

Procedure file

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Budgetary discipline: flexibility instrument for the conversion of the spanish and portuguese fleets	
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European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PSE WYNN Terence	04/12/2001
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	2388	21/11/2001
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget		

Key events			
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12/11/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Parliament's opinion on budgetary estimates/guidelines	T5-0689/2001 OJ C 177 25.07.2002, p. 0207-0262 E	13/12/2001	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2002/158](#)
[OJ L 053 23.02.2002, p. 0028-0029](#)

Budgetary discipline: flexibility instrument for the conversion of the spanish and portuguese fleets

PURPOSE: To seek extra financial assistance for the conversion of Spanish and Portuguese fleets through the mobilisation of the inter-institutional flexibility instrument. **CONTENT:** Since the Fishing Protocol between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco became null and void the Commission has been spearheading efforts aimed at resettling those fishermen worst affected by the cessation of fishing in Moroccan waters. In July 2001 the Commission prepared a proposal in which it outlined appropriate measures for the disbanding of the Spanish/Portuguese fleet coupled with socio-economic initiatives. Funding for the proposed measures is based on appraisals similar to those funded by the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) and modelled on the FIFG's working methods. This measure is covered by the second heading "Structural operations", subheading "Structural Funds" of the financial perspective. In view of the total cost of this particular measure (EUR281 million) and the funds already available under the Structural Funds, the Commission is now proposing an additional sum of EUR197 million. Paragraph 24 of the Inter-institutional Agreement provides for the use of the flexibility instrument to allow financing "for a given financial year and up to the amount indicated (the annual amount being EUR200 million) of clearly identified expenditure, which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one of more other headings". The Commission therefore proposes that the flexibility instrument be used to finance the measures proposed for the disbanding of the Spanish and Portuguese fleets.?

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In adopting the report by Terry WYNN (PES, UK), the committee endorsed the part of the compromise reached with Council at the budgetary conciliation meeting of 22 November 2001 regarding the provision of EUR 200m in commitment appropriations via the flexibility instrument for the regions likely to lose out as a result of the absence of a fisheries agreement with Morocco and for regions bordering the candidate countries. Although the committee believed this solution represented a better use of the flexibility instrument than in the past, it pointed out that the funding being provided via this instrument was once again being used to finance multiannual measures - a move which, in the eyes of some Members, constituted an infringement of the rules governing the flexibility instrument.?

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The European Parliament approved the resolution by Mr Terence WYNN (PES, UK). (Please refer to the previous text).?