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Objet : Affaires économiques et financières
- programme de travail complémentaire pour 2005

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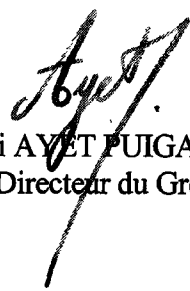
Décision proposée :

- approuver le projet de décision de la Commission adoptant un programme de travail complémentaire pour 2005 dans le domaine des affaires économique et financières;
- ne pas publier au JO.

Commentaire :

Ce programme, qui vaut décision de financement au sens de l'article 75 du règlement financier et l'article 90 de ses modalités d'exécution, a trait au financement d'actions à réaliser dans le cadre des activités "Union économique et monétaire" et "Affaires économiques et financières internationales".

Les incidences financières sont précisées dans la fiche d'accompagnement.


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NOTE DU SECRETARIAT GENERAL

PREPARATION DU DOCUMENT

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ECFIN Affaires économiques et financières

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pour accord

PRESS Service Presse : Accord

BUDG Budget : Accord

SG Secrétariat général : Accord

pour avis

SJ Service juridique : Avis favorable

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(cf. Article 16 of the Internal Rules)

FORM TO BE USED WHERE THE WORK PROGRAMME CONSTITUTES A FINANCING DECISION
(OR FOR REVISION PURPOSES)

POLICY AREA(S): ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

ACTIVITY (-IES): ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

COMPLEMENTARY WORK PROGRAMME FOR: 2005 - PROCUREMENT

TITLE OF THE ACTIONS:

- 1. COORDINATION AND SURVEILLANCE OF EMU THROUGH CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, DATABASES, STUDIES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GENERAL PUBLICATIONS**
- 2. PRINCE — COMMUNICATION ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION INCLUDING THE EURO THROUGH CONFERENCES, MEETINGS WITH DIRECTORS OF COMMUNICATION, EXHIBITIONS, STANDS, STUDIES, SURVEYS, PUBLICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIAL, SPECIALISED SPEAKERS AND TWINNING PROGRAMME**
- 3. MACROECONOMIC ASSISTANCE**

1. BUDGET HEADING(S) CONCERNED AND TITLE(S)

CHAPTER 01 02 ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

01 02 02 Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union

01 02 04 PRINCE Communication on economic and monetary union including the euro

CHAPTER 01 01 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS POLICY AREA

01 01 02 11 Other management expenditure

CHAPTER 01 03 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

01 03 02 Macroeconomic assistance

2. LEGAL BASIS

01 02 02 and 01 02 04 - Tasks resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for by Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

01 01 02 11 - Administrative Autonomy of the Commission

01 03 02 - Individual Council decisions granting macroeconomic assistance and ad hoc Commission Financing decisions

3. OVERALL FIGURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (IN EUROS)

3.a. - Current year

01 02 02 - Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union

	<i>Date</i>	CA
TOTAL appropriation		6 220 000
Initial appropriation for the financial year (budget)		6 000 000
Transfers		
Appropriations carried over from 2004 to 2005		220,000
Appropriations already set aside by the work programme for grants		4 805 000
Balance available		1 415 000
Amount of the measures proposed:		
- Seminars - Economic Seminar Programme		20 000
- Seminars - Visiting Fellows Programme		60 000
- Conference – Brussels Economic Forum		120 000
- External commercial data supply services		195 000
- Studies – 3 “jointly managed actions” with the OECD		470 000
- Technical Assistance in the framework of “Joint Harmonised EU Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys”		90 000
- General Publications		160 000
- European-wide monthly business survey in the financial service sector		300 000
TOTAL for the measures proposed		1 415 000

01 02 04 PRINCE - Communication on Economic and Monetary Union including the euro

	<i>Date</i>	CA
TOTAL appropriation for whole budget heading		4 000 000
Initial appropriation for the financial year (budget)		4 000 000
Transfers		
Appropriations available for the Global Transfer		350 000
Balance available		3 650 000
Amounts for the measures proposed		
- Decentralised actions in New Member States		900 000
- Twinning programme		125 000
- Conferences and seminars on the Euro/EMU within the EU, information activities in third countries, exhibitions and public stands		1 195 000
- Studies, surveys, publications and promotional material		1 380 000
- Specialised Speakers Service		50 000
TOTAL proposed		3 650 000

