Basic information

1998/2187(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
2000 budget : other sections **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	VIRRANKOSKI Kyösti (ELDR) BOURLANGES Jean-Louis (PPE)	13/10/1998 13/10/1998

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	VIRRANKOSKI Kyösti (ELDR)	28/07/1999
BUDG Budgets	MÜLLER Edith (V)	13/10/1998

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	08/02/1999
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	28/07/1999
PETI Petitions		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2207	1999-10-12
Budget	2223	1999-11-26

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/03/1999	Preparatory budgetary report tabled for plenary	A4-0120/1999	
23/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
28/04/1999	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(1999)0600	Summary
14/09/1999	Council draft budget published	09928/1999	Summary
12/10/1999	Debate in Council		
14/10/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
14/10/1999	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0031/1999	
26/10/1999	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/1999	Decision by Parliament	T5-0077/1999	Summary
26/11/1999	Amended budget adopted by Council		
26/11/1999	Debate/examination by Council scheduled	13476/1999	
07/12/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
07/12/1999	Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0095/1999	
13/12/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
14/12/1999	Debate in Parliament		
16/12/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0179/1999	Summary
16/12/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/02/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/2187(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 177 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 272 ECSC Treaty C 078
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/10857 BUDG/4/10856

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Preparatory budgetary report tabled for plenary		A4-0120/1999 OJ C 177 22.06.1999, p. 0003	17/03/1999	
Parliament's opinion on budgetary estimates/guidelines		T4-0218/1999 OJ C 177 22.06.1999, p. 0012-0044	23/03/1999	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0031/1999 OJ C 154 05.06.2000, p. 0006	14/10/1999	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0077/1999 OJ C 154 05.06.2000, p. 0069-0117	28/10/1999	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0095/1999 OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0018	07/12/1999	
Final budget adopted by Parliament		T5-0179/1999 OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0135-0195	16/12/1999	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council draft budget	09928/1999	14/09/1999	Summary
Amending/supplementary letter on draft budget	11568/1999	29/09/1999	Summary
Council amended draft budget	13476/1999	26/11/1999	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission preliminary draft budget	SEC(1999)0600	28/04/1999	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Budget 2000/0081
OJ L 040 14.02.2000, p. 0001

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 28/10/1999 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted its resolution on the draft general budget of the EU for 2000 - Section I European Parliament - Ombudsman Annex, Section II Council - Section IV Court of Justice - Section V Court of Auditors - Section VI Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions. The Rapporteur was Mr. Kyösti Tapio VIRRANKOSKI (ELDR, SF). It calls on the Secretary-Generals of the Parliament, Court of Auditors,

Court of Justice, Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions to present before 30/06/2000, a medium-term plan of their staff needs. It proposes that all, institutions in Luxembourg, in the context of expanding interinstitutional cooperation in the buildings sector, develop a global and coherent property policy approach. It intends to address more seriously the integration of environmental requirements in the administrations of the institutions and other bodies of the EU and calls on them to consider more carefully the durability of equipment to be purchased and the sustainability of working methods within the institutions and other bodies of the Community. The following cover the main amendments relating to the individual institutions/bodies: 1) European Parliament: creation of a number of posts relating to Parliament's premises and buildings, audiovisual service, Quaestors (fulltime contracts for secretaries), legal service, and regional information offices; 2) Court of Justice: the EP points out that the Court had requested 104 posts, many of them for the translation directorate, and that the Council authorised 4A, 30 LA, 7B and 4C posts. The EP's amendment seeks to create a further 2 A7, 1 B5 and 1 C5 posts; 3) Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: the Parliament has decided, by means of an amendment, to split up the Joint Organisational Structure in line with the abolition of Protocol 16 of the Amsterdam Treaty; it has therefore amended the nomenclature, with Section VI now covering the ESC and a new Section VII the CoR. It has decided, by means of amendment, to allow for the creation of 2 temporary posts to monitor the refitting works at the Belliard buildings; it has decided, by means of amendments, to create 2 temporary A7 posts, 2 temporary B5 posts and 1 temporary C5 post at the CoR in order to help the political groups to cope with their increased workload. It has amended the establishment plan of the CoR to make the post of Secretary-General temporary in future, which is in line with the CoR's amended Rules of Procedure. The Parliament expressed its commitment to establishing a Statute for the Members of the European Parliament as soon as possible and called upon the Council and the Member States to reopen the discussion with Parliament towards this end.

