


Procedure file

Basic information	
ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	1996/2010(ACI)
1997 budget procedure: ad hoc procedure	
Subject	8.70.40 Basic budgetary texts
Procedure completed	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		22/04/1996
		ELDR BRINKHORST Laurens Jan	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		24/01/1996
		PSE WILSON Anthony Joseph (Joe)	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	1945	25/07/1996

Key events			
22/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/07/1996	Vote in committee		
15/07/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0246/1996	
17/07/1996	Debate in Parliament		
18/07/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0403/1996	Summary
18/07/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/07/1996	Debate in Council	1945	Summary
09/09/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/2010(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/07894

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0246/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0013	15/07/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0403/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0124-0139	18/07/1996	EP	Summary

1997 budget procedure: ad hoc procedure

Adopting the report by Mr Laurens Jan BRINKHORST (ELDR, NL), the European Parliament voted in favour of a new cooperation procedure with the Council on budgets. This procedure could be used in order to check if certain CAP appropriations were justified, on the basis of more realistic forecasts. Parliament considered that there was some uncertainty surrounding EAGGF expenditure for 1997 and proposed transferring any appropriations which did not appear necessary to a reserve. These appropriations relate to fruit and vegetables, milk products, international fisheries agreements and the wine sector. As far as beef and veal were concerned, Parliament approved the Commission's approach, i.e. the creation of a special budgetary line and reserve entitled "Exceptional measures" and proposed transferring ECU 277 million to the reserve. It also proposed the creation of two budgetary lines for forests, one line for preparations for enlargement, one line for a rural development programme and one line for the "greening of the budget". The European Parliament also noted that there had been significant under-utilization of structural expenditure. In particular, it regretted that the Council had not demonstrated the will to conduct an in-depth examination of the classification of expenditure and recalled that the Court of Justice had ordered in this matter that "Council and Parliament agree", especially on the "overall sum of expenditure to be qualified as non-obligatory". The European Parliament therefore called again on the Council to maintain the dialogue on the classification of budgetary lines in 1997, with a view to reaching an agreement on the minimum rates of increase of expenditure.?

1997 budget procedure: ad hoc procedure

The Council undertook a first reading of the 1997 budget, which was based on the findings of the preparatory work carried out by the Budget Committee and by the Permanent Representatives Committee. At the end of these deliberations the draft budget for 1997 was established by qualified majority and would then be referred to Parliament for the next stage of the budget procedure.