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PURPOSE : to present the revenue and expenditure accounts and the balance sheet concerning the activities of the budget for the financial year 2002 : Section IV - Court of Justice. CONTENT : this document sets out the amount of revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the other institutions (except the Commission) for the financial year 2002. It analyses in particular the rise in the Court's expenditure from 2001 (increase of 2.6%). The Court's 2002 budget was EUR 145.626.626 committed to a total of 99,12%. It is marked by the following elements: 1) costs associated with missions brought about an increase of 25,8% compared to 2001. An increase of 130% was noted in comparison with 2001 concerning the expenses of receptions. The Court states that the increase related to the enlargement preparations. In addition, the Court's 50 year celebrations caused an increase in its budget; 2) inter-institutional co-operation saw an increase of 5,3% compared to 2001 due to the training of jurists and linguists from the accession countries; 3) building expenditure which, on the other hand, has been reduced by approximately 15%; 4) expenditure relating to title 3 of the Court's budget which shows an increase from EUR 6.510 in 2001 to EUR 29.181 in 2002 to cover the lawyers fees in the context of free legal aid.