


Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1994/2140(INI)	Procedure completed
Incorporation of the ECSC in the EC budget		
Subject 8.70.40 Basic budgetary texts		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		19/07/1995
		PSE COLOM I NAVAL Joan	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		23/04/1996
		PSE ADAM Gordon J.	
	REGI Regional Policy		22/04/1996
		PSE CRAMPTON Peter Duncan	
CONT Budgetary Control		24/07/1996	
	PSE BLAK Freddy		

Key events			
26/10/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
02/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0302/1996	
14/11/1996	Debate in Parliament		
15/11/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0629/1996	Summary
15/11/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/12/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

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Committee dossier	BUDG/4/06014

Documentation gateway

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A4-0302/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0005	02/10/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T4-0629/1996 OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0315-0327	15/11/1996	EP	Summary

Incorporation of the ECSC in the EC budget

In the report by Joan COLOM I NAVAL the Committee on Budgets has called for the ECSC - the Treaty establishing that Community is due to expire in the year 2002 - to be incorporated into the EU budget. The committee is reiterating its view that activities such as research and social and regional measures should be phased out of the ECSC framework and phased into the appropriate EU budgetary framework. Parliament, in its capacity as legislative and budgetary authority, should be closely involved in the process. The Commission is being called upon to produce a study - which it was due to submit in spring 1996(!) - setting out a detailed picture of the current situation and the prospects for ECSC reserves. It should also provide information about borrowing and lending operations. Furthermore, in anticipation of enlargement, it will need to say what arrangements it will make under the PHARE and TACIS programmes to enable the coal and steel industries in the Central and Eastern European countries to complete the necessary transition. The Committee on Budgets believes that the balances of remaining ECSC assets should be transferred to the Union and could be administered by an EU body. The Commission should draw up a study with a view to establishing a European coal and steel foundation or agency, the initial capital of which would consist of the remaining ECSC appropriations. (Operating and administrative expenditure would be covered in the EU budget). In the committee's opinion, interest earned on the capital should be paid into the EU budget and used to finance multi-annual research programmes relating to coal and steel or the social situation. ?

Incorporation of the ECSC in the EC budget

Adopting the report by Mr Joan COLOM I NAVAL (PSE, E), the European Parliament voted in favour of incorporating the ECSC into the Community budget, given that the Treaty establishing the ECSC is due to expire in 2002. It reiterated its view that activities such as research and social and regional measures should be phased out of the ECSC framework and phased into the appropriate EU budgetary framework. The European Parliament, in its capacity as a legislative and budgetary authority, should be closely involved in the process. The European Commission was called on to produce a study (which was due in spring 1996) setting out a detailed picture of the current situation and the prospects for ECSC reserves. It was also requested to provide information about borrowing and lending operations. Furthermore, in anticipation of enlargement, it also needs to say what arrangements it will make under the PHARE and TACIS programmes to enable the coal and steel industries in the CEECs to complete the necessary transition. The report believed that the balances of remaining ECSC assets should be transferred to the Union and could be administered by an EU body. The Commission was therefore called on to draw up a study with a view to establishing a European coal and steel foundation or agency, the initial capital of which would consist of the remaining ECSC appropriations and the operational and administrative expenditure of which would be covered in the EU budget. Interest earned on the capital would be paid into the EU budget and used to cofinance multiannual research programmes relating to coal and steel and the social situation.?