2009 budget: other sections

2008/2026B(BUD) - 18/12/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: final adoption of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2009/165/EC, Euratom.

CONTENT: the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009 has been finally adopted in accordance with the budgetary procedure ended on 18 December 2008. The Union's budget is therefore adopted in accordance with the priorities set out by the budgetary authority and the vote in Parliament's second reading (please see the summary of Parliament's resolution of 18.12.2008).

The 2009 budget is the second one to be issued under the 2007-2013 multiannual financial framework which covers the period until 2013.

In 2009, the biggest share of the EU budget – 45% or EUR 60 billion - will go to research, innovation, employment and regional development programmes, combining short and longer-term measures to help Europe **respond to the current economic crisis as quickly and effectively as possible**.

The heading 'Administration' which includes the expenditure of all the EU institutions, represents around 5.8% of the total EU budget (**EUR 7.7 billion** in commitments and payments).

In terms of that expenditure, the budget of the other institutions:

- European Parliament
- Council
- Court of Justice
- Court of Auditors
- European Economic and Social Committee
- Committee of the Regions
- European Ombudsman
- European Data Protection Supervisor

represents 37.1% of the total budget (or **EUR 2 577 189 874**).