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Discharge 2016: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

1. European Parliament decision of 18 April 2018 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016 (2017/2168(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016, 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 2016, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 20 February 2018 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2016 (05941/2018 – C8-0078/2018),
- 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 of the

¹ OJ C 417, 6.12.2017, p. 207.

² OJ C 417, 6.12.2017, p. 207.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

Annex thereto,

- having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0102/2018),
- 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 2016;
- 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).

2. European Parliament decision of 18 April 2018 on the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016 (2017/2168(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016, 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 2016, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 20 February 2018 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2016 (05941/2018 – C8-0078/2018),
 - 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 of the Annex thereto,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0102/2018),
1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 2016;
 2. 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).

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³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 41, 15.2.2008, p. 15.

3. European Parliament resolution of 18 April 2018 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 2016 (2017/2168(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 2016,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A8-0102/2018),
- A. whereas, according to its financial statements, the final budget of the Euratom Supply Agency (the ‘Agency’) for the financial year 2016 remained stable at EUR 125 000; whereas EUR 119 000 (95,2 %) of the budget of the Agency derives from the Union budget and EUR 6 000 (4,8 %) from its own revenues (bank interest on the paid-up capital);
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors (the ‘Court’), in its report on the Agency’s annual accounts for the financial year 2016 (the ‘Court's report’), states that it has obtained reasonable assurances that the Agency’s annual accounts are reliable and that the underlying transactions are legal and regular;

Budget and financial management

1. Notes that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2016 resulted in a commitment appropriations execution rate of 94,34 %, representing a decrease of 4,58 % compared to 2015; notes that the payment appropriation execution rate was 86,12 %, representing an increase of 23,26 % compared to 2015;

Staff policy

2. Notes that the Agency had 17 staff at the end of 2016, all being Commission officials;

Other comments

3. Notes that the Agency processed 344 transactions in 2016, including contracts, amendments and notifications in order to ensure the security of supply of nuclear materials;
4. Notes that in May 2016 the Agency Advisory Committee gave a positive opinion on a draft proposal for its updated Rules¹, in order to bring them up-to-date with current market practices; notes that, before entering into force, the proposed Rules must be approved by the Commission; notes, however, that the approval process was not finalised at the beginning of 2017;

¹ Rules of the Supply Agency of the European Atomic Energy Community of 5 May 1960 determining the manner in which demand is to be balanced against the supply of ores, source materials and special fissile materials (OJ P 32, 11.5.1960 p. 777)

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5. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of 18 April 2018¹ on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies.

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA-PROV(2018)0133.