	
		 THOLLET François	
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		 CZARNECKI Ryszard	
		 OMARJEE Younous	
		Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion
 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
 Transport and Tourism			10/10/2023
		 GHEORGHE Vlad	
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner HAHN Johannes	

Key events			
28/06/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2023)0391	

12/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/02/2024	Vote in committee		
12/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0087/2024	
10/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0272/2024	Summary

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2023)0391	28/06/2023	EC	
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N9-0085/2023 OJ C 000 16.11.2023, p. 0000	14/11/2023	CofA	
Committee draft report		PE753.485	14/12/2023	EP	
Committee opinion	TRAN	PE753.748	23/01/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE757.340	31/01/2024	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		06182/2024	12/03/2024	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0087/2024	12/03/2024	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0272/2024	11/04/2024	EP	Summary

2022 discharge: Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (CAJU)

The European Parliament decided to grant discharge to the Executive Director of the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2022 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 2022 present fairly the financial situation of the Joint Undertaking on 31 December 2022 and the results of its operations, Parliament adopted, by 510 votes to 52 with 23 abstentions, a resolution containing a series of observations which form an integral part of the discharge decision.

Budgetary and financial management

Parliament commended the launch of the Clean Aviation programme in 2022 and the role of the Joint Undertaking in developing innovative technologies to reduce aircraft emissions and noise.

The Joint Undertakings final available budget for 2022 (including re-entered unused appropriations of previous years, assigned revenues, and reallocations to the next year) comprised commitment appropriations of EUR 411.2 million (compared to EUR 182.6 million in 2021) and payment appropriations of EUR 415.3 million (compared to EUR 189.9 million in 2021).

Regarding the Horizon 2020 programme, at the end of 2022, the Joint Undertaking had fully committed EUR 1 716 million of the maximum Union operational contribution for signed grant agreements under the programme and that of this committed amount, around EUR 70.1 million (or 4.1 %) remains to be paid in the coming years for projects yet to be completed.

The private members had legally committed to provide in-kind contributions to the Joint Undertakings operational activities of EUR 968.3 million, and in-kind contributions to additional activities of EUR 1 223.1 million or 101.6 % of the minimum target of EUR 2 154.9 million. These committed amounts were fully reported at the end of 2022.

Parliament noted that for a considerable number of ongoing Horizon 2020 projects, the technical activities were delayed or reduced due to COVID-19 and the war of aggression against Ukraine, and that, therefore, these projects had to be amended or prolonged and final payments postponed to 2023.

Other comments

The resolution also contains a series of observations on management and control, procurement and staff.

In particular, it noted the following:

- the first open call for proposals by the Joint Undertaking, resulting in 19 grant agreements by year-end, totalling EUR 654 million around three core thrusts: Hybrid Electric Regional aircraft, Hydrogen-powered aircraft and Ultra-Efficient Short and Medium Range aircraft; the call for proposals comprised 14 topics covering 13 Innovation Actions and one Coordination Support Action; in total 244 participants were selected across 24 different countries;
- the 20 projects to steer aviation towards a sustainable future; the call for proposals has brought together a wide array of public and private partners, research centres and academia to find impactful solutions that can deliver sustainable aircraft and, climate-neutral aviation future, supported by a budget of EUR 654 million in Union grant funding;
- the establishment plan for 2022 contained a total of 44 statutory staff (temporary agents, contract agents and seconded national experts) with 40 posts filled at the end of the 2022;
- for Horizon 2020 expenditure (clearings and final payments), the Joint Undertaking reported a representative error rate of 1.6 % and a residual error rate of 0.4 %;
- at the end of 2022, the Joint Undertaking had developed and implemented a complete risk-based approach to ex-ante controls;
- the beneficiary and/or project structure of the Joint Undertaking is changing significantly under the Horizon Europe programme: the risk factors identified in previous programmes may no longer be relevant and new risk factors may emerge;
- it is necessary to expand and foster integration of climate-neutral aviation research and innovation value chains, including academia, research organisations, industry and SMEs, exploiting synergies with national and European programmes, while facilitating the uptake of industry-related skills across the value chain.