

Procedure file

Basic information	
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) 2001/2095(COS)	Procedure completed
Expiry of the ECSC Treaty: financial and search activities after 2002	
Subject 8.30 Treaties in general	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		23/11/2000
		UEN TURCHI Franz	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		12/10/2000
European Commission		PSE LINKOHR Rolf	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Energy	2347	14/05/2001
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Secretariat-General		

Key events			
06/09/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2000)0518	Summary
02/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/05/2001	Debate in Council	2347	
12/09/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
12/09/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0303/2001	
02/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0486/2001	Summary
02/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/11/2001	Vote in committee		
11/04/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/14536

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2000)0518	06/09/2000	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0303/2001	12/09/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0486/2001 OJ C 087 11.04.2002, p. 0018-0048 E	02/10/2001	EP	Summary

Expiry of the ECSC Treaty: financial and search activities after 2002

PURPOSE: to present Commission proposals on the financial activities and research to be carried out after the expiry of the ECSC Treaty in 2002. **CONTENT:** in concluding its communication, the Commission: - invites representatives of the Member States governments meeting in the Council to adopt the proposal for a decision concerning the financial consequences of the expiry of the Treaty setting up the European Coal and Steel Community; - invites the Council to adopt the proposal for a decision fixing the multiannual budgetary guidelines for the management of the ECSC's 'liquidation funds' and the proposal fixing the multiannual budgetary guidelines relating to the research programme 'Research Funds for Coal and Steel'; - invites the Council to consult the European Parliament. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Francesco TURCHI (UEN, I) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. The committee insisted that Parliament must have a say in the financial management of the Fund, as it was required to give its verdict on additional expenditure and also to grant the Fund its budgetary discharge. The committee therefore argued that Parliament should be involved via the codecision procedure in adopting the legislation laying down the Fund's multiannual financial and technical guidelines. The committee also called for the annual interest of the Fund to be fully integrated into the EU budget as preallocated revenue, including the administrative costs of coal and steel research. It proposed the creation of a specific line on both the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget. The Commission was asked to submit a financial assessment of the post-ECSC activities to be phased into the EU general budget. Lastly, the report proposed including an "enlargement" clause which would allow the ratio of the funds available for coal research and steel research to be reviewed. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution on the Communication on the expiry of the ECSC Treaty: Financial activities after 2002. However, the Parliament takes notes of the Commission's proposals but considers that they would leave the European Parliament virtually no say on any of the decisions to be taken on the guidelines of the future Coal and Steel Research Fund despite the fact that its administrative expenditure would have to be met from the general budget and it wonders how the Parliament as one arm of the budgetary authority could approve this additional expenditure and give discharge to the Fund if it does not have any influence on the implementation of its activities. It also stresses that it cannot accept such a passive role, which is contradictory to present-day requirements of transparency and accountability. Therefore, it considers that the legislative acts laying down the multiannual financial and technical guidelines of the Coal and Steel Research Fund should be brought under the co-decision procedure, whereby the Parliament would decide on these guidelines on equal terms with the Council. Moreover, the Parliament requests the full budgetisation of the annual interests of the Coal and Steel Research Fund as preallocated revenue, including administrative costs of coal and steel research. It proposes the creation of a specific budget line in the revenue and expenditure side of the budget following the principles of budgetary specificity and neutrality. Parliament also considers that the inclusion of these activities in the general budget will require increased appropriations in the corresponding headings. The Commission is called upon to present a financial assessment of the post-ECSC activities being phased into the general budget as they may have an impact on the margin under the ceiling of each heading of the financial perspective. It stresses the need for further consultation of the budgetary authority should significant changes be made during the renewal of programmes financed under the general budget. Lastly, the Parliament proposes the inclusion of an enlargement clause which would enable the ratio of funds available for coal and steel research to be reconsidered in order to take account of the impact of enlargement. ?