Basic information

2009/2002B(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
2010 budget: other sections **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MAŇKA Vladimír (PSE)	14/01/2009

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
INTA International Trade	ŠŤASTNÝ Peter (PPE)	16/07/2009
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	16/07/2009
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	22/07/2009
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	21/07/2009
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PETI Petitions	AUKEN Margrete (Verts /ALE)	02/09/2009

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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2975	2009-11-18

	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2940	2009-05-05
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2955	2009-07-10
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2956	2009-07-13
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2976	2009-11-20

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Budget	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/04/2009	Commission preliminary draft budget published	COM(2009)0300	Summary
05/05/2009	Debate in Council		Summary
20/07/2009	Council draft budget published	11902/2009	Summary
17/09/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/10/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
13/10/2009	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0037/2009	
20/10/2009	Debate in Parliament		
22/10/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0052/2009	Summary
22/10/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/11/2009	Draft budget approved by Council		
17/12/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	BUDG/7/00187

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	INTA	PE427.155	03/09/2009	
Committee draft report		PE428.279	01/10/2009	
Committee opinion	PETI	PE428.132	02/10/2009	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE428.295	02/10/2009	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A7-0037/2009	13/10/2009	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T7-0052/2009	22/10/2009	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council draft budget	11902/2009	20/07/2009	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	11903/2009	20/07/2009	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission preliminary draft budget	COM(2009)0300	29/04/2009	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Corrigendum to final act 32010B0117R(01)
OJ L 078 24.03.2010, p. 0289 Summary

Corrigendum to final act 32010B0117R(02)
OJ L 206 06.08.2010, p. 0021 Summary

Budget 2010/0117
OJ L 064 12.03.2010, p. 0001 Summary

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 20/11/2009

The Council confirmed the **outcome of the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament on 18 November 2009** (see the summary of Council activities of 18 November 2009) and formally established its second reading of the EU's draft general budget for 2010.

For details of the formal content of the second reading please refer to the summary of the Council's amended draft budget – parallel procedure file BUD/2009/2002).

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 17/12/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: definitive adoption of the European Union’s general budget for the financial year 2010.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2010/117/EU, Euratom.

CONTENT: the Union’s budget for the 2010 financial year is definitively adopted in accordance with the budgetary procedure completed on 17 December 2009 (see summary of Parliament’s resolution of 17/12/2009 in the procedural file BUD/2009/2002).

The Union's budget in brief: overall, the 2010 budget amounts to **EUR 141.4 billion** in commitment appropriations, which represents an increase of 3.6% over the 2009 budget, and 1.3% of EU GNI.. A margin of EUR 0.4 billion is left below the expenditure ceiling of the financial framework. Payment appropriations under the 2010 budget amount to **EUR 122.9 billion**, 1.04% of GNI. This amount, which represents an increase of 8.8% compared with 2009, leaves a margin of EUR 11.7 billion under the ceiling for payments.

Economic recovery is, once again, at the heart of 2010’s spending and accounts for the lion’s share of the funds by means of the European Economic Recovery Plan.

Budget of the other institutions: the “administration” heading of the budget covering the expenditures of the Union’s institutions represents some 5.6% of the total EU budget and involves practically **EUR 7.9 billion** (in commitments and payments).

Of these expenditures, the budget for the **other institutions** covers:

- European Parliament,
- Council,
- Court of Justice,
- European Economic and Social Committee,
- Committee of the Regions,
- European Ombudsman,
- European Data Protection Supervisor

representing 37.1% of the total, i.e. **EUR 2 937 432 291**. This amount has increased by 4.7% compared to the 2009 budget.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 22/10/2009 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the other sections of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010 (all except the Commission).

On a general note, Parliament recalls that the EU institutions must establish their budgets in the context of the difficult economic and financial situation facing Europe. The budgets must reflect the efforts to achieve political objectives with as effective a use of resources as possible. It reiterates its conviction that budget requests must be fully cost-based and only reflect real needs to achieve the tasks entrusted to each institution, while making every effort to identify savings, including through better organisation of work, redeployment of existing resources toward priorities and less bureaucracy, in order to make the best possible use of scarce financial resources.

