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Til underretning for Folketingets Europaudvalg vedlægges Finansministeriets redegørelse for rådsmøde (økonomi- og finansministre) den 16. juli 2004.

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Til Folketingets Europaudvalg: Ecofin d. 16. juli 2004

Ecofin foretog d. 16. juli 2004 sin første læsning af EU's budget for 2005. I forbindelse med rådsmødet blev der gennemført et samråd med Europa-Parlamentet som led i budget 2005-proceduren.

Rådets første læsning resulterede i en reduktion af forpligtelsesbevillingerne på 1.265 mio. euro i forhold til Kommissionens budgetforslag samt en reduktion af betalingsbevillingerne med 4.347 mio. euro, *jf. tabel 1.*

Tabel 1. Rådets første læsning af EU's budget for 2005

Mio. Euro	Rådets 1. Læsning		Ændring ift. Budgetforslag		Ændring ift. 2004-budget i pct.		Margen
	Forpl.	Betal.	Forpl.	Betal.	Forpl.	Betal.	
1. Landbrug							
1a. Markedsordninger	42.834	42.834	-1.000	-1.000	6,4	6,4	1.764
1b. Landdistriktsstøtte	6.841	6.279	0	0	4,7	15,3	0
Total	49.675	49.114	-1.000	-1.000	6,2	7,5	
2. Strukturfonde	42.378	32.396	0	-3.000	3,3	5,1	63
3. Interne Politikker	8.903	7.686	-55	-42	2,3	2,3	109
4. Eksterne politikker	5.105	4.986	-129	-24	-1,4	0,7	14
5. Administration	6.308	6.308	-81	-81	3,1	3,1	52
6. Reserver	446	446	0	0	0,9	0,9	0
7. Førtiltrædelse	1.856	2.980	0	-200	7,1	4,3	1.616
8. Kompensation	1.305	1.305	0	0	-7,4	-7,4	0
I alt	115.977	105.221	-1.265	-4.347	4,1	5,4	3.617
Betal. i pct. af BNI		0,99					

Samrådet med Parlamentet gav som forventet begrænsede resultater, idet Parlamentet mødte op i sin sammensætning fra før valget. Der blev dog afgivet tre fælles erklæringer fra Rådet og Parlamentet (vedlagt):

- En erklæring om opstramning af kravene til Kommissionens halvårlige finansielle programmering, der viser planlagte udgifter i de kommende år.
- En erklæring, som anmoder Kommissionen om snarest muligt at præsentere et samlet overslag over de forventede udgifter til Irak til og med 2006 samt et forslag til finansiering heraf. Desuden opfordres Kommissionen til inden Rådets anden læsning at fremlægge en revideret finansiell programmering for 2006 inkl. midler til Irak.
- En erklæring om at der skal ske en løbende udveksling af information mellem institutionerne i forbindelse med forhandlingerne om de kommende finansielle perspektiver.



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 16 July 2004

11554/04

**FIN 357
PE-L 126**

"A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Council

Subject : Establishment of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2005

1. At its meeting on 16 July 2004, the Ecofin-Budget Council reached a qualified majority on the draft general budget for 2005 on the basis of 11229/04 FIN 323 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 and 11230/04 FIN 324 + ADD 1, accompanied by the joint statements agreed during conciliation meeting of 16 July 2004 as set out in ANNEX I.

2. The Council is invited to:
 - decide in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Council's rules of procedures, by unanimity and on an exceptional basis, to establish the draft budget for 2005 in the eleven language versions that are available, taking account of the urgency deriving from the budgetary deadlines foreseen in the Treaty;
 - confirm the outcome of the proceedings of the Ecofin-Budget Council of 16 July 2004;
 - draw up the draft budget for 2005 accordingly;
 - mandate the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to draw up the budget documents and forward them to the European Parliament in accordance with the timetable established;

- record in its minutes the statements:
 - No 1 on payment appropriations annexed to doc. 11229/04;
 - set out in ANNEX I to this document;
 - the unilateral statement as set out in ANNEX II to this document.

Joint statements agreed during the conciliation meeting on 16 July 2005
to be entered in the Council's minutes

I. Statement No 1 on financial programming

"1. The Commission submits twice a year, the first time in May/June (together with the documents accompanying the PDB) and the second time in December/January (after the adoption of the Budget), a complete financial programming for Heading 3 and 4 of the current Financial Perspective. This document, structured by heading, policy area and budget line should identify two phases:

a. legislation in force with the distinction between multiannual programmes and annual actions:

- for multiannual programmes the Commission should indicate the procedure under which they were adopted (COD and CNS), their duration, the reference amounts, the share allocated to administrative expenditure;
- for annual actions (PP-PA, Agencies) and actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission, it should provide multiannual estimates and (for PP-PA), the margins left under the authorised ceilings foreseen by the IIA (Eur 32 million for PP and EUR 75 million for PA);

b. pending legislation: ongoing Commission's proposals referenced by budget line (lower level), chapter and policy area. A mechanism should be found to update the tables each time a new proposal is adopted in order to evaluate the financial consequences.

2. The Commission should consider ways of cross-referencing the financial programming with its legislative programming to provide more precise and reliable forecasts. For each legislative proposal, the Commission should indicate whether it is included in the May-December programming or not. The Budgetary Authority should notably be informed of:
 - a. all new legislative acts adopted but not included in the May-Dec document (with the corresponding amounts);
 - b. all pending legislation presented but not included in the May-Dec document (with the corresponding amounts);
 - c. legislation foreseen in the Commission's annual legislative working programme with the indication of actions likely to have a financial impact (yes/no).

Whenever necessary the Commission should indicate the reprogramming entailed by the new legislation proposed.

On the basis of the data supplied by the Commission, stocktaking should be made at each trialogue, provided for in the IIA of 6 May 1999, as foreseen by the joint statement of July 2000."

II. Statement No 2 on 2006 programming for Iraq

"The Budgetary Authority asks the Commission to present as soon as possible a global assessment of the needs foreseen in Iraq for the period up to and including 2006 together with a proposal for its financing including the amounts already pledged on behalf of the Union, and if appropriate to present before the Council's second reading of the 2005 budget a revised financial programming for 2006 including appropriations for Iraq. This is without prejudice to the 2006 budgetary procedure. In the context of the 2006 budgetary procedure, the Commission will present the appropriate proposal."

III. Statement No 3 on Financial Perspective

"The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, reminding that the Financial Perspective should be negotiated in the spirit of loyal interinstitutional co-operation, declare their willingness to take, throughout the procedure, all measures necessary to facilitate the successful completion of the procedure leading to the adoption of the next financial framework.

In this context, they agree to have an exchange of information throughout the process."

Unilateral statement to be entered in the Council minutes

"Portugal, Greece, Spain, Slovenia and Belgium note, in particular, that regarding anti-pollution measures the situation will be reconsidered in the course of the budgetary procedure in the light of additional information on the implementation of the amending Regulation establishing the European Maritime Safety Agency of March 2004 and on the feasibility studies."