


Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2004/2007(BUD)	Procedure completed
2005 budget: EP's estimates		
Subject 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PSE KUCKELKORN Wilfried	01/12/2003
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
16/02/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/04/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
05/04/2004	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0236/2004	
20/04/2004	Debate in Parliament		
22/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0370/2004	Summary
22/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Budgetary preparation
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/20669

Documentation gateway					
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A5-0236/2004	05/04/2004	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T5-0370/2004 OJ C 104 30.04.2004, p. 0747-1014 E	22/04/2004	EP	Summary

2005 budget: EP's estimates

The committee adopted the report by Wilfried KUCKELKORN (PES, D) setting out Parliament's estimates for its revenue and expenditure in the year 2005. MEPs stressed the importance of meeting the needs of enlargement despite the financial constraints on administrative expenditure (heading 5) and of continuing to improve the services provided to MEPs. The report focused on a number of key issues: - the principles of good financial management must be respected; - the reform of Parliament's Administration must be continued by rationalising and modernising working methods, making better use of new technologies and concentrating on core activities; - the parameters and underlying assumptions will have to be reviewed during the first reading of the 2005 budget in the light of the political priorities; - the committee reiterated its support for the introduction of a statute for MEPs' assistants; - the Secretary General should present a report on the budgetary impact of the new code of conduct on "controlled multilingualism"; - the committee would reserve its final decision on the creation of 140 new enlargement-related posts until the first reading of the 2005 budget; - proposals on upgrades might be put forward in the first reading to take account of the financial implications of the new staff regulations; - interinstitutional cooperation should be further developed with a view to making savings; - the EP's website, Europarl, and the Legislative Observatory should be provided with sufficient means; - the Secretary General was asked to report on the reinforcement of security measures in Parliament. ?

2005 budget: EP's estimates

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The House notes that the preliminary draft estimates have been set at 20% of heading 5, representing an increase of 3,3% over 2004 budget. It reserves its final decision on the global level of Section I until the first reading in the autumn. It is pointed out that out of the amount of EUR 1 272 million corresponding to 20% of heading 5, an amount of EUR 1 007.6 million is foreseen for standard operational expenditure and EUR 173.4 million for enlargement-related needs.

On the issue of the adoption of a Statute for Members' assistants, Parliament considers that the provisions provided by the new staff regulations regarding the option to define assistants as contract agents should be examined.

On a more general note, Parliament reiterates its request for the re-introduction of limitations to the entry into its canteens to ensure that Members and staff can use the premises without unnecessary loss of time and in an appropriate environment.

Lastly, Parliament is determined, as the driving force behind the movement to set up a WTO Parliamentary Assembly, to ensure that sufficient appropriations become available to provide for the adequate participation, with the necessary infrastructure, of its delegations in all meetings of or leading up to such an assembly.