Parliament stresses that any expenditure related specifically to the potential entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon is not included in the proposals. It states that in the event of the treaty entering into force, existing budgetary instruments, such as an amending letter or amending budget, may have to be used if necessary. It recalls that there is still room for improvement and more effective use of budget resources in a number of areas, such as in the area of **inter-institutional cooperation** and in particular in the field oflanguage services could provide some margin for savings. To this end, Parliament decides to introduce a **cross-cutting reserve of 5% for external translation services** and stresses that this amendment is targeted towards all institutions with their own translation departments. It also takes note of the fact that this reserve can thus be released when a concrete proposal for a system of internal translation resource sharing has been presented by the institutions and considered by the budgetary authority.

Parliament believes that the EU budget system must develop in a way that rewards resourcefulness and innovative solutions. It highlights, in this regard, and as an incentive, that efficiency gains and savings that are the result of such measures on the part of the institutions could be used for other priorities they might have. It stresses, however, that unused funds that result simply from slow implementation or unexpected events should as a general rule be returned to the taxpayer.

Section 1 - European Parliament: Parliament underlines the need for the Parliament, as is the case for all institutions, to provide as complete a preliminary budget proposal as possible in the spring and early summer. It points out that the overall level of its budget amounts to 19.87 % of the authorised expenditure under heading 5 (administrative appropriations) of the multi-annual financial framework, i.e. it has been maintained below the self-imposed limit of 20%. It reiterates, however, that this figure does not include any possible adaptations that might become necessary should the Treaty of Lisbon enter into force, particularly in the legislative area, and maintains its position that a considerable margin is essential. It acknowledges that, due to the current limited margin, further savings and redeployment will be required to enable additional requirements to be fulfilled. Parliament considers that a distinction between the Parliament's fixed and variable costs would facilitate decisions on the overall level of its budget and the appropriate follow-up for maintaining a sustainable budget. It also considers that this distinction, the long-term strategies on buildings, communication and information policies as well as a cost-benefit analysis of the various activities of Parliament will enable the construction of a zero-based budget in

the coming years. It considers that this will allow the Parliament's budget to reflect only real needs and will increase its transparency, budget accuracy and efficiency.

Parliament also concentrated on the following issues:

- **New statute for Members' parliamentary assistants**: 2010 is the first year of full application of the new Statute for Members and that this is having a significant impact on its budget. Parliament welcomes the agreement reached at the end of 2008 on the new statute for Members' parliamentary assistants and has included the budgetary provisions for the first full year of application in 2010. It also welcomes the establishment of the Temporary Evaluation Group to examine any practical problems arising from the introduction of the Members' and Assistants' Statutes and looks forward to receiving its conclusions as soon as possible, in any case no later than the Bureau's presentation of the 2011 Estimates. Parliament notes that the additional amounts included compared to 2009 (a year of partial application) can be estimated at some EUR 40 million and, compared to previous years, at some EUR 113 million. However, it considers that these figures, however, should be differentiated into what are effectively unavoidable consequences of a legal and budgetary nature and those for which the actual implementation of the system can make a difference. From a budgetary point of view, Parliament therefore calls for a report on the application of the system for travel reimbursements, based on accurate and objective data, to be presented before 30 June 2010.
- **Human resources**: welcoming the agreement concerning staff resources for the 2010 budget, Parliament authorises the appropriations for 54 new posts (permanent and temporary) and to upgrade a number of administrative positions. Efforts are needed as regards the organisation of Parliament work and the structure of services in order to maximise the results and, from a budgetary point of view, reduce the cost impact. In this respect, it is crucial to optimally balance the distribution of human resources between core legislative activities, direct services to Members and administrative support functions. Parliament also supports the creation of 49 new posts over three years to this end.
- **Legislative work and multilingualism**: recalling that multilingualism has been a crucial feature of the 2010 budget, Parliament welcomes the targeted additional funding for this area. It believes that assuming Parliament's increased legislative responsibilities is an ongoing process and requires full assistance to Members to fulfil their legislative work. It reiterates that attention must now also be turned to the later stages of the legislative procedures and deems it essential that Members have access to correct texts in **all official languages**. It considers it essential that Parliament should examine and vote on final, correct texts in all languages. Parliament is willing to reconsider the system and accessibility of translations of plenary speeches, the so-called verbatim reports.
- **Buildings policy**: once again, Parliament requests that the Bureau should present a coherent and responsible long-term strategy in the area of property and buildings, which also takes into account the particular problem of increasing maintenance costs, renovation needs and security costs. Parliament considers the reply received following the 2009 budget resolution to be insufficient. It reiterates the importance it attaches to security issues, closely linked to its building policy, and considers that an effective and balanced approach is necessary in this area. It underlines in particular the specific character of a parliament and the need for openness and accessibility alongside security. Lastly, Parliament notes that the reason why the Bureau is contemplating acquiring a new building close to its current facilities in Brussels, while reckoning that it no longer needs another one of its buildings for parliamentary work.
- **Communication and information policy**: Parliament welcomes the agreement on financing of European political parties and foundations as well as the final decision by the Bureau on the management model for the new Visitor's Centre. It also takes note of the agreement reached between its Bureau and Committee on Budgets concerning the House of European History and makes available the requested EUR 1.5 million in order to carry out this project. Stressing the importance it attaches to an effective organisation of the many information sources, Parliament suggests the creation of a Directorate for Library and Document Management under its Presidency services.

