Basic information

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Expiry of the ECSC Treaty: financial activities **Subject** 8.30 Treaties in general	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	GIANSILY Jean-Antoine (UPE)	24/11/1997

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	LULLING Astrid (PPE)	16/12/1997
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	GRAENITZ Ilona (PSE)	22/01/1998
CONT Budgetary Control	BLAK Freddy (PSE)	22/04/1998

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2115	1998-07-20
Industry	2043	1997-11-13

Key events

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08/10/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1997)0506	Summary
06/11/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/11/1997	Debate in Council		
20/07/1998	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
22/09/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
22/09/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0330/1998	

20/10/1998	Debate in Parliament		
22/10/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0330/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0004	22/09/1998	
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European Commission

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1997/2238(COS) - 08/10/1997 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: this communication seeks to define the arrangements for the succession of the ECSC and to identify the designation of the assets of this body in the light of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty in 2002. SUBSTANCE: Following an in-depth analysis, the Commission considers that the scenario chosen should make it possible to reconcile the actual need in terms of ECSC budget aid between now and 2002 and to respect the technical constraints connected with the performance guarantee for all ECSC budget and financial operations outstanding at that date. The scenario chosen has the following elements: 1) the assets of the ECSC (i.e. about ECU 1.3 billion in 2002, plus or minus the amounts generated in relation to ongoing business) in liquidation following expiry of the Treaty should revert to the Communities remaining, 2) administration of these assets (servicing of loans and borrowings and management of the reserves and possible debts) should be entrusted to the Communities remaining (represented by the Commission) and not by the Member States as would normally be the case, 3) all the net revenue (around ECU 40 million a year) from the management of the ECSC assets would constitute earmarked revenue under the general budget for financing research outside the framework programme, to be managed by the Commission and directed at sectors related to the coal and steel industries: - this mechanism would be set up for an indefinite period with the possibility of a revision (review of the situation accompanied by any appropriate proposals) which could be timed to

coincide with the end of the sixth framework research programme, - research activities would carry on from the ECSC-funded programmes, with due allowance for the desire to open them up to other sectors as expressed in the Amsterdam European Council's resolution on growth and employment, - the procedures and implementation arrangements should be based broadly on the approach which has proved successful in the past, namely: . adoption of multiannual guidelines (every 5 years) by the Commission for new actions and publication of calls for proposals on the basis of these guidelines, . appraisal and selection of these proposals after consultation of two committees (steel research committee and coal research committee) made up of experts appointed by the Commission, . implementation by the Commission through the committees of experts bringing together the various sectors concerned (including representatives of the SMEs).

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1997/2238(COS) - 22/10/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Jean-Antoine Giansily on the expiry of the ECSC Treaty, Parliament approves the Commission's general guidelines with regard to allocation of total assets of the ECSC to the remaining Communities, subject to specific consultation of Parliament at the appropriate time. Parliament also reaffirms its position that the ECSC reserves will constitute the capital of the future European Coal and Steel Foundation/Agency and calls on the Commission to submit proposals in this regard. It also falls for a major part of funds from ECSC assets to be devoted to research and development in the coal and steel sectors and for improved dissemination of the results of this research to SMEs.