








Procedure file

Basic information	
APP - Consent procedure Decision	2020/0142(APP) Awaiting final decision
Measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel	
Amending Decision 2003/76 2001/0061(CNS)	
Subject 3.50.02.03 Framework programme and research programme for Coal and Steel 8.70.03 Budgetary control and discharge, implementation of the budget	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgets	 VAN OVERTVELDT Johan	03/09/2020
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 UŠAKOVS Nils	
		 GHEORGHE Vlad	
		 MODIG Silvia	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Research and Innovation	Commissioner GABRIEL Mariya	

Key events			
16/07/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0319	
22/06/2021	Legislative proposal published	09399/2021	
01/07/2021	Vote in committee		

02/07/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0229/2021	
05/07/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/07/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0340/2021	Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0142(APP)
Procedure type	APP - Consent procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2003/76 2001/0061(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union TEU 37
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	BUDG/9/03543

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document	COM(2020)0319	16/07/2020	EC	
Committee draft report	PE693.589	25/05/2021	EP	
Legislative proposal	09399/2021	22/06/2021	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0229/2021	02/07/2021	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0340/2021	07/07/2021	EP	Summary

Measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel

The European Parliament adopted by 627 votes to 40, with 29 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision amending Decision 2003/76/EC establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel.

Parliament gave its consent to the draft Council decision.

The Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) is an EU funding programme that finances research projects in the coal and steel sectors. The RFCS has its own legal bases standing outside the Multiannual Financial Framework.

The Commission proposal foresees amendments to the current Decision 2003/76/EC. It aims to allow for the sale of part of the assets of the ECSC in liquidation for the period 2021-2027 in order to provide an annual allocation to the RFCS of EUR 111 million to finance research in the coal and steel sectors, namely:

- EUR 40 billion to fund collaborative research in these sectors and;

- EUR 71 billion to fund research into breakthrough technologies leading to near zero-carbon steel making and research projects for managing the just transition of formerly operating coal mines or coal mines in the process of closure, and related infrastructure in line with the Just Transition Mechanism.

The proposal does not create any new liabilities to be charged to the General Budget under the current multiannual financial framework (MFF). With the exception of some carry-over due to payment requests still to be satisfied within the annual allocation, the assets will stabilise after 2027 and will not be further reduced. In other words, based on the proposal the assets left intact after 2027 should still be intact in 2050, bar the (positive or negative) effect of the ECSC portfolio performance.

