


Procedure file

Basic information	
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2002/2042(BUD)
2003 budget: EP's estimates	Procedure completed
Subject	
8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PPE-DE STENMARCK Per	28/02/2002
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
20/02/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
17/04/2002	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0117/2002	
14/05/2002	Debate in Parliament		
14/05/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0225/2002	Summary
14/05/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/07/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2042(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budgetary preparation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 272
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/15937

Documentation gateway				
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0117/2002	17/04/2002	EP

2003 budget: EP's estimates

The committee adopted the report by Per STENMARCK (EPP-ED, S) on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of Parliament for the financial year 2003. While pointing out that the ceiling in heading 5 ("Administrative expenditure") of the financial perspective is fixed at EUR 5 382 million and that the additional enlargement-related needs of the institutions will lead to a significant shortfall in heading 5, the committee stressed that the interinstitutional agreement on budgetary discipline provided for appropriate mechanisms to cater for additional needs should the ceiling in heading 5 prove insufficient. In authorising a total allocation of EUR 32.3m for enlargement-related expenditure, therefore, the committee also agreed to a total amount of EUR 1 051.6m for Parliament's 2003 estimates of revenue and expenditure. The report recognised the need for Parliament to be prepared to welcome parliamentarians from the future Member States as from January 2004 and therefore welcomed the Bureau's decision to make provision for admitting up to 147 observers from the current candidate countries from the beginning of 2003. The committee reiterated its support for equality of all languages in the European Parliament and also stressed the importance of Parliament's information policy. It felt that live broadcasting on the Internet of Parliament's plenary sittings and important committee meetings was of essential importance to the institution and therefore asked the EP's Secretary-General to produce a feasibility report by 1 September 2002. As far as staff policy was concerned, the committee asked the Secretary-General to ensure that staff mobility did not lead to an excessive loss of continuity and expertise. The committee also expressed concern at the fact that the Interinstitutional Recruitment Office was not yet fully operational. Lastly, it called on the competent authorities to examine what margin of manoeuvre could be provided in the 2003 calendar in order to optimise the rhythm of parliamentary activities. ?

2003 budget: EP's estimates

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Parliament's estimates for 2003, based on a report by Per STENMARCK (EPP-ED, Sweden). (Please refer to the document dated 17/04/02.) The budget takes into account the costs of enlargement. The estimates for the year are put at EUR 1051 million, which is an increase of 1.6% on last year's figure. EUR 32.4 million concerns enlargement-related expenditure, including provision for 114 posts for the candidate countries. Parliament authorised the creation of an enlargement reserve, with a provisional allocation of EUR 51 million. With regard to 2004, the importance of Parliament's active role in a wide debate on the future of Europe was stressed. Parliament agreed to an increase of 15% in appropriations earmarked for public information measures. It expressed its concerns on staffing related to increased work and delays in establishing the Interinstitutional Recruitment Office, and reiterated its support for an early retirement scheme that includes staff of all the institutions and the political groups of the Parliament. The resolution reaffirms the principle of equality for all the languages and points out that the largest share of additional expenditure is accounted for by multilingualism. Finally, it agrees to the establishment of a property reserve amounting to EUR 16.4 million for the continuation of Parliament's property policy in connection with the forthcoming enlargement. A full review of all new construction to be undertaken for enlargement is to be presented by the Secretary General By June 2002.?