01 01 02 11 - Other management expenditure in support of policy area “Economic and Financial Affairs”

	<i>Date</i>	<i>CA</i>
TOTAL appropriation for whole budget heading		4 562 103
Initial appropriation for the financial year (budget)		4 562 103
Transfers		
Appropriations set aside for administrative expenditure		3 633 503
Amounts set aside for operational purposes		
- Conferences and workshops		375 000
- Studies and Evaluations		553 600
TOTAL proposed		928 600

01 03 02 - Macroeconomic assistance

	<i>Date</i>	<i>CA</i>
TOTAL appropriation for whole budget heading		82 200 000
Initial appropriation for the financial year (budget)		82 200 000
Transfers		
Appropriations set aside for macroeconomic assistance		81 825 000
Amounts for the measures proposed		
- Studies-Operational Assessments		75 000
- Studies – Ex-post Evaluations		300 000
TOTAL proposed		375 000

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

See Annexe 1 to the Decision.

5. METHOD OF CALCULATION ADOPTED

Not applicable.

6. PAYMENT SCHEDULE (IN EUROS)

Headings	Commitment 2005	Payment			
		2005	2006	2007	2008
01 02 02					
TOTAL 01 02 02	1.415.000	670.000	645.000	75.000	25.000
01 02 04					
TOTAL 01 02 04	3.650.000	2.000.000	1.650.000		
01 01 02 11					
TOTAL 01 01 02 11	928.600	613.600	315.000		
01 03 02					
TOTAL 01 03 02	375.000	130.000	245.000		

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION
ON A FINANCING DECISION RELATING TO A 2005 COMPLEMENTARY
WORK PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The Commission decision on a 2005 complementary work programme in the field of economic and financial affairs has been prepared in accordance with Article 75 of the Financial Regulation¹ and Article 15 of the Internal Rules.

The proposals relate to the financing of actions to be carried out under the following general activities of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: “Economic and Monetary Union” and “International Economic and Financial Affairs”. The proposed actions are ‘procurements’.

The Commission will now adopt a decision on a 2005 work programme in the field of economic and financial affairs. On this basis, it is requested to adopt the attached Decision.

In view of the above, the Commission is invited:

- To approve the annexed 2005 complementary work programme of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs;
- To authorise publication of this work programme on the Directorate General’s Internet website;
- To confirm that the work programme of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs ranks as a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of the Financial Regulation and Article 90 of the Implementing Rules for the Financial Regulation and constitutes a budgetary implementation framework for the purposes of Article 15 of the Internal Rules.

¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.



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COMMISSION DECISION

of

**on adopting a 2005 complementary work programme in the field of
economic and financial affairs**

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COMMISSION DECISION

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economic and financial affairs**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, and in particular Article 75 thereof,

Having regard to the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Communities (2005), and in particular its Article 15,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 (the “Financial Regulation”), the commitment of every item of expenditure shall be preceded by a financing decision adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.
- (2) Under Article 15 of the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Communities (2005), items of expenditure related to appropriations which can be implemented without a basic act in accordance with Article 49(2) of the Financial Regulation have to be authorised through a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of the Financial Regulation.
- (3) The expenditure falling under the activity “Economic and Monetary Union” result from the Commission’s prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for by Article 49(2) (c) of the Financial Regulation.
- (4) The 2005 complementary work programme of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (set out in detail in the annex) relates to the following activities:
 - Economic and Monetary Union;
 - International Economic and Financial Affairs.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2005 complementary work programme annexed to the present decision is adopted.

Article 2

The Director-General of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of this work programme.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

ANNEX

Relating to the Financing of actions to be carried out in 2005 under the following general activities of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: *“Economic and Monetary Union”, “International Economic and Financial Affairs*

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1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with article 75 of the Financial Regulation and article 15 of the Internal Rules 2005, the commitment of every item of expenditure by the authorising officer by delegation shall be preceded by a financing decision adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution. According to article 90 of the Implementing Rules, the financing decision shall determine the essential elements of an action involving expenditure from the budget.

Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) organises its activities around the following five ABB (activity based budgeting) activities:

- **Economic and Monetary Union**
- **International Economic and Financial Affairs**
- **Financial Operations and Instruments**
- **Policy Strategy and Coordination for DG Economic and Financial Affairs**
- **Administrative Support for DG Economic and Financial Affairs**

The present document forms a complementary draft financing decision 2005 of DG ECFIN for actions to be carried out under the above-mentioned first two ABB activities. Under the activity “Economic and Monetary Union”, a new action will be launched this year under the heading “Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union”. The planned survey in the financial service sector is in line with the EU programme of business and consumer surveys in the Member States and can be financed this year from available appropriations on the corresponding budget line. Under the second heading “Prince – Communication on economic and monetary union, including the euro”, the listed actions are either already covered by the initial financing decision 2005 (but with a revised amount in the present decision) or constitute new ones (to be financed from appropriations left unused after the initial financing decision). Under the third heading «Other management expenditure in support of policy area “Economic and Financial Affairs”» the study “Evaluation of studies, analyses and tools” foreseen in the original financing decision has been replaced, for an identical amount, by a study entitled “Evaluation of the Economic Research Activities of DG ECFIN”.

Finally, the actions foreseen under the activity “International Economic and Financial Affairs” are already covered by the initial financing decision 2005 but their corresponding amounts have been revised upwards.

Within these ABB activities, planned actions are classified by budget line involved.

This complementary work programme will be published on the Directorate General’s Internet website at the following address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/tenders/work_program_en.htm.

2. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

One of the general objectives of DG ECFIN is “*to foster EU growth, employment creation and sustainable development*”. Within this framework, the ABB activity “*Economic and Monetary Union*” (EMU) embodies the core activity of DG ECFIN. EMU is multifaceted and implies notably the realisation of objectives covering public finance issues, monetary policy issues,

exchange rate issues, the coordination of national economic policies, structural reform as well as legal and practical questions. More generally, the EMU activity gives rise to a constant production of analytical and policy notes on a variety of subjects, both within the Commission and to outside bodies (Ecofin, Eurogroup, Economic and Financial Committee, Economic Policy Committee, etc.).

The budget lines related to the above activity are the following:

01 02 02 Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union
 Appropriations for commitments 2005: 6,000,000 €¹

01 02 04 Prince – Communication on economic and monetary union, including the euro
 Appropriations for commitments 2005: 4,000,000 €

Besides these operational budget lines, the following administrative budget lines may also be used for financing actions with operational purposes falling under the above activity:

01 01 02 11 Other management expenditure in support of policy area ‘Economic and Financial Affairs’
 Appropriations for commitments 2005: 4,562,103 €

2.1. Budget line 01 02 02 – Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union

A certain part of the appropriations under this budget line are intended to cover the cost of carrying out or continuing the Joint Harmonised European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys and the European Forecasting Network. The work programme for grants covering these actions has been adopted separately by the Commission.

The remaining appropriations are intended to cover the cost of studies, analyses, evaluations, publications, technical assistance, the purchase of databases and software and the financing of measures relating to the internal and external aspects of Economic and Monetary Union (in the broadest sense of the term).

DG ECFIN expenditures for the line 01 02 02 (Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union) do not require a basic act as they are covered by article 49.2(c) of the Financial Regulation on the institutional prerogatives of the Commission.

On the basis of these prerogatives, an amount of 1,160,000 € has already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005) 1440-1).

An additional action is planned for 300,000 € (financed by saving on the grant programme: 255,000 € + saving on the procurement programme: 45,000 €):

European-wide monthly business survey in the financial service sector

The Commission has been carrying out its programme of EU business and consumer surveys in the Member States for more than 40 years. Over time, in line with the extended use of the surveys, the coverage of the programme has been significantly broadened by including successively more sectors of the economy. The financial

¹ This amount has been increased up to 6,220,000 € thanks to the carry over of an unused amount of 220,000 € (2004 budget).

service sector, owing to its idiosyncrasies related to confidentiality issues and the transnational character of the sector, has not yet been included in the survey programme. The project intends to fill this gap by carrying out a financial sector survey on a European-wide scale. Initially, the survey will be limited to a period of one year during which the results will be analysed with a view to evaluating their reliability. A call for tender will be launched for this purpose the total value of which will be 300,000 €.

