


# Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2000/2060(BUD)	Procedure completed
2001 ECSC operating budget		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		28/07/1999
		V/ALE <a href="#">RÜHLE Heide</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		12/07/2000
		PPE-DE <a href="#">EVANS Jonathan</a>	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Budget</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
21/06/2000	Council draft budget published	COM(2000)0360	Summary
03/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/09/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
13/09/2000	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0251/2000</a>	
24/10/2000	Debate in Parliament		
26/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0474/2000</a>	Summary
26/10/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/07/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2060(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/12922

## Documentation gateway

Council draft budget		COM(2000)0360	21/06/2000	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		<a href="#">A5-0251/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 178 22.06.2001, p. 0008</a>	13/09/2000	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		<a href="#">T5-0474/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0216-0351</a>	26/10/2000	EP	Summary

## 2001 ECSC operating budget

**PURPOSE :** To present the draft ECSC operating budget for 2001. **CONTENT :** The draft ECSC is set out in its economic, policy and financial context. Economic context - inland deliveries of hard coal in Member States came to 248.8 million tonnes, some 14.6 million tonnes (5.6%) less than in 1998. The forecast for deliveries for 2000 is a drop of 3.8% on the figure for 1999. The forecasts for the production of hard coal show a continuing decline, by about 14%, which will concern all producer countries. Imports for 1999 from non-Community countries were estimated at 152.9 million tonnes, with no substantial change from 1998, representing 60% of the total availability of the Member States. Total coke production too continued to drop. With regard to the steel industry, in 2000 the favourable trends of the second half of 1999 should grow stronger on the Community steel market, with firmer demand, output up on 1999 and prices remaining buoyant. Economic and policy context - with regard to financial activities, at 31 December 1999 outstanding borrowing came to EUR 2 432 million and outstanding loans to EUR 2 473 million. The guarantee fund was increased by EUR 23 million. As the levy was reduced to 0% as from January 1998, the budgetary approach from 1998 onwards has been to finance all the requirements identified for social aid and to adjust the level of research aid in order to ensure optimum continuity of financing. . Draft ESCS operating budget for 2001 - it is assumed that the ECSC levy will be 0% in 2001. ECSC resources will then consist of the net balance, miscellaneous revenue, cancellations of commitment and funds drawn from the provisions to finance the operating budget. The net balance for 2001 is estimated at EUR 48 million. The miscellaneous revenue relates to debt repayments of an estimated EUR 3 million. The cancellation of commitments not likely to be implemented comes to EUR 36 million. To balance this budget, EUR 103 million will have to be withdrawn from the provisions which were set up as a precaution to offset the disappearance of the levy. Requirements - The Commission's proposals are as follows: -EUR 5 million for administrative expenditure -EUR 109 million for social aid -EUR 76 million for research expenditure The draft ECSC operating budget for 2001 established on this basis comes to EUR 190 million and is presented by means of a table attached to the document.?

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The committee adopted a report by Heide RÜHLE (Greens/EFA, D) on the draft ECSC operating budget for 2001 in which it proposed that the overall figure of EUR 190m proposed by the Commission be accepted but that the funds be allocated differently. The committee argued that the figure for redeployment aid should be EUR 70m (compared to the Commission's proposal of 80m). It wanted more funds for research in the coal and steel industries (85m as compared to the Commission's figure of 76m) as well as increased support for social measures (31m as against the Commission's 29m). Looking ahead to the expiry of the ECSC Treaty in 2002, the committee called on the Commission to submit a financial estimate of the new activities to be included under the general budget, as these could have an impact on Category 3 (Internal policies) of the financial perspective. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Heide RÜLE (Greens/ALE, D) on the ECSC operating budget for 2001. The Parliament goes along with the position of Committee on Budgets. The House also approved the budgetary readjustments requested by the Budget Control Committee (refer to the previous summary). In addition, the Parliament notes that, as a result of the upcoming enlargement, the importance of coal and steel sectors will increase markedly. Therefore, it considers that upon the expiry of the ECSC Treaty research on coal and steel sector should be diversified and strengthened to support the modernisation and restructuring programmes in the applicant countries. Lastly, the Parliament urges the Commission to take this into account when preparing for the Sixth Framework Programme on Research and Technological Development (2000-2006). ?