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Discharge 2014 : Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

1. European Parliament decision of 28 April 2016 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014 (2015/2185(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014, together with the Agency's reply¹,
- having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2016 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2014 (05584/2016 – C8-0083/2016),
- having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 1(2) thereof,

¹ OJ C 409, 19.12.2015, p. 299.

² OJ C 409, 19.12.2015, p. 299.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

- having regard to Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2008 establishing Statutes for the Euratom Supply Agency¹, and in particular Article 8(9) of the Annex thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0110/2016),
1. Grants the Director-General of the Euratom Supply Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2014;
 2. Sets out its observations in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision, and the resolution forming an integral part of it, to the Director-General of the Euratom Supply Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

¹ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

2. European Parliament decision of 28 April 2016 on the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014 (2015/2185(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014, together with the Agency's reply¹,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance² as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2014, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 12 February 2016 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2014 (05584/2016 – C8-0083/2016),
 - having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002³, and in particular Article 1(2) thereof,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2008 establishing Statutes for the Euratom Supply Agency⁴, and in particular Article 8(9) of the Annex thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0110/2016),
1. Notes that the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency are as annexed to the Court of Auditors' report;
 2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014;

¹ OJ C 409, 19.12.2015, p. 299.

² OJ C 409, 19.12.2015, p. 299.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director-General of the Euratom Supply Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

3. European Parliament resolution of 28 April 2016 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014 (2015/2185(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2014,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0110/2016),
- A. whereas, according to its financial statements, the final budget of the Euratom Supply Agency (the “Agency”) for the financial year 2014 was EUR 104 000, representing the same amount as in 2013;
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors (the “Court”), in its report on the Agency’s annual accounts for the financial year 2014 (the “Court's report”), stated that it had obtained reasonable assurances that those annual accounts were reliable and that the underlying transactions were legal and regular;

Budget and financial management

1. Notes that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2014 resulted in a commitment appropriations execution rate of 91,08 %, representing a decrease of 3,92 % compared to 2013; ascertains that the payment appropriation execution rate was 81,13 %, representing an increase of 21,91 % compared to 2013;

Other comments

2. Takes note of the fact that the Agency has provided in its annual accounts estimations of the administrative services paid directly from the Commission’s budget;
3. States that the annual reports of the Union institutions and agencies could play an important role in compliance regarding transparency, accountability and integrity; calls for the Union institutions and agencies to include a standard chapter on those components in their annual reports;
4. Acknowledges that the Agency has an appropriate risk management and control strategy in place; notes, furthermore, that the Agency has taken all necessary actions on risk assessment and risk mitigation to align its internal control system with the Court's requirements;

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5. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of 28 April 2016¹ on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies.

¹ Texts adopted of that date, P8_TA-PROV(2016)0159.