DECISION (EU, EURATOM) 2021/1620 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 28 April 2021

on the closure of the accounts of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2019

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2019,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2019, together with the agencies' replies ([1]),

— having regard to the statement of assurance ([2]) 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 2019, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the Council's recommendation of 1 March 2021 on discharge to be given to the Agency in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2019 (05793/2021 – C9-0066/2021),

— having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ([3]), and in particular Article 70 thereof,

— having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency and amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ([4]), and in particular Article 36 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/473 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the European Fisheries Control Agency ([5]), and in particular Article 45 thereof,

— having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([6]), and in particular Article 105 thereof,

— having regard to Articles 32 and 47 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([7]),

— having regard to Rule 100 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Fisheries,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A9-0092/2021),

([1]) OJ C 351, 21.10.2020, p. 7. ECA annual report on EU agencies for the 2019 financial year: https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/AGENCIES_2019/agencies_2019_EN.pdf.
([2]) OJ C 351, 21.10.2020, p. 7. ECA annual report on EU agencies for the 2019 financial year: https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/AGENCIES_2019/agencies_2019_EN.pdf.
([3]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 83, 25.3.2019, p. 18.
([6]) OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1.
([7]) OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Fisheries Control Agency for the financial year 2019;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Fisheries Control 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).

The President
David Maria SASSOLI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE