Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	BUDG Budgets	ITÄLÄ Ville (PPE-DE)	13/12/2006
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2904	2008-11-18

Key events

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06/10/2008	Commission preliminary draft budget published	COM(2008)0619	Summary
10/11/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
18/11/2008	Council draft budget published	15765/2008	Summary
18/11/2008	Draft budget approved by Council		
19/11/2008	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A6-0453/2008	
20/11/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0554/2008	Summary
20/11/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/11/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
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2008/2287(BUD) - 18/11/2008 - Council draft budget

On 6 October 2008, the Commission forwarded to the Council preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) No 9/2008.

This PDAB concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and relates to two technical adjustments concerning salaries and pensions, resulting in:

- a reduction in expenditure on remuneration and pensions of approximately 0.8 %, due to the difference between the 2.2 % estimated increase and the 1.4 % actual increase;

- an increase in expenditure on remuneration and pensions of approximately 0.2 %, due to the one-off backdated payment of 0.4 % for the last six months of 2007.

The impact of these adjustments on the budget will be **EUR 318 262** in expenditure (approximate 0.6 % reduction in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations for remuneration) and **EUR 48 265** in revenue (corresponding reduction in the contribution to the pension scheme), resulting in **a net reduction of EUR 269 997 in the EESC's budget for 2008**.

On 18 November 2008, the Council established draft amending budget No 8 (and not 9) for 2008, as proposed by the Commission in its PDAB No 9 as set out in the technical annex to this statement of reasons (see Council doc *15765/08* ADD 1).

It should be noted that the preliminary draft budget No 9/2008 becomes the draft amending budget No 8/2008 after 1st reading in the Council.

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2008/2287(BUD) - 06/10/2008 - Commission preliminary draft budget

PURPOSE: to present the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No 9 to the general budget 2008: Section VI – European Economic and Social Committee.

CONTENT: PDAB No 9 for the year 2008 concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and covers the budgetary adjustments resulting from the fact that the increase in salaries and pensions was lower than that used as a basis for drawing up the 2008 preliminary draft.

The Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) for 2008 presented by the EESC was based on an estimate of a 2.2% increase for pay and pensions.

On 17 December 2007 the Council, acting on a Commission proposal, adopted Regulation No 1558/2007 increasing with effect from 1 July 2007 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities by 1%. This is the increase that was applied to pay and pensions in 2007.

However, after the submission of the Commission proposal to the Council, Italy communicated new data concerning the increase in the remuneration of its civil servants with effect from 1 February 2007. Therefore the Commission presented a revised proposal increasing pay and pensions by a further 0.4% with effect from 1 July 2007.

The consequence for 2008 is that appropriations for pay and pensions can be reduced by about 0.6%. This is the result of two technical adjustments:

- the reduction of pay and pensions expenditure by about 0.8% due to the difference between the 2.2% estimated increase and the 1.4% actual increase;
- the increase of pay and pensions expenditure by about 0.2% due to the one-off backdated payment of 0.4% for the last six months of 2007.

Impact on the budget: according to the EESC's estimates, the impact on the budget resulting from the adjustment of salaries will reduce the general budget of the Communities (heading 5 – Administration) by **EUR 318 262**. The effect on pensions is reflected in the Commission's budget and has already been adjusted in amending budget No 3. Only the indirect effect on revenue (contributions to the pension scheme) is contained in this PDAB for the EESC, that is **EUR – 48 265 in revenue for the EESC and EUR – 318 262 in non compulsory expenditure**.

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2008/2287(BUD) - 20/11/2008 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted, by 493 votes to 4 with 17 abstentions, a resolution aiming to approve, without amendment, the draft amending budget No 8/2008 of the European Union.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Ville **ITÄLÄ** (EPP-ED, FI) on behalf of the Committee on Budgets.

Parliament takes note of Preliminary draft amending budget No 8/2008, which reduces the Economic and Social Committee's 2008 costs by some **EUR 318 262** and its revenue by **EUR 48 265** and approves the draft amending budget No 8/2008 unamended.

Parliament states that although the principle of presenting an amending budget updating technical data which served to establish the budget in the first place (with a view to returning funds to the taxpayer) is to be welcomed, in this particular case, the cost of the administrative procedure may unfortunately exceed the actual money to be returned.

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2008/2287(BUD) - 20/11/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: final adoption of amending budget 8/2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2009/8/EC, Euratom.

CONTENT: the European Parliament has definitively adopted the amending budget 8/2007 of the European Union, in accordance with its resolution adopted on 20 November 2008. (Please refer to the summary of the resolution).

This amending budget only concerns the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and relates to two technical adjustments concerning salaries and pensions.

The impact of these adjustments on the budget will be **EUR 318 262** in expenditure (approximate 0.6 % reduction in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations for remuneration) and **EUR 48 265** in revenue (corresponding reduction in the contribution to the pension scheme), resulting in **a net reduction of EUR 269 997** in the EESC's budget for 2008.