As regards the other sections of the budget, Parliament sets out the following:

- **Section IV - Court of Justice**: Parliament is not convinced that the Council's cuts on foreseen remunerations and abatement rates are correct given the actual rate of recruitment and staffing level. Therefore, it proposes re-reinstating the PDB on a number of lines. High building costs have also been noted.
- **Section V - Court of Auditors**: Parliament accepts 12 new auditor posts, as a result of increasing demands, particularly from the budget discharge authority. It notes the planned progression of the costs for the K3 building extension and reiterates that, compared to a lease-purchase option, the decision to finance this directly from the budget will keep this project at the lowest level possible for the tax-payer. Parliament proposes to increase a limited number of expenditure items relating to the Court's dissemination of reports.
- **Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee**: Parliament takes a compromise position between the Committee's original requests and the Council's draft budget. It decided to approve the creation of 6 additional posts. Furthermore, it asks the Committee to present a succinct explanation on how the travel reimbursements and allowances are calculated.
- **Section VII - Committee of the Regions**: Parliament regrets the Council's abolition of all 10 additional posts requested for the Committee and reinstates four of them as priority posts linked to its political work. It introduces a general abatement rate of 5% after hearing the Committee's arguments as regards recruitment levels and vacancy rates. Parliament also adopts a compromise position between the Committee's requests and the Council's reductions on various operational lines.
- **Section VIII - European Ombudsman**: Parliament partially reinstates the PDB for this institution and adopts a compromise position between the Ombudsman and the Council as concerns appropriations needed for salaries and allowances.
- **Section IX - European Data Protection Supervisor**: acknowledging that the Supervisor is increasingly being called on to give opinions on legislation (with an impact on data protection issues), Parliament suggests making some adjustments to the draft budget suggested by the Council. It proposes the creation of two additional posts as well as reinforcing some specific budget lines.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 20/07/2009 - Council draft budget

The Council unanimously established the draft budget of the other institutions for 2010 at 1st reading. The Council used the preliminary draft budget of the other institutions as its basis.

The main issues are as follows:

A. Generally: in establishing the draft budget for 2010, the Council followed a number of guidelines:

- establishing the global increase of the EU administrative expenditure at a level near the inflation rate;
- setting the administrative budget of each institution at the appropriate level, taking into account their specificities and real and justified needs;
- carrying out targeted reductions under certain budget lines for all the institutions, taking into account the 2008 budget outturn and real needs;
- increasing the standard flat rate abatement on salaries for most of the institutions, taking into account their current vacancy rate;
- insisting on the need to fill all vacant posts (a joint declaration on recruitment in relation with the 2004 and 2007 enlargement was approved by the Council on 10 July 2009);
- not accepting any new post requested by the institutions for new activities;
- accepting requested conversions, transformations and upgradings;
- excluding expenditure related to the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon.

