Basic information

2003/2058(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
Amending budget 1/2003: section VII, Committee of the Regions **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	BUDG Budgets	STENMARCK Per (PPE-DE)	10/12/2001
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Budget		

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/03/2003	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(2003)0423	Summary
16/06/2003	Council draft budget published	10177/2003	Summary
17/06/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
17/06/2003	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0241/2003	
30/06/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/07/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0306/2003	Summary
01/07/2003	Draft budget approved by Council		
01/07/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/07/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/2058(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/19422

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0241/2003	17/06/2003	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0306/2003 OJ C 074 24.03.2004, p. 0023-0047 E	01/07/2003	Summary

Council of the EU

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Council draft budget	10177/2003	16/06/2003	Summary

European Commission

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Commission preliminary draft budget	SEC(2003)0423	31/03/2003	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Budget 2003/0510
OJ L 182 21.07.2003, p. 0001-0008 Summary

Amending budget 1/2003: section VII, Committee of the Regions

2003/2058(BUD) - 01/07/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : final adoption of the amending budget 1/2003 (formerly 2/2003). LEGISLATIVE ACT : 2003/510/EC, Euratom. CONTENT : the European Parliament has adopted the amending budget 1/2003 of the European Union in accordance with its resolution of 1 July 2003 (please refer to the summary of the resolution) in view of amending the Committee of the Region's budget. It should be noted that this amending budget 1/2003 was, at the time of the presentation of the preliminary draft budget and the draft budget of the Council, referred to as amending budget 2/2003.

Amending budget 1/2003: section VII, Committee of the Regions

2003/2058(BUD) - 31/03/2003 - Commission preliminary draft budget

Since 1997 the Committee of the Regions has carried out a number of initiatives aimed at establishing contacts with the local and regional authorities of the applicant countries and launching an exchange of information which, in some cases, has enabled these authorities to be better informed on the consequences of accession and the measures needing to be taken. Following these first meetings, an ad hoc Bureau group, the CoR/CEEC - Cyprus Liaison Group, was set up in May 1998. The group's main task was to meet local and regional elected representatives from the first-wave applicant countries with a view to establishing regular relations between the CoR and these authorities. In parallel, from 2000 onwards, representatives of the regional and local authorities of the applicant countries attended CoR plenary sessions and commission meetings, making use of the financial resources granted by the budget authority (Article 251 of the CoR budget, Meetings expenses of representatives of the applicant countries). In this context the CoR, like the European Parliament, would like to welcome, from July 2003 onwards, 95 observers from the 10 applicant countries which will be joining the EU as full members in 2004. In April 2002, at the time of adopting its 2003 preliminary draft budget, the CoR was unable to include in the draft budget any significant request concerning the possible participation of representatives of the enlargement countries. This was primarily because the timing of the enlargement had not been decided at that stage, and because the European Parliament had not taken any decision as to how it intended to deal with the same question. It has recently become evident that the European Parliament intends to invite representatives of the accession countries to participate as observers in EP activities in 2003, and the Parliament has at its disposal a reserve fund that it can use for this. For the Committee of the Regions, as a political institution, it is essential to follow a similar approach. It is estimated that an extra sum of approximately EUR 350,000 is needed to be provided for in the CoR 2003 budget. The provisions for the participation of the observers in the plenary sessions would have to be found under heading 251 (Meetings expenses of representatives of the applicant countries).

Amending budget 1/2003: section VII, Committee of the Regions

2003/2058(BUD) - 01/07/2003 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Per STENMARCK (EPP-ED, Sweden), deciding not to introduce budgetary amendments and accepting the Council's Draft Amending Budget. (Please refer to the summary of 17/06/03).

Amending budget 1/2003: section VII, Committee of the Regions

2003/2058(BUD) - 16/06/2003 - Council draft budget

On 1 April 2003, the Commission forwarded to the Council preliminary draft amending budget 2/2003 concerning Section VII - Committee of the Regions. The proposal would add EUR 350 000 to the appropriations provided for in Article 251 (meetings expenses of representatives of the applicant countries) of the Committee of the Regions' budget, to be financed by transferring this amount from the balance left over from the financial year 2002. In its letter of 7 May 2003, the Council informed the European Parliament that it did not consider it possible to establish a draft amending budget in this case. Taking note of the European Parliament response in its letter of 28 May 2003 and in the interests of good interinstitutional cooperation and whilst reserving its legal position, the Council nevertheless established a draft amending budget 2/2003 clarifying the purpose of the appropriations entered under Article 251. The Council confirms that the Committee of the Regions may submit a request for a transfer of appropriations for the purpose of redeploying its appropriations, as already suggested by the Council in its letter of 7 May. Lastly, on 16 June 200, the Council established its draft amending budget No 2 for the financial 2003 which merely changes the heading of and remarks on Article 251 (Section VII-Committee of the Regions). It is made clear that under draft amending budget 2/2003, overall expenditure remains unchanged.