Justification: As revealed by a recent evaluation of the Joint Harmonised EU Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys, there is a strong need for a business survey in the financial services sector. Responding to this need, the budget for the 2005 grants programme in the area of business surveys included an amount of 255,000 € for the extension of the existing service sector survey to the financial services. However, a feasibility study submitted at the end of 2004 suggested that such a survey is best carried out on a European-wide scale separately from the general services sector survey. As such an organisational set-up requires that the Commission covers the entire cost of the survey, a procurement procedure as opposed to an extension to the grant programme is required and, accordingly, a call for tender will have to be launched.

2.2. Budget line 01 02 04 – Prince – Communication on economic and monetary union, including the euro

The Commission has adopted on 11 August 2004 a Communication on the implementation of an information and communication strategy on the euro and Economic and Monetary Union. This Communication describes the communication strategy and the range of activities which the Commission proposes to implement in the years ahead.

For budget line 01.0204 PRINCE – Communication on economic and monetary union, including the euro, the appropriation for commitments (CA) for 2005 is 4 million euros. Given the slower than expected progress of the implementation of the Partnership agreements with the new Member States, it is suggested to propose the transfer of 350.000 € CA.

Some activities under this budget line have already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005)1440-1). The present financing decision complements and revises the initial document. The activities described hereunder are part of the institutional prerogatives of the Commission.

2.2.1. Decentralised actions to be organised in the new Member States under strategic partnership agreements or ad-hoc partnerships:

Partnership agreements are expected to be signed in 2005 with Estonia, Lithuania and Slovenia. In the framework of these partnerships the Commission endorses the national communication strategy and annual action plan for 2005-2006 and accepts to finance directly or to co-finance a limited number of activities carried out by national Central Banks, Ministries of Finance or Governments Media or Public Relations Offices.

These activities can be re-grouped in the following 3 categories:

- Publications in print or electronic as well as audiovisual material in local languages about the euro and EMU, the changeover process and other matters related to the adoption of the euro. Promotional material such as stickers, key-rings and other gadgets bearing symbols of the euro or campaign slogans. These

products would be addressed either at the general public or at specific target groups.

- Conferences, events, seminars including portable promotion and exhibition material. General meetings addressing the public at large or specialised target groups about the euro, the changeover process and other matters related to the adoption of the euro. To be held in the country most often in the local languages. Specialised seminars or events addressing specific multipliers such as journalists, or training programmes focusing other multipliers. ("Train the trainers").
- Surveys and studies including surveys among the general public as well as specialised target groups.

Budget amount and type of procurement: specific contracts under framework contracts from DG ECFIN and other DG's or specific ad-hoc financing conventions with Member States for a total budget amount of 900.000 €.

With regard to the latter category of grants, one-off agreements will be signed with the relevant authorities in the Member States which are in a position to take part in the programme of information and communication activities on economic and monetary union including the euro. Pursuant to Article 168(1)(c) of the Implementing Rules, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a *de jure* or *de facto* monopoly duly substantiated in the Commission's relevant award decision. The authorities designated in the Member States for the implementation of these communication activities (e.g. Central bank, Ministry of Finance) are the only national bodies with the necessary financial and monetary expertise to conduct, with the assistance of a Community grant, a successful communication policy on economic and monetary union including the euro.

Justification: To increase, in partnership with the New Member States, the public awareness on issues related to the euro and EMU and to prepare the public at large for the introduction of the euro expected to take place in January 2007 in some of the new Member States.

2.2.2. *Twinning programme:*

The purpose of the twinning programme is to foster the exchange of know-how and transfer of technical expertise on the changeover preparations between countries in the euro area and the new Member States, involving the Ministries of Finance, the Central Banks and other public authorities. The programme is project-based. The European Commission's financial support in this project is limited to the reimbursement of travel, accommodation and per diems of a limited number of participants and room rental for the meetings if needed.

