Basic information

1998/2175(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
1999 budget: other sections **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	VIOLA Vincenzo (PPE)	19/01/1998

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	VIOLA Vincenzo (PPE)	19/01/1998
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Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	JANSSEN VAN RAAY James L. (UPE)	25/02/1998
PECH Fisheries		
PETI Petitions	SCHMIDBAUER Barbara (PSE)	05/02/1998

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2136	1998-11-23
Budget	2138	1998-11-24
Budget	2150	1998-12-08

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/03/1998	Vote in committee		
01/04/1998	Debate in Parliament		
30/05/1998	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(1998)0800	Summary
09/09/1998	Council draft budget published	10544/1998	Summary
09/09/1998	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
13/10/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
13/10/1998	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A4-0361/1998	
20/10/1998	Debate in Parliament		
23/11/1998	Debate in Council		
24/11/1998	Amended budget adopted by Council		
24/11/1998	Debate/examination by Council scheduled	13403/1998	Summary
08/12/1998	Debate in Council		
08/12/1998	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
08/12/1998	Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0500/1998	
14/12/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
15/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
17/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/02/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/2175(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 177 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 203 ECSC Treaty C 078
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/10653 BUDG/4/09891

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A4-0361/1998 OJ C 341 09.11.1998, p. 0002	13/10/1998	

Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0500/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0006	08/12/1998	
Final budget adopted by Parliament		T4-0749/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0193-0212	17/12/1998	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council draft budget	10544/1998	09/09/1998	Summary
Council amended draft budget	13403/1998	24/11/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission preliminary draft budget	SEC(1998)0800	30/05/1998	Summary

Final act
Budget 1999/0105 OJ L 039 12.02.1999, p. 0001

1999 budget: other sections

1998/2175(BUD) - 30/05/1998 - Commission preliminary draft budget

OBJECTIVE: To submit the preliminary draft budget of the Communities for the 1999 financial year - other sections. SUBSTANCE: There is a ceiling of EUR 4435 m on administrative and human resources expenditure in the projected budget for 1999 - a very slight increase on the 1998 budget (1.88%). As regards human resources, the Commission asks only for the last batch of 110 posts for officials in connection with the last enlargement. The PDB stresses the extreme strictness with which the Commission has made its choices regarding staffing, making every effort to link resources to the degree of political priority of the operations for which the staff have been requested. In this connection the main priorities for allocating resources are the impact of the accession negotiations, consolidation of the internal market, restructuring of the external relations DGs, WTO dispute settlement, strengthening of DG XXIV and development of 'third-pillar' activities following the Amsterdam Treaty (communitisation of Schengen). Operating appropriations are increased by a moderate amount (+1.3%) on 1998, the absolute figure being EUR 2407 m excluding pensions. Pensions for all the institutions increase by 6.7%. Operating expenditure (buildings etc) has been reduced by 2% thanks to the renegotiation of leases, investment in 1997 and the reduction of voice telephony tariffs.¿

1999 budget: other sections

1998/2175(BUD) - 22/10/1998 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

Adopting the report by Mr Vicenzo (EPP, I), Parliament approved the Community's 'other Institutions' budget. These are rigorous budgets for each of the Institutions concerned but which take account of some inevitable changes such as the increase in staff, expenditure on pensions and the increase in the Ombudsman's activities. The Institutions' total administrative expenditure is EUR 4 bn 710 m. Parliament's budget is EUR 927.25 m (up 1.7%). In this context, a new chapter of expenditure covers parliamentary assistants and priority is given to information technology and the European elections in June 1999 (EUR 17 m, a figure which corresponds to the average increase in expenditure in relation to other election years). With regard to the controversial question of Members' travel expenses, Parliament has decided to abide by its Bureau's decision of 19 October 1998. With regard to staffing, 10 new temporary posts will be created, five of them in the areas concerned with enlargement. EUR 2.95 m will be earmarked for information technology and telecommunications. With regard to the Ombudsman, Parliament advocates that temporary post be converted to permanent posts. It approves the creation of additional posts for the Court of Justice. With regard to the Court of Auditors, it approves funding over five years for extending the Court of Auditors' building. With regard to the Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions, the Amsterdam Treaty will abolish their common organisational structure and these two Institutions will have to manage their own budgets. The ESC and the Committee of the Regions will occupy the Belliard I and Belliard II buildings.

1999 budget: other sections

1998/2175(BUD) - 17/12/1998 - Final budget adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted the Community's "other sections" budget at second reading. This budget also meets the criterion of a rigorous budget demanded of the Community's general budget. It noted with satisfaction that, apart from the amendments made by Parliament to its own budget, and to that of the Ombudsman, for the second time the Council has endorsed Parliament's first reading of the draft budget without amendment. Finally, it again underscored the vital need for Community institutions to take on ownership of the buildings used, since this would entail major savings for future Union budgets.

1999 budget: other sections

1998/2175(BUD) - 24/11/1998 - Council amended draft budget

On 24 November 1998, the Council held its second reading of the draft budget of the Communities for 1999 ('other sections'). In the case of administrative expenditure, the Council did not alter any of Parliament's measures relating to its own section of the budget. Nor did it alter those of the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee or the Committee of the Regions. However, it altered Part A of the section relating to the Commission. It reinstated its draft budget as proposed at first reading, except as regards the amendments relating to lines A-7030 and A-7033 on commitology meetings. As regards the increase of EUR 50 m in the appropriations on line A-7000 (auxiliary staff) following the reduction in expenditure on research, meetings of experts, information and publications ('technical assistance office' expenditure), the Council reinstated the amount it had proposed at first reading. The Council did not accept Parliament's proposal concerning payment of arrears of pension contributions.

1999 budget: other sections

1998/2175(BUD) - 09/09/1998 - Council draft budget

OBJECTIVE: presentation of the 'other sections' of the budget for 1999 as drawn up by the Council. SUBSTANCE: The Council set the total administrative appropriations for all the institutions (including the European Parliament and the Ombudsman) at EUR 4422 m, an increase of EUR 69 m or + 1.58% in relation to the allocations for 1998. The basic principle underlying the draft budget was that it should be subject to the same degree of discipline as that which the Member States were imposing on themselves. The application of this principle resulted in only a limited increase in overall expenditure and a refusal to create jobs except where certain requirements associated with enlargement or the implementation of the Amsterdam Treaty were concerned. More specifically, the Council granted the Commission 110 additional posts in connection with the last enlargement. It also agreed that 71 posts should be created at the Council to integrate the 'Schengen' secretariat and 22 posts (including 17 temporary) for the CFSP Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (UPP). It also accepted the creation of 10 translator posts in the budget of the Court of Justice. The Council carried out a limited regrading/transformation of certain posts at the Council, Commission, Official Publications Office and other Community institutions.