


Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2001/2100(BUD)	Procedure completed
2002 ECSC operating budget		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		26/06/2001
		GUE/NGL SEPPÄNEN Esko	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		11/07/2001
		PPE-DE ROVSING Christian	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	2388	21/11/2001
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner	

Key events			
05/06/2001	Council draft budget published	SEC(2001)0827	Summary
11/06/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2001	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0342/2001	
24/10/2001	Debate in Parliament		
25/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0563/2001	Summary
25/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/11/2001	Debate in Council	2388	
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Documentation gateway

Council draft budget		SEC(2001)0827	05/06/2001	EC	Summary
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Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0563/2001 OJ C 112 09.05.2002, p. 0203-0297 E	25/10/2001	EP	Summary

2002 ECSC operating budget

PURPOSE : to establish the draft operating budget of the European Coal and Steel Community for 2002. **CONTENT :** the budgetary approach defined in the present draft budget is to be included in the overall context of the expiration of the ECSC Treaty. As in 2001, the budgetary year 2002 is based on a hypothesis of the ECSC zero levy rate. Thus, the ECSC's current resources derive from the net balance, miscellaneous revenue, cancelled commitments and finally from the provision for financing the ECSC operating budget. The net balance for the financial year 2002 is estimated at EUR 31 million. This estimation takes into consideration the volume of investments and foreseeable changes in interest rates. The various resources relate to paying back debts evaluated at around EUR 1 million for the year 2002. The estimated amount of the cancellations to be operated on the commitments which shall probably not give rise to cancellation is EUR 17 million. Lastly, it will be necessary, in order to balance the budget, to resort to the limit of EUR 102,8 million to the provision constituted as a precaution in order to compensate the suppression of levy. As a consequence, the ECSC's operational budget for the year 2002, is laid down as follows: - EUR 2,8 million for administrative expenditure; - EUR 7,7 million for social measures. From this moment, EUR 48 million concerning traditional aid for redeployment and EUR 29 million for the section on social measures - coal. It should be noted that the indicative breakdown for aid for redeployment is EUR 31 million for coalworkers and EUR 17 million for steelworkers; - EUR 72 million for aid for research, of which EUR 52 million for steel and EUR 20 million for coal. The financial breakdown for research which prevailed in 2001 (71% steel, 29% coal), shall be slightly amended (72% for steel, 28% for coal). This will enable the objective, accepted by the Council, for the allocation of finances beyond 2002 (72,8% steel, 27,2% coal) to be progressively reached. In addition, the indicative amounts for research projects with an impact on technical measures to combat harmful effects at the workplace and around steel plants shall be in the order of EUR 4 million, with regard to the amounts for the research in the field of industrial hygiene and mine safety, this shall be set at EUR 3 million. The ECSC draft operational budget for the year 2002 established on this basis shall rise to EUR 151,8 million. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Esko SEPPÄNEN (EUL/NGL, FIN) on the 2002 ECSC operating budget. It felt that the total amount proposed was insufficient, bearing in mind that the number of jobs lost in the steel industry would be considerably larger than previously estimated, and therefore recommended increasing the operating budget by EUR 16m (thereby bringing it to EUR 167m) to aid redeployment efforts. The report also criticised the Commission for ignoring Parliament's previous calls for crucial ECSC measures, such as redeployment aid and social aid, to be incorporated in the EU's general budget as part of the arrangements for the period following the expiry of the ECSC Treaty (with effect from 23 July 2002). The committee accordingly recommended that the requisite funding for the continuation of measures funded from the ECSC operating budget should be entered in the general budget as from 2002. Noting that, according to the joint statement on financial programming adopted on 20 July 2000, "the budgetary authority must have accurate information about the financial consequences of each new proposal presented by the Commission, in order to be able to assess the impact of the proposal on the ceilings of the Financial Perspective", the committee stressed that the Commission must present a financial assessment of the new activities being incorporated into the general budget so as to ensure that neither existing programmes nor the ceiling in the Financial Perspective were jeopardised. Lastly, it called on the Commission to clarify how it intended to support the modernisation of the coal and steel sectors in the Central and Eastern European applicant countries.?

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The European Parliament approved the report by Mr Esko SEPPÄNEN (EUL/NGL, FIN) on the ECSC operating budget for 2002. (Please refer to the previous text).?