

Management Board Meeting

13 December 2007

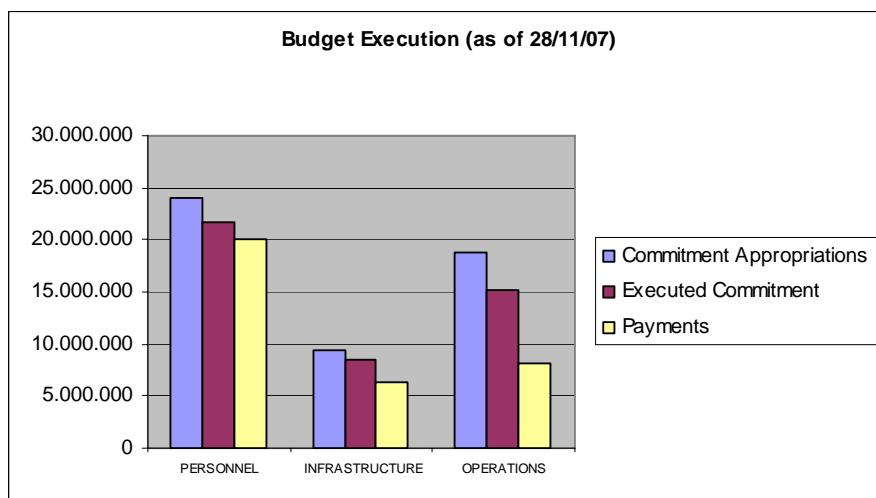
BUDGET EXECUTION & FORECAST 2007

1. Budget execution

As of 28 November 2007:

- EUR 45.3 million or **87 %** of the EUR 52.2 million budget including the Pre-accession program was committed. This commitment level is in line with the forecast made at the beginning of the year.
- EUR 34.4 million or **66 %** of the total appropriations were paid which is by EUR 0.9 millions lower than forecast mainly due to the Title III (operations) which is detailed under the ABB analysis below.

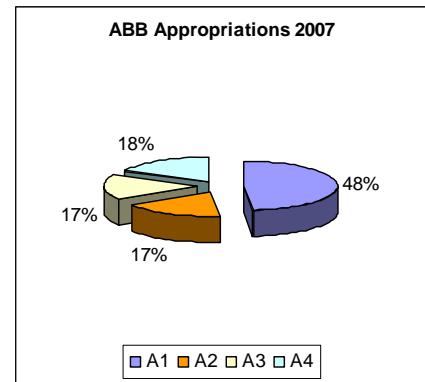
Title (M€)	Commitment Appropriations	Executed Commitment 28/11/07	% Committed 28/11/07	Payments 28/11/07	% Paid 28/11/07
PERSONNEL	24.1	21.7	90%	20.1	83%
INFRASTRUCTURE	9.3	8.5	91%	6.2	67%
OPERATIONS	18.8	15.2	81%	8.0	43%
TOTAL	52.2	45.4	87%	34.3	66%



In terms of Activity Based budgeting, the credit appropriations to the four activities are as follows:

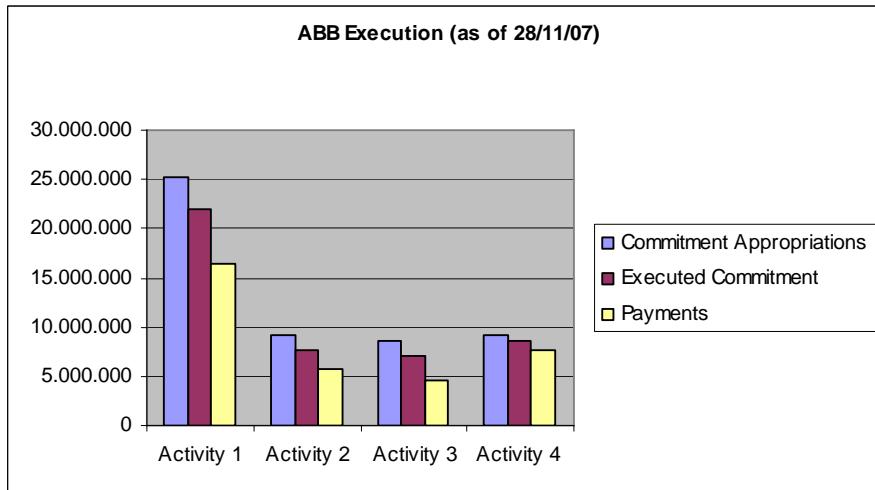
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- Activity 1: Provide scientific opinion and advice to the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States
- Activity 2: Enhance risk assessment methodologies in Europe
- Activity 3: Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties
- Activity 4: Manage and provide administrative support