Budget amount and type of procurement: specific contracts under DG ECFIN framework contracts for a total budget amount of 125.000 €.

Justification: to make use of the expertise in the countries of the euro area for the introduction of the euro in the New Member States.

2.2.3. *Conferences and seminars on the euro/EMU within the EU, information activities in third countries and exhibition and public stands*

Conferences on the euro and EMU within the EU

Already on 14 March a Conference on consumers and the euro was organised in Brussels.

Justification: It is intended to organise a series of other events to raise awareness for EMU-related questions:

- *Thematic conferences: An annual conference on a specific aspect of the euro introduction will be organised in a Member State. The next one is planned in Austria in May 2006 in cooperation with the forthcoming Austrian Presidency. Part of the preparatory work should be financed already this year.*
- *“Model” conference for the new Member States: It is intended to organise standard, “pan-European”, programmes in the new Member States to disseminate information on the euro and EMU. First conferences are expected to take place in Estonia, Lithuania and Slovenia towards the end of 2005/beginning of 2006.*
- *Seminars organised for journalists: this series of seminars aim at providing information on EMU and the euro to journalists and encourage reporting the related issues in the press and media within and outside the EU. Separate seminars will be organised for journalists from the New Member States, from EU-15 and from third countries.*
- *Brussels Economic Forum 2006: this annual conference on topics related to the good functioning of Economic and Monetary Union will take place in the Spring 2006 in Brussels but preparatory activities need to start before the end of 2005.*
- *DIRCOM meeting: Regular meetings with the Directors of Communication of the Ministries of Finance and Central Banks from the Member States in order to ensure co-ordination of communication activities. One meeting has been organised in June 2005. Further meetings are planned for 7 November 2005 and for the first quarter of 2006.*

Other information activities in third countries:

Commission’s delegations in third countries, in particular the USA and Japan continue their information activities for financial markets representatives and other target groups on the euro and the EMU by providing background information via smaller events (such as luncheons with top EU officials), supplements to existing top level publications as well as other promotional materials about the euro and the EMU in the local language. These activities are partially implemented via sub-delegations whereas larger events are organised directly from Brussels with support from the delegations.

The major part of the activities organised with the Delegations of the US and Japan will be carried out on the basis of cross-delegations given by DG ECFIN in favour of the respective Head of Delegation.

Two major conferences were organised in the first half of the year: A Conference on “The Euro: One Currency, One Financial Market” in New York in April 2005 and a regional conference “Expanding ASEAN-EU Economic Links – the Role of the Euro” in Kuala Lumpur in July 2005.

The following further activities are foreseen:

- Regional conference on the euro, Hong-Kong, in February/March 2006. A similar approach is foreseen as in Kuala Lumpur.
- Information activities in Japan - The Delegation intends to organise a series of half-day conferences on the economy in the EU and the euro. It also intends:
 - to organise a stamp rally at the Aichi Expo, held during September 2005;
 - to reprint and distribute the Manga, a cartoon type publication very popular in Japan;
 - to re-produce and distribute the euro-Kitties, which are small tokens of a cartoon character.
- Information activities in the US - On top of the two-day conference in New York City mentioned above, three further activities are envisaged in the US to be financed in 2005:
 - "Euro Challenge", a High School Student Competition, modelled after the US Federal Reserve's annual "Fed Challenge", in which a number of high schools would be asked to form teams to participate in a competition on the euro and EMU.
 - Three conferences or sets of seminars by universities, one each in the Western, Mid-Westerns, and North Eastern United States, focusing on different themes related to the euro.

Exhibitions and publications stands at public events:

The exhibition "Euro Coins Genesis" shows how the designs on the national and the European faces of euro coins were chosen prior to the introduction of the euro in 2002. The exhibition will be hosted by four countries from the new Member States in 2005 and there is a growing interest to host the exhibition in other New Member States from the beginning of 2006.

A large display containing the euro-sign as well as a count-down clock will be revised and made available to one of the new Member States.

In addition, a stand with publications on the euro and EMU as well as other publications of the Commission is taken to all public events organised by the Commission, mainly within Europe but also in third countries.