When examining the administrative budgets, the Council also focused on administrative expenditure linked to operational programmes and on administrative expenditure of the executive agencies. In this respect, it was decided to carry out targeted reductions, in particular on the basis of the 2008 budget outturn. This approach has resulted in a margin of EUR 276.15 million available under the ceiling of heading 5 of the financial framework, which is deemed sufficient to respect the requirements of the IIA and in the interest of sound financial management.

Building policy of EU institutions and bodies: a thorough examination of the building policy of the institutions was also done. In this context, a unilateral declaration on building policy of EU Institutions and bodies was also approved by the Council which may be summarised as follows:

- Acknowledging that building costs represent a significant part of the overall administrative expenditure of the EU Institutions, the Council considers that a sound financial management of building expenses is essential. It reiterates the importance of a strong interinstitutional cooperation in this field. It underlines the need for the Institutions to cooperate to the highest possible extent and to **join their forces, both for the rental or purchase of buildings** and for connected current expenses. It invites the Institutions to share facilities whenever appropriate in order to limit building expenses to the necessary minimum. The Council asks the Institutions to look into the potential for further interinstitutional cooperation which could include sharing of premises, joint management of premises and the scope for a possible **interinstitutional buildings office**.
- The Council calls on the Institutions to establish long-term building strategies, based on realistic estimates of future staff numbers and ensuring the necessary flexibility by means of an equilibrium between owned and rented buildings, in order to avoid as far as possible any ad-hoc decisions on buildings.
- The Council attaches great importance to receive the information required by the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation as soon as possible. The information should include thorough need assessments and comprehensive cost-benefit analyses, the various alternatives, outlining the options to rent or buy as well as the alternative financing possibilities, and taking all financing costs into account. Well before decisions need to be taken, the information should be made available to both arms of the budgetary authority, so that they can establish their position without time pressure.
- The Council asks the Institutions to pursue their work towards harmonising this **information** through common definitions and indicators to allow comparisons of building space and building costs between the different Institutions, including the common understanding of the method for calculating annual costs of own property spread over the entire period of their utilisation.

It should be noted that the **European Parliament** expressed its willingness to seek for a common approach on this issue and indicated its readiness to continue working on a joint declaration that could be agreed at a later stage.

B. Amounts allocated by the Council for each institution (except for the Commission):

- **European Parliament - Section I**: under the "gentlemen's agreement", the Council included the European Parliament estimate in the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010 without any changes; the estimate represents an increase of EUR 60 041 796 (+3.92%) over the 2009 budget. **Council - Section II**: EUR 610 052 000, representing an increase of EUR 7 200 000 (+1.19%) over the 2009 budget. The standard flat rate abatement on salaries has been maintained at 7% as proposed in the PDB, taking into account the current vacancy rate. Targeted reductions were retained by applying a specific decrease to appropriations related to outside assistance for the operation and development of computer systems, cleaning and maintenance, publications in the Official Journal, purchase and replacement of technical equipment and installations, mission expenses and allowances of national experts seconded in connection with the ESDP/CFSP, as well as to the remuneration of other staff (contract agents). With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development. It accepted the appropriations requested to employ 38 new external contract staff. The Council also accepted the conversion of 15 AST posts into 15 AD posts proposed in the context of the adjustment of structure and grades.
- **Court of Justice - Section IV**:EUR 322 869 003, representing an increase of EUR 7 914 570 (+2.51%) over the 2009 budget. The standard flat rate abatement on salaries was maintained at 2.5% as proposed in the PDB, taking into account the current vacancy rate. Appropriations requested for officials and temporary staff and for other staff and external staff were decreased by 3%, given the under-implementation in previous years. Targeted reductions were retained by applying a specific decrease to appropriations related to expenditure on information technology. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development. The Council also accepted the conversion of 4 AST posts into appropriations and the conversion of 6 AST posts into 6 AD posts.
- **Court of Auditors - Section V**: EUR 146 292 216, representing a decrease of EUR 41 352 080 (-22.04%) in comparison with the 2009 budget, which included a significant amount of extraordinary expenditure. The standard flat rate abatement on salaries was fixed at 6.3%, taking into account the current vacancy rate. Appropriations related to the renewal of the members' mandates were adjusted in accordance with the latest available information. Proposed additional appropriations related to studies for audits were accepted for a part while the increases in appropriations requested for training and missions, meetings and conferences, new furniture, IT tools, as well as publications including the Official Journal were not accepted. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development. The Council also accepted the conversion of 3 temporary AST posts into appropriations and the transformation of one AST8 post into an AD8 post

