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The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) is a service of the Commission, not an EU decentralised agency. HERA is fully integrated into the Commission's administrative, financial and governance framework.

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) systematically audits HERA's budget and financial transactions as part of its audits of the Commission.

The implementation of HERA's budget is subject to the same budgetary control procedures as the other Commission services, with ensured political accountability. HERA mobilises funds under various programmes, with budgets set by the budgetary authority. For 2022-2027, HERA draws its budget from the EU budget with a budget initially estimated at EUR 6 billion¹ and subsequently adjusted downwards by the budgetary authority as part of the mid-term revision of the current multi-annual financial framework².

¹ See COM(2021) 576 of 16.09.2021.

² See Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/765 of 29 February 2024 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027.