

# Procedure file

## Basic information

ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	<a href="#">2002/2047(ACI)</a>	Procedure completed
Convention on the future of the European Union: Fund to financing and financial rules		
Subject 8.10 Revision of the Treaties, intergovernmental conferences 8.20 Enlargement of the Union		

## Key players

European Parliament

Council of the European Union

## Key events

06/02/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">06001/2002</a>	Summary
21/02/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/02/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/03/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		
11/03/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

## Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2047(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/15973

## Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">06001/2002</a>	06/02/2002	CSL	Summary
Follow-up document		32002Q0301 <a href="#">OJ C 054 01.03.2002, p. 0001-0003</a>	28/02/2002	EU	Summary
Implementing legislative act		<a href="#">42002D0997</a> <a href="#">OJ L 349 24.12.2002, p. 0034-0035</a>	20/12/2002	EU	Summary

## Convention on the future of the European Union: Fund to financing and financial rules

**PURPOSE** : to present the draft Interinstitutional Agreement on contributions to the financing of the Convention on the future of the EU.

**CONTENT** : the draft Interinstitutional Agreement concerns the creation and the management of funds for the Convention on the future of the EU. This draft proposed by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, concerns in particular the establishment of a Fund to finance the Convention and lays down the financial rules for its management. The role of the Fund is to collect the revenue and manage the expenditure of the Convention other than relating to the infrastructure needed for its operation, which the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission. The amount of expenditure of the Fund is estimated at EUR 4 million for the period 28 February to 31 December 2002. This Agreement stipulates that the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will contribute to the financing of the Convention as follows: - European Parliament : EUR 1 million; - Council : EUR 400 000; - Commission : EUR 2 600 000. This budget has already been the subject of a budgetary agreement between the institutions concerned in the framework of the Supplementary and Amending Budget 1/2002 adopted at plenary on 28 February 2002 (please refer to BUD/2002/2040). The representatives of the three institutions will be periodically informed of the situation with respect to implementation of expenditure by the Convention Secretariat. They will report to their respective institutions on this subject, in particular before a discharge is given in respect of implementation of the budget.?

## Convention on the future of the European Union: Fund to financing and financial rules

**PURPOSE** : to setting up a Fund for the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union and laying down the financial rules for its management. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Decision 2002/176 of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 21 February 2002 setting up a Fund for the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union and laying down the financial rules for its management. **CONTENT** : pursuant to the Laeken Declaration on the future of the European Union, the Convention has a Praesidium assisted by a Secretariat provided by the General Secretariat of the Council. In each Member State, the Fund shall have the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under its national laws. It may receive gifts, conclude contracts and be a party to legal proceedings. To that end, it shall be represented by the Secretary-General of the Convention. The Governments of the Member States shall whenever possible take the appropriate measures to remit or refund the amount of indirect taxes or sales taxes included in the price of movable property or charges for the provision of services, where the Fund makes, for its official use, substantial purchases the price of which includes taxes of this kind. These provisions shall not be applied, however, so as to have the effect of distorting competition within the Communities. The role of the Fund shall be to collect the revenue and manage the expenditure of the Convention other than that relating to the infrastructure needed for its operation. The budget of the Fund shall be the act adopted by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, which sets out forecasts of, and authorises in advance, for each financial year, the revenue and expenditure of the Fund. The budget shall be adopted on the proposal of the Secretary-General of the Convention and with the agreement of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. A special bank account shall be opened in the name of the Fund. The Secretary-General of the Convention shall be authorised to use this bank account in order to meet his obligations under this Decision. The revenue and expenditure shown in the budget shall be in balance. The amount of expenditure of the Fund is estimated at EUR 4 million. The first financial year shall run from the day of entry into force of this Decision until 31 December 2002. The second financial year shall run from 1 January 2003 until the Convention's proceedings end. The expenditure of a financial year shall be entered in the accounts for that year on the basis of expenditure for which the financial controller received authorisation no later than 31 December and for which the corresponding payments were made by the accounting officer before the following 15 January. Appropriations not committed at the end of the first financial year and appropriations in respect of payments still outstanding by virtue of commitments duly entered into before the end of the first financial year shall be carried over automatically to the second financial year. With regard to the travel expenses of the members of the Convention, acting on a proposal from the Secretary-General of the Convention and on the basis of existing practices at the Council, the Praesidium shall adopt a Decision specifying the conditions and practical arrangements for the reimbursement of the travel expenses of the members of the Convention, insofar as these expenses are to be charged to the budget. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : This Decision shall enter into force on the 21/02/2002. It shall apply until 31 December 2002. When the Interinstitutional Agreement concerning the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union is extended in accordance with paragraph 9 of that Agreement, this Decision will be extended with effect from 1 January 2003 until the end of the Convention's proceedings by a decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States.?

## Convention on the future of the European Union: Fund to financing and financial rules

**PURPOSE** : to agree to the interinstitutional agreement on the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union. **COMMUNITY**

**MEASURE** : Interinstitutional agreement 2002/C 54/01 on the financing of the Convention on the Future of the European Union. **CONTENT** :

the purpose of this Agreement is to arrange for the contribution to be made by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to the first budgetary year of the Convention, which shall begin on the date of entry into force of the Decision of 21 February 2002 of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, and end on 31 December 2002. The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall contribute to the financing of the Convention from the following sections of the general budget of the European Union: - Section I - Parliament, - Section II - Council, and - Section III - Commission - Part A. In addition to the expenditure linked to the infrastructure necessary for the operation of the Convention, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall, for the first budgetary year, contribute to the funding of the Convention as follows : - European Parliament: EUR 1000000 (one million), - Council: EUR 400000 (four hundred thousand), - Commission: EUR 2600000 (two million six hundred thousand). Any additional contribution charged to the general budget of the European Union may be decided only by common agreement between the three institutions

Parties to this Agreement. The contributions of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall be paid into the budget of the Fund provided for in Article 3 of the Decisions of 21 February 2002 by transfer to the bank account provided for in Article 4 of that Decision. The three signatory institutions shall record their agreement on the financial rules for the Fund's management as laid down by the Decision of 21 February 2002. The representatives of the European Parliament, of the Presidency of the Council and of the Commission on the Praesidium of the Convention shall be periodically informed of the situation with respect to implementation of expenditure by the Convention Secretariat. They shall report to their respective institutions on this subject, in particular before a discharge is given in respect of implementation of the budget in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 20 of the Decision of 21 February 2002. This Agreement and the relevant provisions of the Decisions of 21 February 2002 shall be implemented by each institution in accordance with its internal rules and procedures. ENTRY INTO FORCE :28/02/02. Subject to agreement between the three institutions on the amount of their respective financial contributions, this Agreement shall be extended for the second financial year, namely from 1 January 2003 until the Convention's proceedings end.?

## Convention on the future of the European Union: Fund to financing and financial rules

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2002/997/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, amending the Decision of the Representatives of the Member States of 21 February 2002 setting up a fund for the financing of the Convention on the future of the EU and laying down the financial rules for its management. CONTENT : this Decision extends the duration of the afore-mentioned Decision dated 21 February 2002 from 1 January 2003 until the end of the Convention's proceedings or until 31 December 2003 at the latest. In addition, a technical amendment is made so that internal financial control of the Fund will be carried out by an official of the Council's General Secretariat appointed by the Appointing Authority, which has the task of defining the detailed arrangements of such control. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/01/03.?