


ExCom meeting Pelagic RAC


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Practical issues prepared by the secretariat




Practical Issues

- Update on budget realisation 2008-2009
- Closing accounts (overview all years)
- Membership fees
- Member States contributions (???)




Realisation budget 08/09

From 17 Aug – 1 Feb	Budgeted	Realised	Realised (%)
A: Staff	104.400	± 70.000	± 50%
B: Participation in meetings	94.250		
C: Information and preparation	21.150		
D: Operating costs	13.696	± 7.000	± 50%
E: Interpretation and translation	35.980		
F: Other contracts	13.100		
G: Unforeseen	14.129	0	0%
Total	296.705		




Closing accounts

	Budget (€)	Realised (€)	Result (€)	Remarks
2005-2006	222.222	134.942	??	No final payment
2005-2006	55.556	16.481	0	-
2006-2007	222.222	174.249	- 1.887	Non eligible travel costs
2006-2007	55.556	33.994	- 1.077	Over spent
2007-2008	295.622	268.477	- 15.000	Penalty
2008-2009	296.705	??	??	



Membership fees

- Commission's contribution fixed percentage of expenditure → Member fees not
- When budget is under spent → Members **lose** unused part of fee to EC
- When budget is over spent → Members / guarantors need to cover **deficit**
- When income co-financing is less than estimated in the budgeted → P-RAC receives **penalty** from EC! → Members / guarantors need to cover **deficit**



Proposal by MT

- Split GA fee in two parts:
 - 100 € as Membership FEE to base budget on
 - 200 € as prepaid donation which is only used in the case that at the end of the year it becomes apparent that it is needed
- Entire amount is paid by members well in advance to start of new P-RAC year
 - Unused part of donation is regarded as prepayment of fee to next year

Member State contributions



- Initially 10% in first year
- Effectively 7,5% of budget last year's budget
- Portugal withdrew →
 - Risk of penalty
 - Serious decrease of contribution by Member States
- Secretariat requested increased contribution by remaining Member States
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- In addition: Ask Member States permission to claim unused part of their contribution back on their behalf in case of under spent?