Amending budget 8/2008: European Economic and Social Committee EESC, adjustments of pay and pensions expenditure

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On 6 October 2008, the Commission forwarded to the Council preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) No 9/2008.

This PDAB concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and relates to two technical adjustments concerning salaries and pensions, resulting in:

- a reduction in expenditure on remuneration and pensions of approximately 0.8 %, due to the difference between the 2.2 % estimated increase and the 1.4 % actual increase;

- an increase in expenditure on remuneration and pensions of approximately 0.2 %, due to the one-off backdated payment of 0.4 % for the last six months of 2007.

The impact of these adjustments on the budget will be **EUR 318 262** in expenditure (approximate 0.6 % reduction in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations for remuneration) and **EUR 48 265** in revenue (corresponding reduction in the contribution to the pension scheme), resulting in **a net reduction of EUR 269 997 in the EESC's budget for 2008**.

On 18 November 2008, the Council established draft amending budget No 8 (and not 9) for 2008, as proposed by the Commission in its PDAB No 9 as set out in the technical annex to this statement of reasons (see Council doc *15765/08* ADD 1).

It should be noted that the preliminary draft budget No 9/2008 becomes the draft amending budget No 8 /2008 after 1st reading in the Council.