

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

484th Council meeting
- Budget -
Brussels, 22 November 1977

President: Mr Mark EYSKENS,
State Secretary for the Budget
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS State Secretary for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Joachim HIEHLE State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary to the Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance (Budget)

Ireland:

Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE Department for Economic Planning and Development

Italy:

Mr Antonio MAZZARRINO Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr J.H. LUBBERS

Ambassador, Permanent
Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr William NICOLL

Minister, Deputy Permanent
Representative

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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NEW FINANCIAL REGULATION

As part of the procedure for consultation between the European Parliament and the Council on the new financial regulation, the Council met a delegation from the European Parliament comprising Mr COLOMBO (President), Mr SPENALE (Vice-President), Messrs LANGE, AIGNER and BANGEMANN (Vice-Chairmen of the Committee on Budgets), Mr SHAW (Rapporteur on the 1978 budget), Lord BRUCE of DONINGTON, and Messrs COINTAT and SPINELLI (Members of the Committee on Budgets).

This meeting was the occasion for a second discussion of the draft financial regulation, in particular as regards certain questions left outstanding at the Conciliation Committee meeting on 7 November 1977, namely those of transfers of appropriations, comments, control and research appropriations.

Discussion of these questions and of certain related matters raised by the same draft enabled the two parties to narrow their differences of opinion on the amended draft, although the question of control was set aside for a subsequent meeting fixed for 7 December so that the Council and the European Parliament might acquaint themselves with the opinion issued on this matter by the Court of Auditors. This meeting should make it possible to finalize the text of the new regulation in time for it to apply from 1 January 1978.

DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1978

The Council held an exchange of views on certain budget questions concerning the draft general budget for 1978, in order to prepare its position prior to embarking on a dialogue with the delegation from the European Parliament under the budget procedure.

In the course of the dialogue with the European Parliament delegation, the participants fully explained their respective positions particularly on the European Parliament's amendments and proposed modifications, and on the more general problems connected with the establishment of the 1978 budget.

The Council also informed the European Parliament delegation that, at its meeting on 21 November 1977, it had adopted common guidelines on the draft Regulations regarding VAT own resources and the full application of the own resources system as from 1 January 1978 (new Regulation 2/71).

The parties to the dialogue also took note of the Council's conclusions on the Regional Fund, which are summarized in Press Release 1361/77 (Presse 148) of 21 and 22 November 1977.

It was agreed that similar steps would be taken in the further application of budget procedure as regards the 1978 food aid programme, upon which the Council is to act at its meeting on development on 28 November 1977.

In the light of this exchange of views, the Council went on to give a second reading to the draft general budget of the European Communities and to a vote on the amendments and proposed modifications. Following discussion, it was agreed that the modified draft budget - amounting provisionally to about 12,145 MEUA in payment appropriations and 12,362 MEUA in commitment appropriations - would be forwarded to the European Parliament so that the latter could take a final decision on it at its plenary sitting in December.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations

- amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 2453/76 on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of frozen beef and veal held by the intervention agencies of other Member States;
 - amending Regulation (EEC) No 2452/76 on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of butter held by the intervention agencies of other Member States.
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ET A M. OPITZ DG VIII

CONSEIL BUDGET DU 22.11.1977

IL S'AGIT DE LA DEUXIEME LECTURE DU BUDGET 1978 AU CONSEIL. A CE
MOMENT, LE CONSEIL PEUT CHANGER, REJETER OU ADOPTER - DANS DES
CONDITIONS PRECISES - LES DIFFERENTS AMENDEMENTS ET MODIFICATIONS,
FAITS PAR LE PARLEMENT EN PREMIERE LECTURE,

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NOUS VOUS RAPPELONS QUE LE PARLEMENT, EN PREMIERE LECTURE, AVAIT
REINTRODUIT 677,8 MUCE EN CREDITS D'ENGAGEMENT ET 387,8 MUCE EN
CREDITS DE PAIEMENT DES COUPES EFFECTUEES PAR LE CONSEIL
(874,5 MUCE EN CREDITS D'ENGAGEMENT ET 445,2 MUCE EN CREDITS DE
PAIEMENT). VOIR A CE SUJET AUSSI LA R-101 DE 1977. CE
RETABLISSEMENT DE CREDITS CONCERNE ESSENTIELLEMENT LE FONDS
SOCIAL, LE FONDS REGIONAL, L'ENERGIE ET LES PVD. VOUS ALLEZ
RECEVOIR, PAR COURRIER, UNE FEUILLE QUI RESUME L'ETAT DU BUDGET
AVANT LA DEUXIEME LECTURE, AU CONSEIL.

POUR LE MOMENT, LA SITUATION NE SEMBLE PAS TROP MAUVAISE POUR LE
FONDS SOCIAL ET L'ENERGIE TANDIS QUE POUR LE FEDER, ON ATTEND
D'ABORD UNE DECISION POUR LE FONDS MEME AU CONSEIL AFFAIRES
ETRANGERES DU 21 ET 22 NOVEMBRE.

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AVANT LA SEANCE PROPRE DU CONSEIL DE L'APRES-MIDI, LA MATINEE
ETAIT CONSACREE A LA POURSUITE DE LA SEANCE DE CONCERTATION ENTRE
CONSEIL, PARLEMENT ET COMMISSION DU 7.11.1977 (VOIR BIO(77) 384
DU 8.11.1977). IL S'AGISSAIT DE SE METTRE D'ACCORD SUR QUATRE
POINTS LAISSES EN SUSPENS LE 7 NOVEMBRE EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE
NOUVEAU REGLEMENT FINANCIER. L'ACCORD A PU ETRE TROUVE APRES DE
LONGS DEBATS SUR LA QUESTION DE COMMENTAIRES AUX LIGNES
BUDGETAIRES ET DANS QUELLE MESURE ILS PEUVENT AUTORISER UNE
DEPENSE SANS QU'UNE DECISION DE BASE A CETTE DEPENSE SOIT PRISE.
A SUIVRE.

~~ADRESSE~~

~~REACTIIONS DE PRESSE~~

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REACTIIONS DE PRESSE A LA SUITE DU CONSEIL FINANCES

OBJET : UNION ECONOMIQUE ET MONETAIRE

VOUS AVEZ SANS DOUTE NOTE LES REACTIONS NEGATIVES PRETEES A LA
DELEGATION ALLEMANDE, NOTAMMENT DANS LA PRESSE ALLEMANDE.
JE VOUS CONFIRME, BIEN ENTENDU, LA TENEUR DE NOTRE BIO 401 SUITE 1
QUI REND COMPTE DES POSITIONS DES DELEGATIONS EN SEANCE.
IL ARRIVE COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ QUE LES POSITIONS PRESENTEES EN
SEANCE ET HORS SEANCE DIVERGENT SENSIBLEMENT.

AMITIES QUAND MEME

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