


Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2000/2064(BUD)	Procedure completed
2001 budget: conciliation procedure		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		28/07/1999
		PSE HAUG Jutta	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		25/01/2000
		ELDR HAARDER Bertel	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs		14/02/2000
		PSE KUCKELKORN Wilfried	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		27/01/2000
		PPE-DE EVANS Jonathan	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		15/02/2000	
	PSE JÖNS Karin		
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		19/10/1999	
	PPE-DE MAAT Albert Jan		
PECH Fisheries		27/01/2000	
	PSE MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa		
DEVE Development and Cooperation		27/01/2000	
	PSE VAN DEN BERG Margrietus		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2258	08/05/2000

Key events			
01/01/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/05/2000	Debate in Council	2258	

22/06/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
22/06/2000	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0184/2000	
04/07/2000	Debate in Parliament		
05/07/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0304/2000	Summary
05/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/2064(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budgetary preparation
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 177; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 272; ECSC Treaty C 078
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/12566

Documentation gateway

Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0184/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0009	22/06/2000	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	T5-0304/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0037-0146	05/07/2000	EP	Summary

2001 budget: conciliation procedure

The committee adopted the report by Jutta HAUG (PES, D) on the 2001 budget with a view to the Parliament/Council budgetary conciliation meeting scheduled to take place before the Council held its first reading of the 2001 budget. The committee reiterated Parliament's position that appropriations to fund aid for Kosovo and the Balkan region must be "fresh money". It pointed out that, of the EUR 5.5bn proposed by the Commission for the multiannual programme for the Balkans, only 1.86bn was covered by the financial perspective (FP). It was therefore essential to carry out a revision of the FP and make a multiannual increase in the overall budget (the "ceiling") for the EU's external action (Category 4 of the FP). The committee rejected the idea of "a compulsory multiannual redeployment of EU traditional priorities" to finance new needs solely through reductions in the EU's existing commitments. It confirmed its willingness to review in October the agriculture forecast to be entered in the 2001 budget. Pending the updated figures to be supplied by the Commission in the autumn, it considered it inappropriate to reduce the ceiling for Category 1 (agricultural expenditure) as proposed by the Commission. As regards the funding of international fisheries agreements, the committee approved in principle the proposals put forward in the Commission's preliminary draft budget and called on the Commission to present, before Parliament's first reading, the revised figures for these appropriations, taking account of the state of negotiations on the fisheries agreements. On the common foreign and security policy (CFSP), and in particular the Member States' plans to develop a common security and defence policy (CSDP), the report noted that the latter would have an impact on the budget and the financial perspective (Category 4 - external action; Category 5 - administrative expenditure). It called on the Council and Commission to present a thorough evaluation of the expenditure required for this new policy up until 2006 and proposals on how it would be financed. The committee also called on the Commission to present as soon as possible its proposals on the legal framework, structure and mandate of the various instruments for the "externalisation" of certain tasks currently carried out by the Technical Assistance Offices (TAOs). These proposals should include the creation of a new category of Community bodies - to replace the TAOs - which would be responsible for implementing Community programmes and actions. As regards staff requirements, the Commission must indicate in its assessment (long awaited by Parliament) the staff needed to maintain core activities and run existing programmes as well as its estimates for additional staff for new facilities.?

2001 budget: conciliation procedure

The European Parliament has adopted the report drafted by Mrs Jutta HAUG (PES, D) on the 2001 budget in view of the conciliation procedure before the Council's first reading. The Parliament has taken note of the Commission's proposal to review the financial perspective, which is needed with regard to cooperation with the least developed non-member countries and with regard to stabilisation of the Western Balkans. The European Parliament rejects the idea of a compulsory multiannual redeployment of EU traditional priorities solely through a reduction of the envelopes to finance new needs and insists on a multiannual revision of the ceiling of heading 4 (external action). Parliament

believes that, as a budgetary authority, it must do everything to ensure that the EU's priorities receive proper financing. It is convinced that the Council will cooperate fully so the negotiations can be concluded as soon as possible. In relation to the financing for the Balkans, it takes the view that the amounts given in the Commission proposal are indicative. Parliament is waiting for the updated figures for agricultural expenditure that the Commission will present in the autumn and considers it inappropriate to reduce the ceiling of heading 1 (agricultural expenditure). In relation to the international fisheries and organisations, the Parliament welcomes the amounts earmarked by the Commission in the PDB for international fisheries agreement. Concerning CFSP expenditure, Parliament considers that all expenditure on special envoys is operational expenditure and thus should not be included in the Council budget. It wants a special envoy to be sent to East Timor in order to monitor closely the Peace and Reconstruction Process. On other aspects of the Preliminary Draft Budget, the Parliament stresses that the Commission shall include in its assessment of staff needs, what the staff requirements are to maintain core activities and run existing programmes, as well as estimates for additional staff for new activities. The Parliament also welcomes the creation of a new initiative in favour of new technologies for SMEs. Lastly, it demands the continuation of the information campaign for the euro (PRINCE) with high priority, since in the important phase in the run up to the introduction of the euro notes and coins, there will be a high demand for information from the citizens of the European Union. ?