Basic information

2002/2027(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
2003 budget: interinstitutional conciliation procedure **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	FÄRM Göran (PSE)	10/12/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	TITLEY Gary (PSE)	24/02/2002
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V/ALE)	04/12/2001
PECH Fisheries	FIGUEIREDO Ilda (GUE/NGL)	24/01/2002

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
20/02/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/06/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
19/06/2002	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0247/2002	
02/07/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0348/2002	Summary
02/07/2002	Debate in Parliament		
02/07/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2027(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budgetary preparation
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/5/15886

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0247/2002	19/06/2002	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0348/2002 OJ C 271 12.11.2003, p. 0031-0181 E	02/07/2002	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
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2003 budget: interinstitutional conciliation procedure

2002/2027(BUD) - 02/07/2002 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Goran FARM (PES, Sweden) on the 2003 budget with a view to the conciliation procedure before the Council's first reading. (Please refer to the summary dated 19/06/02.) Parliament reiterated its concern about the limited margin left under heading 4 in respect of the needs appearing over the past years for financing external actions, considering that EUR 400 million have been added to the initial ceiling through the flexibility instrument. Most of the margin left under heading 3 could be consumed only to finance the pilot projects and preparatory actions allowed by paragraph 37 of the IIA, leaving no margin for increasing other programmes. On the question of payments, Parliament stressed that EUR 4.7 billion is left under the overall ceiling of the Financial Perspective. It was concerned that margins left for payments will not allow the improvement of the implementation of common policies nor of a reduction of the RAL. It deplored the fact that the Commission links the problem of RAL with the lowest level of payments after declaring that the PDB for 2003 could exceed the payments ceilings. It went on to urge that the use of new instruments be expanded (performance reserve, activity-based budgeting, assessment of the economic and social impact of projects) and that the application, authorisation and payment procedures be reviewed for unnecessary rigidity. The present situation is not the result of a temporary malfunctioning of the system, but is definitely a structural problem. On agriculture, the Commission was asked to explain the discrepancy in funding for the sheepmeat and goat meat sector: the increase is EUR 1242 million, but the sector is improving after the latest FMD crisis, and the legislative proposal spoke of only a minor increase in funding. Concern was also expressed about other budget lines. On fisheries, international relations should be developed by the financing of fisheries agreements, and adequate funding must be maintained. With respect to the CFSP, Parliament is prepared to make funds available for the Community Police Force in Bosnia, but given the responsibility commitments entered into elsewhere after 11 September, insisted that provision should be made for adequate financial resources. Parliament should also be appropriately involved.