resulting from the application of Article 47(1) of the Financial Regulation. On the other hand, it rejected the request for 20 new permanent non-enlargement AD7 posts for auditors for 4 months.

- **Economic and Social Committee - Section VI**: EUR 122 284 695, representing an increase of EUR 1 573 886 (+1.30%) over the 2009 budget. The standard flat rate abatement on salaries was fixed at 5.5%, taking into account the recruitment difficulties encountered. Appropriations requested for other staff and outside services, building maintenance and renovation projects, as well as for data processing, equipment and furniture were reduced, since they were deemed to have been overestimated. A minor targeted reduction was retained by applying a specific decrease to appropriations for other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution, given the under-implementation in the last two years. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development. The Council also accepted the other changes (9 reclassifications) to the establishment plan. On the other hand, it rejected the request for 10 additional permanent non-enlargement posts (6 AD5, 3 AST3 and 1 AST1).
- **Committee of the Regions - Section VII**: EUR 77 986 675, which represents an increase of EUR 1 534 955 (+2.01 %) over the 2009 budget. The standard flat rate abatement on salaries was fixed at 6%, taking into account the current vacancy rate. The amount requested for appropriations related to members was reduced since travel expenses and subsistence allowances were deemed to have been overestimated. Appropriations requested for other staff and outside services, other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution, data processing, equipment and furniture, as well as for meetings and conferences and expertise and information, were deemed to have been overestimated and were reduced accordingly. Targeted reductions were also retained by applying a specific decrease to appropriations related to building maintenance and renovation projects, as well as by rejecting the creation of a new item intended for an interinstitutional mobility project. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development. On the other hand, the Council rejected the request for 10 additional non-enlargement posts (5 AD5, 3 AST3 and 2 AD5T).
- **European Ombudsman – Section VIII**: EUR 8 907 275, which nearly corresponds to the 2009 budget. Appropriations requested for officials and temporary staff were decreased by 5%, given the under-implementation in previous years. Targeted reductions were retained by applying a specific decrease to appropriations relating to expenditure on training. The requests for a potential change of Ombudsman were not accepted, as they were already financed in the 2009 budget. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development.
- **European Data Protection Supervisor – Section IX**: EUR 6 684 351 (+0.32% compared to 2009). The amount intended for salaries was reduced by not accepting the increase requested with respect to the 2009 budget, taking into account the under-implementation in the last two years. The amounts of the increases requested by the institution for appropriations relating to traineeships and staff exchanges, services and work to be contracted out, mission expenses, travel expenses and other ancillary expenditure, further training, as well as translation and interpretation costs were reduced accordingly, taking into account the under-implementation in the last two years. With regard to staff levels, the Council approved the transformations for career development under Article 6 of the Staff Regulations and Articles 6, 9 and 10 of Annex XIII thereto. On the other hand, the Council rejected the request for 4 additional permanent non-enlargement posts (2 AD5, 1 AST2 and 1 AST4).

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 18/11/2009

The Council held its usual conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament, in accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) of 17 may 2009 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management.

