

# Procedure file

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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	PSE <a href="#">FÄRM Göran</a>	02/12/2002
Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	<a href="#">Budget</a>		

Key events			
18/11/2003	Commission preliminary draft budget published	<a href="#">SEC(2003)1297</a>	Summary
25/11/2003	Council draft budget published	<a href="#">15276/2003</a>	Summary
25/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
25/11/2003	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0429/2003</a>	
03/12/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0534/2003</a>	Summary
04/12/2003	Draft budget approved by Council		
04/12/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/01/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

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Commission preliminary draft budget	<a href="#">SEC(2003)1297</a>	18/11/2003	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0429/2003</a>	25/11/2003	EP	
Council draft budget	<a href="#">15276/2003</a>	25/11/2003	CSL	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0534/2003</a> OJ C 089 14.04.2004, p. 0030-0095 E	04/12/2003	EP	Summary

## Final act

[Budget 2004/54](#)

[OJ L 022 28.01.2004, p. 0047-0047](#) Summary

## Amending budget 7/2003: section III Commission, anticipating locative expenditures

**PURPOSE :** to present the preliminary draft amending budget 8/2003 - General statement of revenue - Section III (Commission). **CONTENT :** the PDB 2004 has been prepared on the basis of a 2% increase in salaries and pensions in 2004 compared to 2003. In the meantime, two events, which are for the moment discussed in the Council, will have a considerable impact on the budgetary needs for salaries and remunerations in 2004: 1) an important difference with the French government's statistics on the evolution of the basic pay for the French civil servants has been assessed by Eurostat. Consequently, the Commission has adopted on October 6, 2003 a proposal for a Council decision to correct this difference by increasing the remunerations by 1% as from July 2002. This decision should have an impact of EUR 32,7 million on the budget 2004 for all Institutions; 2) the final calculation of the salary adjustment for January 2004 shows an increase for the salary adjustment of 3,4%. This is 1,4% higher than the PDB 2004 estimate. The proposal of the Commission is based on this new information. The amount needed to cover this increase is EUR 44,2 million on the budget 2004 for all Institutions. The margin under the ceiling of Heading 5 after the first reading of Draft Budget 2004 by the Parliament (EUR 86,8 million) can be used to cover these needs, thus reducing the margin to around EUR 10 million. However, the Commission believes that a higher margin in 2004 would be advisable in order to cover, if necessary, unexpected needs related to enlargement. For this reason, the Commission proposes to transfer the margin left in Budget 2003 to Budget 2004 through a frontloading approach similar to the one used in building Budget 2003. The PDAB would transfer the 2003 margin to the budget of the Commission on the budget line financing the rent and ground rent. The Commission would pay the rent and ground rent of the first months of 2004 (which have to be paid before January 1, 2004) on budget 2003 instead of budget 2004. The appropriations for the rent and ground rent in budget 2004 could be reduced in the second reading by the amount frontloaded, increasing the margin of 2004 by the amount of the margin of 2003 (EUR 21,9 million). The Parliament could then adjust the amount of the remuneration and the pensions for 2004 in its second reading, leaving a margin between EUR 25 million and EUR 30 million in heading 5 in order to cope with unforeseen requirements which might arise in 2004, a decisive year for enlargement.?

## Amending budget 7/2003: section III Commission, anticipating locative expenditures

The committee adopted the report by Göran FÄRM (PES, S) approving Draft Amending Budget No. 7/2003 without amendment following the global agreement reached at the budgetary conciliation between Parliament and Council on 24 November 2003.?

## Amending budget 7/2003: section III Commission, anticipating locative expenditures

On 21 November 2003, the Commission submitted to the Council preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) No 8 for the 2003 financial year. The Commission's proposal concerns the frontloading in 2003 of Commission rental expenditure originally planned for 2004; the amount involved is EUR 21,9 million, with the appropriations in the 2004 budget being reduced by the same amount. The aim of the exercise is to be able to meet new expenditure such as the adjustment of salaries while leaving an additional margin under the ceiling for Heading 5 (Administrative expenditure) in 2004. Following conciliation on 24 November 2003 with the Parliament delegation, which preceded the Council meeting (Ecofin/Budget), the Council gave its approval - as part of an overall agreement with the European Parliament and the Commission involving the adoption at a single reading of the abovementioned amending budget - to draft amending budget No 7 for the 2003 financial year as submitted by the Commission. Following this draft amending budget, total payment appropriations amount to EUR 92 524 837 098, while total commitment appropriations amount to EUR 99 812 381 338. It should be noted that the Council amended the nomenclature of the draft budget and it therefore becomes draft amending budget No 7 for the financial year 2003 (instead and in place of draft budget 8/2003).?

## Amending budget 7/2003: section III Commission, anticipating locative expenditures

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report by Goran FARM (PES, Sweden) and approved the Draft Amending Budget

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PURPOSE : to adopt amending budget No 7 of the EU for 2003. COMMUNITY MEASURE : European Parliament Final Adoption of amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2003 (2004/54/EC.) CONTENT : The European Parliament declared that the amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2003 has been finally adopted.?