


Procedure file

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Financial perspective: adjustment to take account of the conditions of implementation		
Subject 8.70.01 Financing of the budget, own resources		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0135/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0003	15/04/1997	EP	
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Financial perspective: adjustment to take account of the conditions of implementation

OBJECTIVE: adjustment of the financial perspective to take account of the conditions of implementation of the budget in 1996. SUBSTANCE: in addition to the annual technical adjustment, the Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 October 1993 (OJ C331, 7.12.1993) provides for the possibility of the adjustment of the financial perspective to take account of the conditions of implementation. This procedure concerns: - the transfer to subsequent years of allocations for the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund not used in the previous year; - total appropriations for payments to ensure, in the light of requirements, an orderly progression in relation to the appropriations for commitments. The Budgetary Authority is therefore asked: - to increase the ceiling for the subheading 'Structural Funds' (heading 2 of the Financial Perspective) by ECU 545 million in 1999 at current prices; - to increase the ceiling for the subheading 'Cohesion Fund' (heading 2 of the Financial Perspective) by ECU 17 million in 1999 at current prices. The total ceiling for payment appropriations remains unchanged. ?

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Parliament and the Council need to reach agreement on appropriations for Structural Fund operations in the 1998 budget. This was the background to consideration of the report by Stanislaw TILLICH (EPP, D) on adaptation of the financial perspective by the Committee. Pursuant to the Interinstitutional Agreement of October 1993, the Commission proposes adaptation of the financial perspective prior to submitting the preliminary draft for 1998. In addition to a technical adjustment linked to the change in Member States' GNP, this means taking into account how the budget is implemented in the preceding financial year. Accordingly, the Commission proposes transferring to the 1999 budget ECU 545 million not utilized in 1996 for Structural Funds and ECU 17 million not utilized for the Cohesion Fund. In addition; and taking into account under utilisation of appropriations in 1995 for structural operations, the budgetary authority (Parliament and the Council) decided in 1996 to transfer to the 1998 budget unused appropriations of ECU 1 billion under this heading.. The 1998 budget which the Commission is drafting is rigorous in nature (average increase in appropriations of 3% compared with 1997). Only Structural Fund appropriations have increased more significantly (by 8%). In view of this, the Council would prefer simply to transfer this billion from the 1998 budget to the 1999 budget. For its part; the Committee on Budgets would be prepared to accept a 'realistic compromise' with the Commission. The Tillich report recommends that plenary accept a solution consisting of splitting this billion into two equal tranches: one for the 1998 budget and one for the 1999 budget. ?

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The European Parliament adopted, by 367 votes to 6, with no abstentions, the report by Mr Stanislaw TILLICH (EPP, D), in which it acknowledged that the financial perspective needed to be adjusted to take account of the conditions of implementation of the budget in 1996. In addition, account had to be taken of the foreseeable implementation capacity of the Structural Funds for 1998. Consequently, the European Parliament and the Council decided that: - the ceiling for the Structural Funds subheading (appropriations for commitments) of heading 2 of the financial perspective would be lowered, in current prices, by ECU 500 m in 1998 and raised by ECU 1045 m in 1999; - the ceiling for the Cohesion Fund subheading (appropriations for commitments) of heading 2 of the financial perspective would be raised, in current prices, by ECU 17 m in 1999; - the overall ceiling for appropriations for payments would be lowered, in current prices, by ECU 300 m in 1998 and raised by the same amount in 1999. ?