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og deres stedfortrædere.

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Til underretning for Folketingets Europaudvalg vedlægges Finansministeriets redegørelse for rådsmøde (økonomi- og finansministre) den 16. juli 2003.


# Til Folketingets Europaudvalg

## Ecofin den 16. juli 2003


Ecofin den 16. juli omhandlede Rådets 1. læsning af EU's budget for 2004. I forbindelse med rådsmødet blev gennemført samråd med Europa-Parlamentet som led i budget 2004-proceduren.

Rådets 1. læsning resulterede i en reduktion af forpligtelsesbevillingerne i Kommissionens budgetforslag for 2004 med 309 mio. euro og betalingsbevillingerne med 527 mio. euro, jf. tabel 1 og 2.

Tabel 1. Rådets 1. Læsning - EU-15

| Mio. Euro<br> | Rådets 1. Læsning<br>(budgetudvalget) |               | Ændring ift. budgetforslag |             | Ændring ift. 2003-<br>budget i pct. |                  | Margen       |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|  | Forpl.                                | Betal.        | Forpl.                     | Betal.      | Forpl.                              | Betal.           |              |
| <b>1. Landbrug</b>   |                                       |               |                            |             |                                     |                  |              |
| 1a. Markedsordninger   | 40.823                                | 40.823        | -160                       | -160        | 1,8 pct.                            | 1,8 pct.         | 1.585        |
| 1b. Landdistriktsstøtte  | 4.803                                 | 4.803         | 0                          | 0           | 2,2 pct.                            | 2,2 pct.         | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>45.626</b>                         | <b>45.626</b> | <b>-160</b>                | <b>-160</b> | <b>1,9 pct.</b>                     | <b>1,9 pct.</b>  | <b>1.585</b> |
| <b>2. Strukturfonde</b>  | 34.326                                | 28.762        | 0                          | -160        | 1 pct.                              | -13,3 pct.       | 0            |
| <b>3. Interne Politikker</b>   | 6.975                                 | 6.555         | -31                        | -21         | 2,6 pct.                            | 5,7 pct.         | 78           |
| <b>4. Eksterne politikker</b>  | 4.936                                 | 4.764         | -60                        | -28         | -0,3 pct.                           | -1,6 pct.        | 146          |
| <b>5. Administration</b>   | 6.029                                 | 6.029         | -58                        | -58         | 12,5 pct.                           | 12,5 pct.        | 128          |
| <b>6. Reserver</b>   | 442                                   | 442           | 0                          | 0           | 1,8 pct.                            | 1,8 pct.         | 0            |
| <b>7. Førtiltrædelse</b>   | 1.732                                 | 2.856         | 0                          | -100        | -48,8 pct.                          | 5,5 pct.         | 1.723        |
| <b>I alt</b>   | <b>100.066</b>                        | <b>95.034</b> | <b>-309</b>                | <b>-527</b> | <b>0,4 pct.</b>                     | <b>-2,5 pct.</b> | <b>3.660</b> |
| <b>Betal. 1 pct. af BNI</b>  |                                       | 0,99          |                            | 0,99        |                                     |                  |              |

