Basic information

2002/2271(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Reform of the budgetary procedure: possible options in view of the revision of the Treaties **Subject** 8.70.40 Basic budgetary texts	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	WYNN Terence (PSE)	12/11/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/01/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/02/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
18/02/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0046/2003	
11/03/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0081/2003	Summary
11/03/2003	Debate in Parliament		
11/03/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2271(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier	BUDG/5/19026

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Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0046/2003	18/02/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0081/2003 OJ C 061 10.03.2004, p. 0027-0143 E	11/03/2003	Summary

Reform of the budgetary procedure: possible options in view of the revision of the Treaties

2002/2271(INI) - 11/03/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Terry WYNN (PES, UK) on reform of the budgetary procedure. (Please refer to the document dated 18/02/03.) On the abolition of the distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure, Parliament recalled that the proportion of total outgoings accounted for by non-compulsory expenditure increased from 8% in the 1970s to 58% in 2008. It stressed that it could only agree to the abrogation of the traditional competencies conferred respectively on the Council in respect of compulsory expenditure and on Parliament in respect of non-compulsory expenditure if the codecision procedure is applied to the budgetary procedure. In accordance with the principle underlying budgetary codecision, the first reading by the Council of the preliminary draft budget drawn up by the Commission is superfluous and should therefore be discontinued. There should be a first reading by Parliament of the draft budget, followed by a single reading by the Council of the draft budget as amended by Parliament, followed by conciliation and a second reading by Parliament. An agreement should be reached - by conciliation - between the two arms of the budgetary authority on both revenue and expenditure, with that agreement being endorsed by Parliament in second reading. With regard to own resources, Parliament recognised the need to reform the current system but felt that this issue should form part of a more global reflection between the two arms of the budgetary authority on the various possible sources of finance for the EU budget. This should take place at the highest political levels, should not give rise to disparities in treatment between the Member States and should take into account national considerations and the different proposals made at Community level. The nature and maximum amount of resources levied should be determined by means of an institutional law.