

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2002/2204(BUD)	Procedure completed
Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	BUDG Budgets		Appointed 16/09/2002
			PPE-DE PODESTÀ Guido
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		Appointed The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	CONT Budgetary Control		
	LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market		
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	PECH Fisheries		
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		
	CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport		
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
	AFCO Constitutional Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	FEMM Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	PETI Petitions		
Council of the European Union	Commission DG		Commissioner
European Commission	Budget		

Key events			
24/07/2002	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(2002)0851	Summary
20/09/2002	Council draft budget published	12170/2002	Summary
24/09/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/09/2002	Vote in committee		
24/09/2002	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0315/2002	
26/09/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0445/2002	Summary
26/09/2002	Draft budget approved by Council		
26/09/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/11/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2204(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 177; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 272
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/16691

Documentation gateway					
Commission preliminary draft budget		SEC(2002)0851	24/07/2002	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		SEC(2002)0982	18/09/2002	EC	Summary
Council draft budget		12170/2002	20/09/2002	CSL	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0315/2002	24/09/2002	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0445/2002 OJ C 273 14.11.2003, p. 0200-0254 E	26/09/2002	EP	Summary

Final act
Budget 2002/846 OJ L 303 06.11.2002, p. 0001-0028 Summary

Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002

PURPOSE : to present the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 4 to the budget for 2002. CONTENT : this Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget (PDSAB) No 4/2002 contains the following elements in section III - Commission: - the mobilisation of the remaining margin under the ceiling of the financial perspective heading 4, in favour of the aid to Afghanistan; - the modification of the remarks of a budget line dedicated to the internal market, in order to fund actions in the field of customs. Following the events of September 11 th, and the subsequent developments, the European Union has committed itself to actively participate to the financial efforts in favour of Afghanistan and the neighbouring region. It has played a major role, hosting the Bonn Conference, which provided the blue print for Afghanistan's future, and has declared its clear support for the long term reconstruction effort. The Budgetary Authority already decided during

the conciliation meeting at the Budget Council of 21 November 2002 to "leave a margin of EUR 70 million in Heading 4 to cover further needs in this area in 2002 (and) await more accurate estimates of these needs from the Commission". The Budgetary Authority has conditioned the use of this margin to the fulfilment of specific requirements, whose respect must be confirmed by the Commission. In particular, the Commission should demonstrate that appropriations already entered under the budget lines for Asia and for humanitarian aid are spent properly, whilst evaluating support given by other donors with respect to their commitments made in Tokyo (January 2002). Moreover, the Commission should ensure that the new appropriations could be spent in an efficient way to help the Afghan people. The Commission considers that the conditions stated above are met, and therefore presents this Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending budget. All the elements and justifications are included in the present proposal. Preparation on a number of foreseen components is already under way and it is expected that, out of the total EUR 70M contracts worth EUR 50M will be concluded before the end of 2002. The indicative breakdown proposed for the EUR 70M shall reinforce line B7-300, Financial and technical cooperation with Asian developing countries. An indicative breakdown proposed for the EUR 70 million accompanies the PDSAB: - human and Social Capital (the health sector and social protection) (EUR 19 million); - good Governance and Institutional Reform (support to public administration and public administrative reform) (EUR 37 million); - physical Reconstruction (support to economic infrastructure - electricity and water in Kabul and other urban infrastructures) (EUR 11 million); - pilot initiatives and studies (EUR 3 million). The budget authority approved the request on 22 July for an amount of EUR 25M. This brings the total EC funding for 2002 (including this PDSAB) up to EUR 250 million.?

Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002

PURPOSE : to present the letter of amendment No 1 to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 4/2002 (Section III-Commission). CONTENT : in the wake of the disastrous floods which struck a number of countries this August, the Commission proposed on 11 September 2002 establishing, by interinstitutional agreement, a new flexibility instrument to endow the EU Solidarity Fund which will provide relief in the event of natural, technological and environmental disasters. This fund may operate in the EU Member States and in countries negotiating for accession. It will operate in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the Council regulation on the Solidarity Fund, proposed by the Commission on 18 September 2002, which will constitute the legal basis for the expenditure (please refer to procedure reference CNS/2002/0228). In accordance with these proposals, this letter of amendment will insert two budget lines: - under heading 3, internal policies : B2-4 (new title): European Union Solidarity Fund - Member States, - under heading 7, pre-accession strategy : B7-09 (new chapter): European Union Solidarity Fund - countries negotiating for accession. These lines will be able to accommodate the fund's operations from 2002. The lines would carry token entries and would be endowed after the fund had been mobilised. ?

Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002

PURPOSE : to present draft supplementary and amending budget No 4/2002 (Section III-Commission). CONTENT : on 20 September 2002, the Council adopted the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 4/2002. In view of the discussions within COREPER, a large majority of delegations believe that the Fund itself should focus on natural disasters, thereby excluding technological and environmental disasters as suggested by the Commission. This draft incorporates the Commission's proposals, except for the deletion at the end of the first sentence of the comment relating to the new budget lines B2-400 and B7-090 "...in case of natural, technological and environmental disasters", so as to not prejudge the decision on the legal basis. Following this supplementary and amending budget 4/2002 for the financial year 2002, the total commitment appropriations rise to EUR 98.706.358.738 and the payment appropriations remain unchanged. ?

Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002

By adopting the report by Mr Guido PODEST? (EPP-ED, I) on a Supplementary and Amending Budget 4/2002, Parliament gave its support to the budgetary structure for a European Union Solidarity Fund which aims to give relief to the victims of natural disasters in the Member States and in candidate countries. Two budget lines for the Solidarity Fund will need to be created. Parliament states that the necessary credit payments will be taken from existing non-used credits from other budget lines. In order to make the fund operational, two conditions still need to be fulfilled at this stage: a new inter-institutional agreement needs to be signed and the legal base established. It is only with a fifth Supplementary and Amending Budget that the final definitive figure will be determined for the fund. It is foreseen that the total amount will be 1 billion for this year. The fifth Supplementary and Amending Budget should be adopted by Parliament during its Strasbourg plenary session in October 2002. Parliament calls on the Commission to submit Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No 5/2002 as soon as possible. The House also approved an increase of 70 million to support reconstruction measures in Afghanistan. Lastly, the Parliament approved unamended the Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No 4/2002 drawn up by the Council on 20 September 2002 (please refer to summary dated 20/09/02).?

Amending and supplementary budget 4/2002

OBJECTIVE: final adoption of SAB No 4/2002. COMMUNITY MEASURE: 2002/846/EC, Euratom. CONTENT: the European Parliament finally adopted the European Union's Supplementary and Amending Budget No 4/2002 in accordance with its resolution of 26 September 2002 (see summary of the resolution). ?