The main results reached at this meetings concern the other sections of the budget and can be summarised as follows:

- to accept the revised preliminary draft amending budget No 10/2009 as adapted by the Commission on 11 November 2009 and modified at the conciliation meeting for an additional amount of EUR 40 million from Section II – Council and EUR 2.5 million from Section VI – Economic and Social Affairs Committee and Section VII – Committee of the Regions;
- to take note of the adoption of letter of amendment No 3/2010 concerning Section II - Council – for the financing of the European Council in 2010;
- to adopt before 1 December 2009 a joint declaration on the transitional budgetary measures (such as the adoption of amending budgets and the decision of transfers) to be applied until the new legislation for transposing the Lisbon Treaty is adopted;
- to adopt a series of joint declaration on the following issues: (i) the continuity of the 2010 budgetary procedure; (ii) building policy of EU institutions and bodies; (iii) simplification and a more targeted use of structural and cohesion funds in the context of the economic crisis; (iv) heading 5 of the financial perspective in 2010.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 10/07/2009

The Council **unanimously confirmed** the agreement on the draft general budget for 2010. It also confirmed three unilateral statements relating respectively to payment appropriations, heading 4 and the building policy of EU Institutions and bodies. It took note of a unilateral statement by Germany on the programme "Food aid for the most deprived persons in the European Union".

Joint statement: this declaration concerns **recruitment in relation with the 2004 and 2007 enlargement**. In the statement, the European Parliament and the Council stress again the importance of a full recruitment on all posts related to the 2004 and 2007 enlargement, especially for middle and high management level, and insist that all efforts should be made by the institutions and specifically by EPSO to ensure that the necessary action is taken to speed up the whole process of filling up the posts granted by the budgetary authority with officials. The criteria should be as stipulated in Article 27 of

the Staff Regulation and to arrive at the broadest possible geographical proportional basis as soon as possible. The two institutions intend to continue to monitor closely the ongoing recruitment process. To this effect, they request each institution and EPSO to provide information to the budgetary authority on the state of affairs.

Unilateral statement on building policy of the EU institutions and bodies: acknowledging that building costs represent a significant part of the overall administrative expenditure of the EU Institutions, the Council considers that a sound financial management of building expenses is essential. It reiterates the importance of a strong interinstitutional cooperation in this field. It underlines the **need for the Institutions to cooperate to the highest possible extent** and to join their forces, **both for the rental or purchase of buildings and for connected current expenses**. It invites the Institutions to share facilities whenever appropriate in order to limit building expenses to the necessary minimum. In this context, the Council welcomes the efforts already made by the Institutions to cooperate at interinstitutional level and to harmonise their building management methods. It asks the Institutions to look into the potential for further interinstitutional cooperation which could include sharing of premises, joint management of premises and the scope for a possible interinstitutional buildings office. The Council calls on the Institutions to establish long-term building strategies, based on realistic estimates of future staff numbers and ensuring the necessary flexibility by means of an equilibrium between owned and rented buildings, in order to avoid as far as possible any ad-hoc decisions on buildings. It also requests the Institutions to use available space in the most efficient way and to take any possible measures of internal rationalisation. The Council welcomes the work already carried out by the Institutions on alternative financing methods and awaits the coming report from the Commission. The Council attaches great importance to receive the information required by the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation as soon as possible. The information should include thorough need assessments and comprehensive cost-benefit analyses, the various alternatives, outlining the options to rent or buy as well as the alternative financing possibilities, and taking all financing costs into account. Well before decisions need to be taken, the information should be made available to both arms of the budgetary authority, so that they can establish their position without time pressure. The Council encourages the Institutions to continue and to intensify the energy-efficiency and environment measures in their buildings, including the certification according to environmental standards, wherever this is appropriate and feasible with the given resources. The Council takes note of the excellent cooperation between the Institutions and the administrations of their host Member States, which contribute significantly to the sound management of building issues. The Council recalls that its observations apply equally to the specific situation of the executive agencies, and where applicable to the decentralised agencies.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 17/12/2009 - Corrigendum to final act

PURPOSE: **Corrigendum** to the definitive adoption of the European Union’s general budget for the financial year 2010 (*initially published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 64 of 12 March 2010*).

The corrigendum published on 6 August 2010 amends the tables of figures which contained errors as regards a number of posts or articles.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 20/07/2009 - Document attached to the procedure

This document is to be annexed to the draft budget for 2010, in accordance with the agreements on the budgetary procedure.

As in previous years, this document sets out:

- implementation of the EDFs (8th to 10th) at 31 December 2008;
- financial implementation forecasts for the current year;
- expenditure forecasts for 2010.

