


# Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	1998/2009(BUD)	Procedure completed
Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		03/06/1998
		PSE <a href="#">TOMLINSON The Lord John E.</a>	03/06/1998
		PPE <a href="#">TILLICH Stanislaw</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	<a href="#">2150</a>	14/12/1998
	Budget	<a href="#">2138</a>	24/11/1998

Key events			
15/05/1998	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(1998)0712	Summary
24/11/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2138</a>	
09/12/1998	Council draft budget published	<a href="#">13750/1998</a>	Summary
09/12/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
09/12/1998	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0497/1998</a>	
14/12/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
14/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0719/1998	Summary
14/12/1998	Draft budget approved by Council		
14/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2009(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 177; ECSC Treaty C 078; EC before Amsterdam E 203
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/11071

Documentation gateway					
Commission preliminary draft budget		<a href="#">SEC(1998)0712</a>	15/05/1998	EC	Summary
Amending/supplementary letter on draft budget		<a href="#">SEC(1998)1132</a>	30/06/1998	EC	Summary
Amending/supplementary letter on draft budget		<a href="#">SEC(1998)1606</a>	30/09/1998	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		<a href="#">A4-0497/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0006</a>	09/12/1998	EP	
Council draft budget		<a href="#">13750/1998</a>	09/12/1998	CSL	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T4-0719/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0011-0014</a>	14/12/1998	EP	Summary

Final act	
<a href="#">Budget 1999/211</a> <a href="#">OJ L 081 26.03.1999, p. 0001</a>	

## Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998

OBJECTIVE: Presentation of a preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98 (Commission section) of ECU 580 m.

SUBSTANCE: There are two main reasons for the draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98: 1) to enter as revenue in the 1998 budget a surplus from the 1997 budget of ECU 380 million (ECU 960 million net surplus from the 1997 budget less ECU 580 million retained by the Commission in 1998 for exceptional expenditure); 2) revision of the amounts under the heading of correction for budgetary imbalances to take account of the increased amount to be paid to the United Kingdom under this heading (ECU 1 164.5 million). Because of these two factors the call-in rate for VAT and GNP-based resources and the contributions by the Member States have to be recalculated. This results in a reimbursement of ECU 1 307.9 million to the Member States, allocated as indicated in the draft supplementary and amending budget. With regard to the ECU 580 million retained by the Commission in this supplementary and amending budget 1/98 for exceptional expenditure, the Commission provides the following justification: - ECU 450 million in payment appropriations for the ESF, - ECU 30 million in payment appropriations for the PHARE programme to comply with the allocations agreed at the Cannes European Council, - ECU 100 million in payment appropriations for humanitarian aid ('El niño' weather phenomenon, worsening situation in Africa and deterioration of living conditions in Afghanistan and Kosovo). The present SAB also provides an opportunity to propose, in line with Parliament's wishes (see resolution on the ECSC budget 1998) the creation of a budget structure to receive revenue from the ECSC operating budget (see BUD0091) for the community programmes RECHAR and RESIDER (token entry in the budget) and to extend the Community guarantee for macro-financial assistance to Ukraine. Total preliminary draft SAB 1/98: ECU 580 million, a variation of 2.12% in relation to the initial total 1998 budget, in payment appropriations. ?

## Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998

OBJECTIVE: Presentation of a letter amending the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98 (Parliament section) of ECU 175 million. SUBSTANCE: This letter of amendment is in response to Parliament's call, in a resolution of 28 May 1998 (A-0175/98) on the budget estimates, for a letter of amendment to the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget to enable it to pursue, in its building policy, savings measures already embarked upon several years ago, with regard to the acquisition of some of Parliament's buildings (new and old). In order to reduce as far as possible the need to rent several buildings in its three places of work, Parliament has concluded long-term lease agreements with option to purchase (Espace Léopold and the new IPE IV-building in Strasbourg) which entail considerable savings for

the Community budget. With regard to Luxembourg, Parliament has begun negotiations with the Luxembourg government with a view to buying its existing buildings. In recent years, Parliament has undertaken early repayment of some agreements in order to speed up repayment in respect of the buildings and reduce the burden of property on future budgets. In order to continue this policy, Parliament calls for measures to be adopted in 1998 to allow it to acquire the Schuman and Tower buildings in Luxembourg and the Belliard building for the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee; these buildings are due to be renovated. As Parliament's budget for 1998 did not include appropriations to meet these needs, it requests an amending letter to increase its 1998 budget appropriations by ECU 175 million, 165 million for acquiring property (continuing early repayments) and 10 million for renovation of the Belliard building. For 1998 the available margin under Heading 5, administrative expenditure, is ECU 187.58 million. ?

## Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998

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OBJECTIVE: Presentation of a second letter of amendment to the draft supplementary and amending budget 1998 to reduce the net amount of the budget by Ecu 550 m in commitment appropriations and Ecu 150 m in payment appropriations. SUBSTANCE: In a second letter of amendment to the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98, the Commission makes further modifications to the PDSAP to take account of circumstances which were unforeseen when it was drawn up in April 1998. It has become apparent that requirements under headings 2, 3 and 4 of the budget largely outstrip the possibilities of redeployment within these headings. Although these headings are in deficit, some under-utilisation of appropriations is expected in Heading 1 (the latest reports show that agricultural expenditure will not exceed the allocations currently entered for EAGGF guarantee. The foreseeable amount of this surplus is Ecu 400 m. However, as these are non-differentiated appropriations, use of the surplus within the framework of a transfer would require the simultaneous and artificial absorption of the commitment appropriations corresponding to the increases in payment appropriations. The Commission is therefore proposing that some of the expected surplus (Ecu 350 m) be drawn on by means of a supplementary and amending budget, with commitment appropriations in the budget falling by Ecu 400 m because of the reduction in agricultural expenditure. It is proposed that the Ecu 350 m be used as follows: to supplement the redeployment of payment appropriations proposed in the omnibus transfer, adding; - Ecu 80 m in payment to the Community support frameworks for ERDF objective 1 in addition to the ECU 320 million contained in the proposal for an omnibus transfer; - Ecu 30 m in payment appropriations for the fund for emergency veterinary measures (Item B2-5106) in order to continue meeting the requests for payment presented by the Member States as a result of the swine fever epidemic; - Ecu 30 m in payment appropriations for the Trans-European networks to keep pace with progress on some major transport infrastructure projects; - Ecu 40 m in payment appropriations for the ESPRIT programme, to bring the increase in payment appropriations for the PHARE programme to Ecu 200 m, i.e. an additional Ecu 170 m when account is taken of the Ecu 30 m already requested in PDSAB No 1/98 of 15 May 1998. As Chapter B7-21 has been increased by means of the emergency aid reserve and transfer No 24/98 even before the supplementary and amending budget has been adopted, the Commission also takes the opportunity in this letter of amendment to withdraw the request made in the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget for an increase of ECU 150 m in commitments and Ecu 100 m in Chapter B7-21. Letter of amendment No 2 to the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget would also result in a net decrease in total appropriations in the 1998 budget (Section III - Commission) of Ecu 550 m in commitments and Ecu 150 m in payments. ?

## Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998

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The Council drew up the draft Supplementary and Amending Budget for 1998 on the basis of the overall compromise reached with the European Parliament on 24 November 1998. The draft would be forwarded to the European Parliament, which would deliver its opinion during its session in December 1998 (Strasbourg). On the expenditure side, the draft Supplementary and Amending Budget for 1998 provided for increases in payment appropriations in: - heading 1 (agriculture): an increase of EUR 400 m for food aid to Russia; - heading 2 (Structural Funds): an increase of EUR 100 m for the European Social Fund; - heading 3 (internal policies): an increase of EUR 48 m for research; - heading 4 (external action): an increase of EUR 100 m for Phare; - heading 5 (administrative expenditure): an increase of EUR 150 m for the European Parliament's buildings. This increase in appropriations was derived from underutilisation of the EAGGF totalling EUR 900 m. On the revenue side, the draft provided for a transfer of EUR 860 m from the 1997 balance.?

## Supplementary and amending budget 1/1998

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The Committee adopted the TILLICH-TOMLINSON report on the SAB/1998. ?

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The Parliament accepted the Council's draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98 of 8 December 1998 without amendment. The Parliament's Rapporteurs were Mr. Stanislaw TILLICH (PPE, D) and Lord Tomlinson (PES, UK). This will enable the EU to use unused amounts of some EUR 900 million to provide extra money for food aid to Russia (400 million), aid to Eastern Europe (100 million), and the Social Fund (100 million). A further EUR 300 million will be for other policies, of which some 150 million will go towards the purchase of Parliament buildings.?