


Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	1998/2004(BUD)	Procedure completed
1999 budget: European Parliament's estimates		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PPE VIOLA Vincenzo	19/01/1998
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
07/01/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/04/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
30/04/1998	Preparatory budgetary report tabled for plenary	A4-0175/1998	
27/05/1998	Debate in Parliament		
28/05/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0321/1998	Summary
22/06/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		
17/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2004(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budgetary preparation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 203
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/09661

Documentation gateway					
Preparatory budgetary report tabled for plenary		A4-0175/1998	30/04/1998	EP	

		OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0003			
Parliament's opinion on budgetary estimates/guidelines		T4-0321/1998 OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0014-0045	28/05/1998	EP	Summary

1999 budget: European Parliament's estimates

The Committee adopted a report by Vincenzo VIOLA (EPP, I) on the European Parliament's budget estimates for 1999. The overall amount submitted for approval to Parliament's plenary by the Budgets Committee is 916.1m euros, an increase of 0.88% over the 1998 figure of 910.93m ecus. This is within the Financial Perspective's 1999 guideline of 20% of the total figure of 4.723m ecus for administrative expenditure (Category 5 of the FP). The committee mentions in its resolution that the working party set up by Parliament on the Members' Statute is due to present practical proposals which may have an impact on the budget headings relating to MEPs. These are to be submitted before the 1st reading of the budget so that they can be taken into account at that stage.?

1999 budget: European Parliament's estimates

In adopting the report by Mr Vincenzo VIOLA (EPP, I) on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for 1999, Parliament approved a total budget of ECU 916.1 million, which represented an increase of 0.88% by comparison with the 1998 budget (ECU 910.93 million). After pointing out that the limited increase in expenditure should meet the concern to maintain a degree of rigour comparable to that self-imposed by the Member States, Parliament showed that its proposal was below the initial budget estimates (ECU 944.6 million). It also stressed that the amendments made to the nomenclature improved presentation of expenditure and met budget readability requirements. With regard to the Members, Parliament pointed out that prior to the first reading of the budget the Statute for Members Working Party, set up by the Bureau, should be submitting specific proposals which might have an impact on the budget headings concerning Members of the European Parliament. With regard to staff, it outlined the main principles which governed recruitment for Parliament and authorized appropriations for the creation and upgrading of certain posts: 1) Secretariat: - creation of 10 temporary posts related to the enlargement process, - upgrading of 206 permanent posts, - award of 5 ad personam grades; 2) Political group secretariats: - upgrading of 17 temporary posts. At the same time Parliament was surprised that the budget heading for interinstitutional cooperation had been reduced and called for a report on this matter. It also stressed that its building expenditure had been changed by ECU 17.2 million in 1999. Noting that savings had been possible in this area, it encouraged Parliament to continue its efforts and for subsequent budgets called for a letter of amendment to the PDB which took into account these budgetary reductions. Lastly, with regard to the Ombudsman, it noted that his budget totalled ECU 3.47 million. With reference to the Ombudsman's request for the creation of six new temporary posts, in particular through the upgrading of existing posts, Parliament rejected the proposed upgradings and was in favour of the creation of three new temporary posts: 1 A7, 1 B5 and 1 C5. ?