

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2002/2239(BUD)	Procedure completed
Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement		
Subject		
8.20.40 Enlargement's financial point of view		
8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		12/11/2002
		PPE-DE PODESTÀ Guido	12/11/2002
		V/ALE BUITENWEG Kathalijne Maria	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2467	05/12/2002
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner	

Key events			
13/11/2002	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(2002)1220	Summary
26/11/2002	Council draft budget published	14811/2002	Summary
26/11/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
26/11/2002	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0408/2002	
04/12/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/12/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0579/2002	Summary
05/12/2002	Draft budget approved by Council		
05/12/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/01/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/2239(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/5/16899

Documentation gateway					
Commission preliminary draft budget		SEC(2002)1220	13/11/2002	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0408/2002	26/11/2002	EP	
Council draft budget		14811/2002	26/11/2002	CSL	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0579/2002 OJ C 027 30.01.2004, p. 0024-0098 E	05/12/2002	EP	Summary

Final act	
Budget 2003/30 OJ L 021 24.01.2003, p. 0001-0160	Summary

Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement

PURPOSE : to present the Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending budget No 6 to the budget for 2002. **CONTENT** : at the conciliation meeting in July the budgetary authority decided not to use the flexibility instrument for heading 5 to cover the additional requirements in 2003 resulting from preparations for the forthcoming enlargement. These additional requirements had been announced in the two reports by the Secretaries-General and were subsequently confirmed in the various institutions' statements of estimates. Instead, the budgetary authority encouraged the institutions to carry out a "frontloading" exercise. The purpose of this operation is to collect the appropriations remaining available for 2002 and transfer them to the budget lines where they can be used to bring forward to 2002 the expenditure initially planned for 2003. The appropriations for these budget lines in the 2003 budget will then be reduced by the amount brought forward to 2002. The margin resulting from this reduction in 2003 will then cover the requirements which cannot be covered in any other way under the current heading 5 ceiling. This relates in particular to the 500 outside staff which the Commission has requested from the budgetary authority to prepare for enlargement. The operation will also provide the European Parliament with additional appropriations in 2003 to pursue its policy of early repayment on buildings. It will increase the final margin for heading 5 in 2003, boosting the institutions' capacity to cope with unforeseen requirements which might arise in 2003, a decisive year for enlargement preparations. The purpose of this preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget (PDSAB) is to redeploy the appropriations which will not be used in 2002 to budget lines in which expenditure can be brought forward. The use of a PDSAB rather than transfers is largely due to the interinstitutional nature of the operation. Some institutions are also using this PDSAB to make internal transfers within their Section. These transfers are not linked directly to the frontloading exercise, but form apart of the development of multiannual programming of some of the expenditure linked with preparations for enlargement.?

Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement

PURPOSE : to present the draft supplementary and amending budget No 6 for the financial year 2002 as established by the Council. **CONTENT** : on 13 November 2002 the Commission sent the Council preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget (PDSAB) No 6 for the financial year 2002. It concerns Section I (Parliament), II (Council), III (Commission), IV (Court of Justice), V (Court of Auditors), VI - Economic and Social Committee), VIII - Part A (European Ombudsman) and VIII - Part B (European Data Protection Supervisor). The aim of the Commission proposal is to collect those appropriations which are not expected to be used in 2002 and transfer them to budget headings where they can still be used before the end of the financial year by bringing forward expenditure originally intended for 2003. The appropriations for these budget headings in the 2003 budget will then be reduced by the amount brought forward in 2002. This "frontloading" exercise was proposed by the budgetary authority at the conciliation meeting on 19 July 2002, when it was decided not to use the flexibility instrument for heading 5 (administrative expenditure) to cover the additional requirements in 2003 arising from preparations for enlargement. PDSAB 6/2002 constitutes an interinstitutional redeployment exercise which also involves internal transfers within each section of the budget. Those transfers are not directly connected with the frontloading exercise, but relate to the ongoing multiannual programming of some of the expenditure linked with preparations for enlargement. The Commission launched the frontloading exercise in consultation with the Secretaries-General of the institutions. The total usable appropriations reported by the institutions amount to EUR 77,13 million, the breakdown of which by institution is shown in the technical annex to the proposal. The Council is also contributing to this exercise through an internal transfer of EUR 3 million which will allow it to bring forward some of the expenditure involved in publishing the body of Community law.

This amount is not included in PDSAB 6/02. In addition, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors are also using this PDSAB to make internal adjustments to their budgets of the order of EUR 150 000 and EUR 500 000 respectively, in order to finance their needs for computer equipment and additional premises not covered by the frontloading exercise. On 26 November 2002, the Council established draft supplementary and amending budget 6/2002 by adopting the Commission's proposal. As a consequence of 6/2002, the total appropriations in the 2002 budget remain unchanged.?

Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement

The committee adopted the report by Guido PODESTA' (EPP-ED, I) approving unamended EU Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No. 6/2002 for the 2002 financial year. It welcomed the innovative and cooperative approach of the institutions making this frontloading operation possible and stressed that it would ensure that key enlargement priorities under Heading 5 could now be met.?

Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by its rapporteurs Guido PODESTA (EPP-ED, Italy) and Kathalijne Maria BUITENWEG (Greens/EFA, Netherlands). Parliament declared itself satisfied with SAB No 6/2002, the purpose of which is to redeploy budgetary appropriations, which will not be used in 2002, to budget lines against which expenditure originally foreseen for 2003 can be brought forward. The innovative and cooperative approach of the institutions made this frontloading operation possible. Key enlargement priorities under heading 5 can now be met. Draft SAB 6/2002 is approved unamended.?

Amending and supplementary budget 6/2002: frontloading exercise for the 2004 enlargement

PURPOSE : to finally adopt the supplementary and amending budget 6/2002 of the European Union. COMMUNITY MEASURE : 2003/30/EC, Euratom. CONTENT : the European Parliament has finally adopted the supplementary and amending budget 6/2002 of the European Union in accordance with its resolution adopted on 5 December 2002 (please refer to the summary of the resolution). ?