

# Procedure file

Basic information	
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2003/2103(BUD)
Amending budget 2/2003: general statement of revenue	Procedure completed
Subject	
8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players	
European Parliament	Committee responsible <span style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px;">BUDG</span> Budgets  Rapporteur  Appointed 10/12/2001  PSE <a href="#">FÄRM Göran</a>
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Budget</a>  Commissioner

Key events			
13/05/2003	Commission preliminary draft budget published	<a href="#">SEC(2003)0552</a>	Summary
16/06/2003	Council draft budget published	<a href="#">10190/2003</a>	Summary
30/06/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/07/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
09/07/2003	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0261/2003</a>	
03/09/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0361/2003</a>	Summary
03/09/2003	Draft budget approved by Council		
03/09/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/2103(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 272; Euratom Treaty A 177

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/19605

### Documentation gateway

Commission preliminary draft budget	<a href="#">SEC(2003)0552</a>	13/05/2003	EC	Summary
Council draft budget	<a href="#">10190/2003</a>	16/06/2003	CSL	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0261/2003</a>	09/07/2003	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0361/2003</a> OJ C 076 25.03.2004, p. 0119-0167 E	03/09/2003	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Budget 2003/657](#)  
[OJ L 242 26.09.2003, p. 0001-0019](#) Summary

## Amending budget 2/2003: general statement of revenue

**PURPOSE** : to present the preliminary draft amending budget for the 2003 budget (General Statement of Revenue). **CONTENT** : the European Commission presents to the budgetary authority the preliminary draft amending budget No 3 to the 2003 budget. The present Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) aims at budgeting the surplus resulting from the implementation of the budget year 2002. As provided for in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, under Article 15, it is the only subject of this PDAB and it is submitted within 15 days following the submission of the provisional accounts, which took place on 1 May 2003. The final result of the budget year 2002 shows a surplus of EUR 7.413 billion. The 2002 surplus represents savings for Member States, as it will mean a substantial reduction in their contributions to this year's budget. This figure is the net product of a negative component resulting from lower than forecast revenues (-EUR 1.287 billion), less money taken up on the expenditure side (+ EUR 8.954 billion) and a negative balance of monetary exchange (- EUR 0.253 billion). The budgeting of the surplus from 2002 will reduce the financing needs of the EU budget in 2003. The lower than initially expected revenue in 2002 is mainly accounted for by a shortfall in own resources, namely customs duties and VAT. On the expenditure side, the uptake of funds available in the budget has improved, and was very good for the cohesion fund, external actions and administration. The highest difference between result and initial budget in 2002 occurred in the Structural Funds, where amounts budgeted are based on forecasts submitted by the Member States. Despite important carry-overs from 2002 to 2003 some EUR 4.85 billion have not been disbursed, mainly related to the previous programming period. The second place is taken by internal policies, with around EUR 1.16 billion left over. Given the size of its budget, the estimates for agriculture proved rather accurate, with only around EUR 1.1 billion in surplus. Absorption for pre-accession aid to candidate countries remained problematic in 2002, with payments almost EUR 0.8 billion lower than budgeted. The surplus recorded in agriculture, administrative expenditure and the reserves represents real savings. An amount of EUR 1 billion from the surplus had already been entered into the 2003 budget when it was adopted last December, so the latest amending budget will reduce Member States payments to the EU budget by around EUR 6.4 billion compared to the initial calculation. However, the effect by Member State of this global decrease is also influenced by the updated own resources forecast including the updated amount of the UK correction. This will be the subject of a separate Amending Budget, to be presented by the Commission end of May 2003, which is expected to change the distribution of the total amount by country (refer to BUD/2003/2113). By way of comparison, the surplus for 2001 was EUR 15 billion, and for 2000 was EUR 11.6 billion.?

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On 15 May 2003, the Commission sent the Council preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) No 3 for the financial year 2003 concerning the entry in the budget of the surplus resulting from the 2002 outturn which amounts to EUR 7 413 481 988,34, a part of which has already been entered in the budget for 2003: EUR 1 billion. On 16 June 2003, the Council established draft amending budget No 3 for the financial year 2003. It amended the Commission proposal so as to include in draft amending budget No 3 the appropriations which had not been allocated under draft amending budgets Nos 1 and 2 (EUR 10,350 million). Under this draft amending budget No 3 for the financial year 2003, overall expenditure stands at EUR 97.502.937.098.?

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The committee adopted the report by Göran FÄRM (PES, S) on Draft Amending Budget No. 3 for 2003 (Commission). It deplored the fact that the surplus for 2002 amounted to EUR 7.4 billion although it acknowledged that this was actually an improvement compared with the surplus of EUR 15 billion for 2001. While agreeing with the Council's modifications (i.e. to include in the surplus certain amounts which the Commission had proposed as expenditure in Amending Budgets 1/2003 and 2/2003), it nevertheless regretted the timing of the Council's

adoption of the Draft Amending Budget, which should have been adopted only after full completion of the procedures for Amending Budgets 1 and 2. However, the committee decided not to introduce budgetary amendments and to accept the Council's Draft Amending Budget No. 3/2003.?

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PURPOSE : final adoption of the amending budget 2/2003 (formerly 3/2003). LEGISLATIVE ACT : 2003/657/EC, Euratom. CONTENT : the European Parliament has adopted the amending budget 2/2003 of the European Union in accordance with its resolution of 3 September 2003 (please refer to the summary of the resolution) in view of amending the statement of revenue of the Union's budget. It should be noted that this amending budget 2/2003 was, at the time of the presentation of the preliminary draft budget and the draft budget of the Council, referred to as amending budget 3/2003.?

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Göran FÄRM (PES, Sweden) on Draft Amending Budget No 3 for 2003. (Please see the summary dated 09/07/03.)?