

**RESOLUTION (EU, Euratom) 2019/1513 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
of 26 March 2019**

**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 2017**

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 2017,
 - 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 (A8-0132/2019),
- A. whereas, according to its financial statements of revenue and expenditure, the final budget of the Euratom Supply Agency (the 'Agency') for the financial year 2017 was EUR 123 000, representing a slight decrease of 1,6 % compared to 2016; whereas the entire budget of the Agency derives from the Union budget;
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors (the 'Court'), in its report on the Agency's annual accounts for the financial year 2017 (the 'Court's report'), has stated 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 with satisfaction that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2017 resulted in a commitment appropriations execution rate of 98,88 %, representing an increase of 4,54 % compared to 2016; notes with concern, however, that the payment appropriation execution rate was 74,64 %, representing a decrease of 11,48 % compared to 2016;

Cancellation of carryovers

2. Welcomes the fact that the cancellation of carryovers from 2016 to 2017 amounted to EUR 148,09 representing 1,44 % of the total amount carried over, and a decrease of 2,07 % in comparison to 2016;

Performance

3. Notes from the Agency that in 2017 it processed 320 transactions, including contracts, amendments and notifications, and continued to take responsibility for the Union common nuclear supply policy in line with its statutory mandate, in order to ensure the security of the supply of nuclear materials; acknowledges the Agency's continuing efforts on the diversification of sources of supply;

Staff policy

4. Notes that the Agency had 17 staff at the end of 2017, all being Commission Officials, out of 25 authorised by the establishment plan, the same as in 2016;

Other comments

5. Notes that the United Kingdom (UK) submitted its intention to withdraw from the Union, including Euratom; notes that from the withdrawal date, the UK will have sole responsibility for ensuring compliance with its international obligations arising from its membership in the International Atomic Energy Agency and from various international treaties and conventions to which it is a party; observes in particular that the UK must establish its own nuclear safeguards regime and negotiate bilateral nuclear cooperation agreements with the various nations now covered by Euratom agreements; calls on the Agency to remain aware and up-to-date of the situation and report to the discharge authority of any developments in that regard;
6. Refers, for other observations of a cross-cutting nature accompanying its decision on discharge, to its resolution of 26 March 2019 ⁽¹⁾ on the performance, financial management and control of the agencies.

⁽¹⁾ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2019)0254. See page 361 of this Official Journal.