As regards the financing of the EDFs, the Member States contribute funds directly to the European Investment Bank for the instruments

which it manages under the 9th and 10th EDFs (the Investment Facility and interest-rate subsidies). Contributions for other instruments, including contributions for the old instruments managed by the EIB (risk capital and interest-rate subsidies), go to the Commission.

The Commission and the EIB have updated their commitment and payment forecasts for 2009 and 2010 for each of the ACP countries and the OCTs.

The payment forecasts in particular have been compiled with great care with the aim of helping the Member States to assess as accurately as possible the amounts they need to earmark in their national budgets while ensuring that sufficient financial resources are available for the EDF to avoid liquidity problems.

In accordance with Article 7 of the Internal Agreement on the 10th EDF, estimates will be revised in the October 2009 communication.

Overall, the document shows the **structural upward trend in payments since 2000**.

In addition, the documents presents the state of implementation of the EDFs at 31 December 2008 compared with the forecasts made in October 2008 in terms of commitments and payments as well as the financial situation recorded in 2008 and the projections made for 2009 and 2010.

The new forecasts for the 2009 contributions confirm the Commission's needs at EUR 3 300 million and the EIB's at EUR 165 million. Note that these amounts are the same as those decided by the Council in November 2008.

Contributions for 2010 are forecast at EUR 3 500 million for the Commission and EUR 240 million for the EIB.

It should be stressed that these figures are just a preliminary forecast and must be treated with caution, notably in the light of COM(2009) 160 on "Supporting developing countries cope with the crisis". The Commission and the EIB will make more reliable forecasts after the summer. They will be presented in the October 2009 communication.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 29/04/2009 - Commission preliminary draft budget

PURPOSE: to present the preliminary draft budget (PDB) 2010 for the other institutions (budget “other sections”).

CONTENT: the Commission has presented its 2010 preliminary draft budget which takes account of the forecasts of the other institutions of the European Union (except Section III: Commission).

The document includes the following budget provisions: EUR 3.595 billion to cover the Commission’s administrative expenditure and **EUR 2.916 billion** for the other institutions (an increase of 2.1% compared to 2009).

For the whole of Heading 5, total expenditure amounts to **EUR 7.858 billion** (including pensions of all the institutions and expenditure for European schools), an increase of EUR 162.7 million compared to 2009.

A margin of EUR 230.2 million is left in the Commission’s PDB.

The breakdown of Heading 5 of the PDB 2010 is as follows:

- Commission (excluding pensions): EUR 3.595 billion (45.7%);
- Other institutions: EUR 2.916 billion (37.1%) for the European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor;
- Pensions (all institutions): EUR 1.193 billion (15.2%);
- European schools: EUR 154.2 million (2%).

Total: EUR 7.858 billion for heading 5.

Note that, in 2010, **the Commission requests no new posts**.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 05/05/2009

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission of its preliminary draft for the EU's general budget for 2010. It asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the draft with a view to enabling the Council, at its meeting on 10 July, to establish a draft budget at first reading.

On 10 March, the Council set out principles for preparation of the 2010 budget (see Council doc. *6767/09*).

In its preliminary draft budget, the Commission proposes a total of EUR 138.6 billion in commitment appropriations (+1.5% compared with 2009) and EUR 122.3 billion in payment appropriations (+5.3% compared with 2009).

Commitment appropriations represent 1.18% of EU gross national income, and payment appropriations amount to 1.04%.

The Commission places economic recovery at the heart of spending in 2010, channelling the biggest share of funds (45%) into growth and employment measures to help restore competitiveness throughout the EU. It also proposes to increase fundings for major programmes linked to research and energy policy by more than 12%, and to increase amounts allocated to economic and social cohesion.

2010 budget: other sections

2009/2002B(BUD) - 24/03/2010 - Corrigendum to final act

PURPOSE: **Corrigendum** to the definitive adoption of the European Union's general budget for the financial year 2010 (*initially published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 64 of 12 March 2010*).

The corrigendum published on 24 March amends tables in which errors had appeared for a series of budget items or articles.