

Procedure file

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Amending ECSC operating budget 1995		
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Key players			
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	BUDG Budgets	PPE BARDONG Otto	23/06/1995
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		

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06/09/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
06/09/1995	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A4-0205/1995	
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Council draft budget		SEC(1995)0761	30/05/1995	EC	Summary
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OBJECTIVE: this document aims to justify the amendments to the ECSC operating budget for the 1995 financial year, due for the most part to the enlargement of the Community. The 13.5% increase in the initial budget (from ECU 291 million to ECU 331 million) should more or less meet the cofinancing requirements for social measures and for research and restructuring aid. SUBSTANCE: the draft amending ECSC operating budget for 1995 totals ECU 331 million instead of the ECU 291 million initially envisaged. The amendments cover the following figures: . yield from the levy of 0.21%: this increases from ECU 91 million to ECU 100.5 million, the increase being mainly due to the accession of the new Member States to the EC - ECU 6 million - with the remainder stemming from the increase in the number of tonnes of taxable steel; . net balance: reduction from ECU 125 million to ECU 120 million due to the updating of the initial forecasts for 1994; . fines and surcharges: ECU 3.3 million has been recovered following a Court ruling; . miscellaneous: repayment of conversion aid for the creation of jobs that have not actually been created (these repayments have been made very quickly throughout the year); . cancellations: the increase of ECU 11.3 million is due mainly to the under-use by the Member States of the amounts initially set aside for social measures; . resources not used during the previous financial year: the increase of ECU 27.9 million is due to the recovery during 1994 of all the reserves allocated as compensation to two companies that suffered losses as a result of the 1980-88 quota system (this recovery is possible due to the definitive regulation of compensation before the end of 1994); . drawings on the contingency reserve: the procedure initially envisaged will be avoided in 1995. With regard to requirements: . aid for deployment: the allocation of ECU 135 million (+18%) will meet the requirements of the Member States but this adjustment has no impact on workers, the beneficiaries of cofinanced aid; . aid for research: the allocation of ECU 60 million (+15%) meets the technical research needs (particularly for steel); . aid for conversion: the allocation of ECU 33 million (+10%) will respond to the requirements of the new members of the EC (especially Austria); . social measures in conjunction with the restructuring of the sectors: the allocations remain unchanged. ?

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The report and the proposal for a resolution were unanimously adopted. In presenting the 1995 amending draft as an instrument for demonstrating to the new Member States that ECSC activities were contributing towards research and to the development of energies and industries for the future, the report proposed: - that the special heading of administrative costs be deleted, as had already been requested by Parliament; - that the amount allocated to research aid be increased from ECU 60 m to ECU 81 m, in line with an active structural policy; - that aid for reconversion be reduced from ECU 35 m to ECU 28 m; - that headings dealing with social actions associated with restructuring be modified by reducing the steel-industry allocation from ECU 60 m to ECU 50 M and by increasing the allocation for coal-industry restructuring from ECU 38 m to ECU 42 m, considering the developments which have been taking place in the mining industry. Finally, with a view to the year 2002 and the process of phasing-in, the rapporteur recalled Parliament's proposal which was that financial resources still available from various ECSC activities should be transferred to an endowment fund. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Otto BARDONG (PPE, D), the European Parliament approved and revised the draft amending budget relating to the ECSC operating budget for 1995. The amendments related to the following points: - considering that it was incomprehensible, in view of the budget for research aid, that this sector had been relatively neglected over the years, Parliament proposed that the amount allocated to this heading be increased from ECU 60 m to ECU 81 m; - considering that the increase in reconversion aid was particularly high, this budget heading was reduced from ECU 35 m to ECU 28 m; - noting the different developments in the coal industry and in the steel-making sector, Parliament amended the Commission's proposals on social actions associated with restructuring: this budget heading was therefore revised in that the steel appropriations were reduced from ECU 60 m to ECU 50 m, while the budget for social actions associated with the restructuring of the coal industry was increased from ECU 38 m to ECU 42. In doing so, Parliament withdrew the ECU 5 m assigned for administrative costs (as previously requested by Parliament) and reduced the aid for adjustment by ECU 5 m. It also pointed out that the Commission had made an error in adding up its expenditure (the addition of 6 budget headings giving a total of ECU 333 m and not ECU 331 m as stated in the initial proposal) and regretted that the latter had not taken advantage of the budget presentation to submit a report on ECSC phasing-in. Finally, Parliament called on the Commission to state its views in the run up to 2002 so as to determine the financial resources which will be remaining on that date and to dispel any legal uncertainties as to the possibility of using these reserves. ?