Tabel 2. Resultatet af Rådets 1. Læsning - EU-25

| Mio. Euro<br> | Rådets 1. Læsning<br>(budgetudvalget) |                | Ændring ift. Budgetforslag |             | Ændring ift. 2003-<br>budget i pct. |                 | Margen       |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | Forpl.                                | Betal.         | Forpl.                     | Betal.      | Forpl.                              | Betal.          |              |
| <b>1. Landbrug</b>   |                                       |                |                            |             |                                     |                 |              |
| 1a. Markedsordninger   | 41.178                                | 41.178         | -160                       | -160        | 2,7 pct.                            | 2,7 pct.        | 1.591        |
| 1b. Landdistriktsstøtte  | 6.536                                 | 5.448          | 0                          | 0           | 39,1 pct.                           | 16 pct.         | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>47.714</b>                         | <b>46.626</b>  | <b>-160</b>                | <b>-160</b> | <b>6,6 pct.</b>                     | <b>4,1 pct.</b> | <b>1.591</b> |
| <b>2. Strukturfonde</b>  | 41.035                                | 30.522         | 0                          | -160        | 20,8 pct.                           | -8 pct.         | 0            |
| <b>3. Interne Politikker</b>   | 8.609                                 | 7.475          | -31                        | -21         | 26,7 pct.                           | 20,5 pct.       | 113          |
| <b>4. Eksterne politikker</b>  | 4.936                                 | 4.764          | -60                        | -28         | -0,3 pct.                           | -1,6 pct.       | 146          |
| <b>5. Administration</b>   | 6.029                                 | 6.029          | -58                        | -58         | 12,5 pct.                           | 12,5 pct.       | 128          |
| <b>6. Reserver</b>   | 442                                   | 442            | 0                          | 0           | 1,8 pct.                            | 1,8 pct.        | 0            |
| <b>7. Førtiltrædelse</b>   | 1.732                                 | 2.856          |                            | -100        | -48,8 pct.                          | 5,5 pct.        | 1.723        |
| <b>8. Kompensation</b>   | 1.410                                 | 1.410          | 0                          | 0           |                                     |                 | 0,5          |
| <b>I alt</b>   | <b>111.906</b>                        | <b>100.123</b> | <b>-309</b>                | <b>-527</b> | <b>12,3 pct.</b>                    | <b>2,7 pct.</b> | <b>3.702</b> |
| <b>Betal. 1 pct. af BNI</b>  |                                       | 0,99           |                            | 0,99        |                                     |                 |              |

Under samrådet med Parlamentet blev der afgivet en række erklæringer (vedlagt), hvoraf de væsentligste var:

- En erklæring fra Rådet og Parlamentet om proceduren for opjustering af de finansielle rammer for programmer under EU's interne politikker som følge af udvidelsen.

- En erklæring fra Rådet og Parlamentet om proceduren for vedtagelsen af retsakter for en række budgetlinier under primært Kommissionens administrative budget (A30-linier) vedrørende tilskud til særlige institutioner.
- En erklæring fra Rådet, Parlamentet og Kommissionen om proceduren for vedtagelsen af budget 2004, der slår fast, at Rådet og Parlamentet sigter efter at indgå en samlet politisk aftale om budgettet for EU-25. Rådet og Parlamentet vil af juridiske årsager dog kun vedtage budgettet for EU-15 inden for budget-2004-proceduren, som afsluttes med Parlamentets 2. læsning i december 2003. Budgettet for de 10 tiltrædelseslande vil formelt blive vedtaget i marts/april 2004 som et tillægs- og ændringsbudget til 2004-budgettet.

Såvel erklæringer fra samrådet som resultatet af Rådets 1. læsning af budget-2004 blev formelt vedtaget i skriftlige procedure den 18. juli.

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**SUBJECT:** Written procedure concerning the establishment of the draft budget of the European Union for 2004 and the approval of transfer n°18/2003

**MESSAGE:**

In order to have a formal adoption of the outcome of the ECOFIN Council (Budget) of 16 July 2003, a written procedure was agreed.

Accordingly, please indicate whether:

1) you can agree on:

- the confirmation of the outcome of proceedings of the Permanent Representatives Committee as recorded in documents 11241/03 + ADD 1 and 11242/03 + COR 1 (fr) + ADD 1;
- the consequent establishment of the draft budget for 2004 for EU-15 while agreeing politically a position on EU-25;
- giving a mandate to the Presidency, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, to establish budget documents and forward them to the European Parliament in accordance with the foreseen timetable;
- entering into the Council's minutes the declarations recorded in the Annex to documents 11241/03 and 11242/03 and the following declarations:

1. "The European Parliament and the Council ask the Commission to submit in the autumn an updated assessment of the requirements for appropriations incorporating the results of the revision of the common agricultural policy and to take account of those requirements in its letter of amendment."