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 29/09/1999 - Amending/supplementary letter on draft budget

PURPOSE : to present a draft letter of amendment on budgetary provisions for the 2000 fiscal year (section II - the Council). CONTENTS : the Council's draft letter of amendment for the 2000 fiscal year is presented in order to deal with the supplementary needs that will ensue following the taking up of the post of Secretary General/High Representative (CFSP). In fact, at the time that the draft budget was drawn up and the amending and supplementary budget (ASB) 2/99 was approved by the Council, account was taken of the main budgetary needs that would arise from the implementation of the Treaty of Amsterdam (Schengen, UPP, Co-decision, Transparency, appointment of a Secretary General/High Representative, of a Deputy Secretary General and the establishment of their cabinets). However, because the appointments were only made on 04.06.1999, the exceptional and specific needs of the Secretary General/High Representative were not known and have only recently been formulated. The expenditure concerned : - the conversion of 3 A5 temporary posts to A3 posts for the new Planning and Rapid Alert Unit; - the putting in place of highly qualified bodyguards (8 guards plus a Team Leader) for the close protection of the High Representative; - the High Representative's mission expenses (which include flight and air-taxi trips); - the leasing of an armoured car. The total credits registered in this amending letter amounts to 1.147.000 euros.

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 28/04/1999 - Commission preliminary draft budget

PURPOSE: presentation of the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2000 (other sections). Given the limited margin of manoeuvre available for administrative expenditure under the ceilings agreed at the Berlin European Council, the Commission has decided not to ask for any new posts (including for the Fraud Prevention Office). It will be for the new Commission to make any additional requests if the negotiations finally result in a more generous financial framework in this area. For this heading, the amounts are limited to those fixed in the context of the financial perspectives : 4,638 million euros (2,491.2 million euros for the Commission). To comply with the ceiling laid down, the rate of increase for administrative appropriations has had to be confined to the absolute minimum necessary.

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 14/09/1999 - Council draft budget

The draft budget drawn up by the Council for administrative expenditure and the other Community institutions amounts to 4.664 billion euros for all the institutions (of which 1.635 billion euros for the other institutions, including the European Parliament and the Ombudsman). The margin provided by the Council's draft budget is 157 million euros and represents an increase of 3.6% in comparison with 1999. The draft budget covers the needs for new posts of all the institutions (including the Commission), it being understood that the possible new Statute for Members of the European Parliament should be financed in part from this allocation. In particular, it provides for 63 additional permanent posts for the Council (12), the Court of Justice (45) and the ESC/CoR (6). As far as the Commission is concerned, the request for new posts will be the subject of letters of amendment to the preliminary draft budget (see BUD982186). The Council refers to the difficulties encountered by the other institutions to not exceed the 1.9% increase allowed for by the Commission for current operating expenditure that result from the need to cover expenses linked to the imperative adaptation of salaries of their officials such as provided for in the existing provisions of the Statute. As a consequence, the Council asked the Commission to propose a text seeking to revise the Statute of officials with respect to the system of remunerations. This modification would also include a chapter dealing with the reform of the pensions system with a view to including savings measures. The Council has applied the principle of budgetary rigour to the budgets of the other institutions and applied the following principles for the drawing up of its draft budget: 1) limited growth in expenses with an unavoidable exception (entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty, renewal of the mandate of the members of certain institutions); 2) limited creating of posts which would be focused on certain sectors following maximum redeployment; 3) refusal to convert or regrade in the name of careers policy; 4) keeping the standard rate of abatement at its current level. In the Council's draft budget, the creation of posts was offset as far as possible by a reduction in C posts in favour of A posts. Lastly, measures were taken to give certain tasks to external organisations and with a view to changing certain contracts of external advisers in temporary posts. As far as the OLAF (Community Anti-Fraud Office) is concerned, the Council decided to provide for the necessary staff via redeployment within part A of the budget on headings 1, 2, 5 and 7 of the Union's budget.

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 23/03/1999 - Parliament's opinion on budgetary estimates/guidelines

The Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Ms. Edith MÜLLER (D, Greens) concerning the budgets of Institutions other than the Commission. The resolution includes a call on Council to approve a common statute for MEPs and MEPs' assistants.

2000 budget : other sections

1998/2187(BUD) - 16/12/1999 - Final budget adopted by Parliament

In adopting the report by Mr Kyösti VIRRANKOSKI (ELDR, Fin), the European Parliament approved in its second reading the 2000 budget of the other institutions. The Parliament instructs the Secretary-General to adjust the new staff promotion policy to take account of the shortcomings noticed so far, in particular concerning promotion possibilities for the lowest grades in each category. It also considers that the new mobility policy for staff in the A grades is in principle a useful means of making Parliament's Secretariat more dynamic, but stresses that unless professional training in specialised areas such as the environment, transport and agriculture is stepped up, there will be huge loss of human capital. Therefore, it instructs the Secretary-General to submit a report by 31 March 2000 proposing the action intended to overcome this loss of human capital in the short and medium term. In addition, the Parliament emphatically underscores that the policy on mobility, promotion and assessment must form a coherent whole and insists that promotions, in particular of A1 and A2 grades, must be based strictly on professional performance and on personal and managerial skills. It expects its Secretary-General to submit a report by 31 March 2000 on the coherent implementation of mobility, promotion and assessment policy. Lastly, the Parliament is in favour of the continuation of the agreement between the Ombudsman and the Parliament on administrative, financial and logistic matters.