Budget amount and type of procurement for conferences within the EU: specific contracts existing in the Commission (SCIC and other DG's). For financing of activities in third countries: via a budget sub-delegated to the delegations. For the financing of exhibitions and public stands, use will be made of a framework contract.

Total amount: 1.195.000 €.

Justification: these activities will contribute to the dissemination of information on the euro and EMU within the EU and in third countries.

2.2.4. *Studies, surveys, publications and promotional material:*

Surveys and studies:

In 2005, the following surveys will be conducted: a quantitative public opinion survey in the new Member States showing the attitude of the general public in the New Member States towards the euro, the level of support and other issues related to EMU; a quantitative Survey in the euro area (one Eurobarometer in November 2005) showing the attitude of the general public of the euro area towards the euro, the level of support and other issues related to EMU.

It also envisaged to carry out preparatory studies to further develop the communication strategy for the euro.

Publications and promotional material:

In 2005, the Commission services plan to produce a new series of leaflets on euro - and EMU - related subjects. The first was launched in 2004 on the perception of price increases versus actual inflation. The others are expected to cover different aspects of EMU and should be produced quarterly. It is also intended to prepare 4 paper issues of an external newsletter.

The Commission services will also be responsible for production and printing (the Member States being responsible for distribution) of the following publications updated at the end of 2004: the leaflet "The EU - a major economic player on the world stage"; the leaflet "The euro in an enlarged EU"; a booklet for young children (6 to 10 years) and the poster on the history of the euro and EMU. The Commission services will also update and translate the compendium of community legislation on EMU and make it available to the new Member States and at public events in both paper and electronic format. The budget also takes into account the costs of maintaining an address list for the newsletter as well as the storage and distribution of existing and new publications.

Finally, the Commission services also intend to purchase different PR products bearing the euro symbol or DG ECFIN's website link as replenishment of the existing stock for use at the various conferences and events described above.

Budget amount and type of procurement: the budget for surveys and studies will be carried out with specific contracts under the DG PRESS framework contract or DG ECFIN's framework contract.

Publications, studies and promotional material will be produced with specific contracts under DG ECFIN framework contracts, except for the first publication (a product for the 6- to 12-year-olds) which is to be produced under a restricted call for tender organised in end 2004. The promotional products are to be purchased via a small contract after a restricted call for tender.

Total amount: 1.380.000€.

Justification: the quantitative surveys will be carried out in order to set communication objectives and measure progress in achieving them, and to allow the Commission and Member States to adjust their objectives and strategies in line with the evolving situation. The publications will provide information for the general public and for specific target groups in order to raise awareness on issues related to the euro and

EMU. The promotional materials, to be used at conferences and other events, should strengthen the identification with the euro and enhance acceptance.

2.2.5. Team "Euro":

It is intended, together with DG PRESS and the Representations, to set up, possibly within the framework of the existing Team Europe network, a dedicated network of speakers focusing on issues related to the euro and EMU. The members of this Team Euro network should receive specific training in Brussels (and Frankfurt). In this way we would have a group of readily available, highly qualified speakers who can intervene on a broad range of policy issues concerning EMU and the euro.

Budget amount and type of procurement: specific contracts under framework contracts for a total budget amount of 50.000 €.

Justification: to contribute to providing information on the euro and EMU to the general public through speakers in the national languages.

2.3. Budget line 01 01 02 11 – Other management expenditure in support of policy area 'Economic and Financial Affairs'

2.3.1. Studies

Study – "Evaluation of the Economic Research Activities of DG ECFIN"

The study aims at evaluating the efficient allocation of the human and financial resources in the economic research activities of the Directorate-General as well as the consistency between the objectives set for these activities and the results actually obtained.

The total budget amount is 150,000 € and this evaluation will be carried out either through a specific call for tenders to be launched in the third quarter of 2005 (ref. ECFIN/R3/2005/001).

Justification: Such an ex post evaluation is provided for by article 27 of the Financial Regulation and article 21 of the Implementing Rules. It is also foreseen in DG ECFIN Multi-annual Evaluation Programme.

3. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Other general objectives of DG ECFIN are "to work towards further enlargement" and "to contribute to the implementation of EU external relations policies, notably towards the neighbours of the enlarged Union, by providing support on international economic and financial affairs".

Within this framework, the ABB activity "International Economic and Financial Affairs" implies contributions to the economic aspects of the enlargement process, the Stabilisation and Association Process in the Western Balkans, and the European Neighbourhood Policy (in complement with, respectively, the Barcelona Process with Mediterranean Partner countries and the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements signed with the New Independent States). Furthermore, this activity comprises the analysis of the economies of other non-EU countries, the coordination of the Commission's relations with international financial organisations, and the

management of macro-financial assistance to third countries and its coordination with other Community assistance programmes.

The budget lines related to the above activity are the following:

01 03 01 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Appropriations for commitments 2005: p.m.

01 03 02 Macroeconomic assistance
Appropriations for commitments 2005: 82,200,000 €

Usually, most expenditure financed by the above budget lines is covered by ad hoc financing decisions of the Commission throughout the budgetary year.

3.1. Budget line 01 03 02 01 – Macroeconomic assistance for the partner countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia

3.1.1. Studies

Studies “Operational Assessments for Armenia, Georgia, and Tajikistan”

The objective of these operational assessments is to assess the soundness of the fiduciary system of the countries benefiting from macro-economic assistance. The studies being carried out in 2005 are focusing on the follow up of previous missions in the countries involved; so as to provide further analysis of the changes that have been implemented in the accounting system, internal and external control bodies, and procedures for budgetary data processing in the Central bank and in the ministries involved in the management of Community funds.

These operational assessments are being carried out through specific contracts concluded under the DG ECFIN framework contract N° ECFIN: 160-2003 signed on 21/10/2003 for 48 months with Deloitte. The total estimated budget amount for these three operational assessments is 45,000 €. An amount of 25,000 € has already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005) 1440-1).

Justification: These operational assessments are carried out on the basis of the specific Council Decisions for providing macro-economic assistance and the provisions of the Financial Regulation (articles 27, 28, 33, 164, and 165). Furthermore, the special report of the ECA on these activities (March 2002) points out that the Commission should considerably improve the monitoring of the financial management of macro-economic assistance and the transparency of decision making.

3.2. Budget line 01 03 02 02 – Macroeconomic assistance for the countries of the Western Balkans not concerned by a pre-accession strategy

3.2.1. Studies

Studies “Operational Assessments for Bosnia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Albania”

The objective of these operational assessments is to assess the soundness of the fiduciary system of the countries benefiting from macro-economic assistance. The studies being carried out in 2005 are focusing on the follow up of previous missions in the countries involved; so as to provide further analysis of the changes that have

been implemented in the accounting system, internal and external control bodies, and procedures for budgetary data processing in the Central bank and in the ministries involved in the management of Community funds.

These operational assessments are being carried out through specific contracts concluded under the DG ECFIN framework contract N° ECFIN: 160-2003 signed on 21/10/2003 for 48 months with Deloitte. The total estimated budget amount for these three operational assessments is 30,000 €. An amount of 20,000 € has already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005) 1440-1).

Justification: These operational assessments are carried out on the basis of the specific Council Decisions for providing macro-economic assistance and the provisions of the Financial Regulation (articles 27, 28, 33, 164, and 165). Furthermore, the special report of the ECA on these activities (March 2002) points out that the Commission should considerably improve the monitoring of the financial management of macro-economic assistance and the transparency of decision making.

Study “Ex post Evaluation of the Macro-Economic Assistance in favour of Romania”

The total estimated budget amount for this study is 150,000 €. An amount of 120,000 € has already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005) 1440-1).

Study “Ex post Evaluation of the Macro-Economic Assistance in favour of Former Yugoslavia republic of Macedonia”

The total estimated budget amount for this study is 150,000 €. An amount of 120,000 € has already been approved through a first “financing decision” for 2005 (ref: C(2005) 1440-1) under the title: *Study “Ex post Evaluation of the Macro-Economic Assistance in favour of Bosnia & Herzegovina”*.