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2. "The European Parliament and the Council take note that the Commission commits itself to working closely with Parliament's rapporteur for the 2004 budget to identify possible concrete measures that could be envisaged to implement Parliament's priorities for the 2004 budget in the field of agriculture.

In any case, the Commission will report in the context of the usual Amending Letter in the autumn how these priorities have been responded to."

3. "The Council agrees on a rigorous ap-

proach for Heading 5 and confirms that the necessary appropriations and posts for making enlargement a success should be provided in 2004 Budget. The final result must be a margin very close to the one resulting from the Council's first reading. It considers, nevertheless, that the accession of ten new Member States should be used as an opportunity to make supplementary efforts in the organisational structures and management of the Institutions with a view to increasing efficiency. The third report of the Secretaries-General on the evolution of Heading 5 should be examined by both arms of the Budgetary Authority at the November triologue with a view to promoting this process."

4. "The European Parliament and the Council agree on the following procedure to adapt the reference amounts included in the basic acts of Community programmes decided under the co-decision procedure within the limits of the ceiling resulting from adjustment and revision of the Financial Perspective:

- Parliament and Council will endeavour to reach a political agreement on the amounts which should be added, following enlargement, to the reference amounts, at the latest on 24 November;
- they will then invite the Commission to present the appropriate legislative proposal(s);
- the European Parliament and the

Council will thus endeavour to adopt the legislative act(s), under the co-decision procedure, in time for the possible application of the adapted amount as from the date of entry into force of the Accession Treaty."

5. (Legal bases - ex-chapter A30) "The European Parliament and the Council will attempt to finalise their respective positions in the relevant legislative procedures before the end of November 2003, and to keep each other and the Commission informed of the progress of these works.  
The three institutions agree to convene a trialogue before the Council's second reading of the budget, with the objective to reach a common approach and, if possible, to finally adopt the legal bases before the end of the year 2003."
6. "The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission:

Committed to taking all necessary steps to make enlargement a success, in particular to ensure that the budgetary appropriations necessary for the enlarged Union are available as from 1 May 2004 without discrimination between Member States;

Acknowledging that the financial framework legally in force is the Financial Perspective after adaptation following enlargement and revision on 19 May 2003;

agree that the amounts entered in budget documents for the current 15 Member States (EU-15) and those for the enlarged Union (EU-25) are both part of the budgetary procedure:

- The amounts for EU-15 shall be entered in Budget 2004 as published in January 2004;
- The amounts for EU-25 will be part of the political agreement to be reached in December 2003, and shall be entered in Budget 2004 after adoption of the Amending Budget provided in the Treaty of Accession, Article 28.

The Commission proposed EU-25 amounts in PDB 2004, while including for each budget line the proposed amount for EU-15.

The Council will formally enter in

DB 2004 amounts for EU-15, while agreeing politically on its first Reading position on figures for EU-25.

The Parliament, in its first Reading, will amend DB 2004, resulting in explicit figures for both EU-25 and EU-15.

In the conciliation procedure between the first Reading of the Parliament and the second Reading of the Council, as provided in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 6 May 1999, both arms of the budgetary authority should reach an agreement on amounts for EU-15 and for EU-25, enabling the European Parliament to subsequently adopt on that basis Budget 2004 with figures for EU-15 and so enable the Commission to prepare a Preliminary Draft Amending Budget in the first quarter of 2004 for the budgeting of the amounts for EU-25, to be adopted by the budgetary authority in time to enter into force on 1 May 2004.

Therefore, both institutions are committed to publishing, within each of their readings, a table showing the amounts for EU-15 and for EU-25 for each budget line, on the model of Annex 1 to Volume 4, Book 2 of PDB 2004. In addition, they will ensure a technical co-operation between their services so as to facilitate the work of each institution."

- 1) you can agree on transfer of appropriations n°18/2003 as recorded in doc. SEC(2003) 784 final

Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION to each of these questions.

Any unilateral statements must be made separately.



Replies must reach the Council General Secretariat by 17.00 on 18 July 2003 at the latest. They may be faxed to 02 285 92 98, marked for the attention of Mr GOMEZ LASAGA.

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