As of 28 November 2007, the execution of the Activities is as follows:

Activity (M€)	Commitment Appropriations	Executed Commitment 28/11/07	% Committed 28/11/07	Payments 28/11/07	% Paid 28/11/07
Activity 1	25.2	21.9	87%	16.4	65%
Activity 2	9.1	7.7	84%	5.7	62%
Activity 3	8.6	7.2	83%	4.7	54%
Activity 4	9.3	8.6	93%	7.6	82%
TOTAL	52.2	45.4	87%	34.4	66%



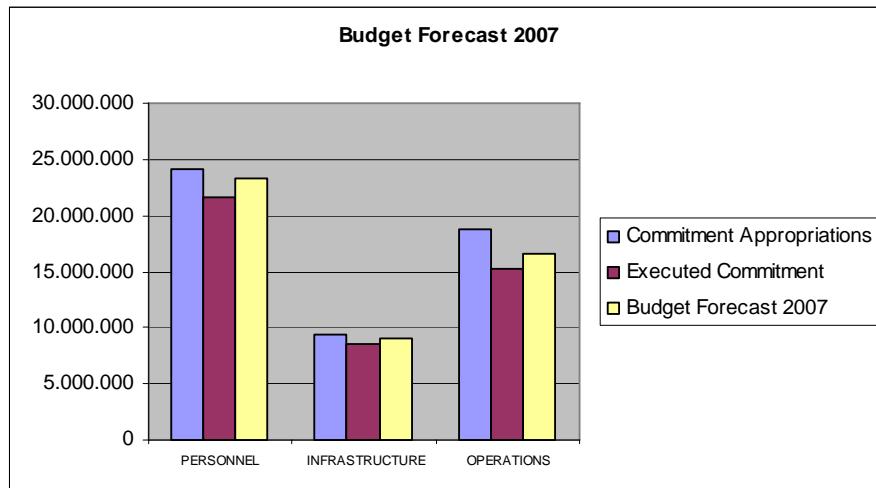
Whereas Activity 4 is line with the forecast, the other Activities have a lower commitment rate. Concerning Activity 1 and 2, this is mainly due to the fact that the SCA (Scientific Cooperation and Assistance) department is being developed and that the scientific contracts and grants have still EUR 1.7 million uncommitted (it is expected that 1.2 million will be committed by the end of the year).

2. Budget Forecast

As at 31 December 2007, the budget execution should reach 94 % of the total budget. This forecast can still be influenced by some scientific contracts or subventions and risk communication projects which would either be committed this year or could possibly be carry-over to next year.

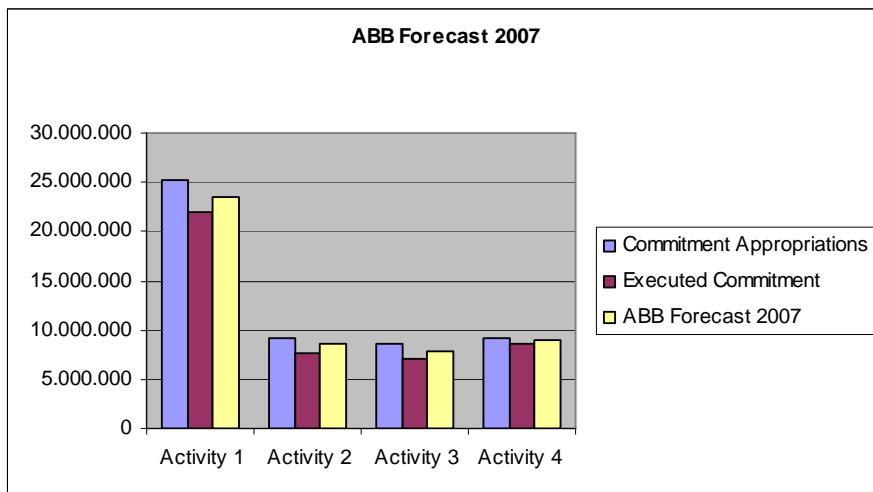
Title (M€)	Commitment Appropriations	Executed Commitment 28/11/07	% Committed 28/11/07	Budget Forecast 2007	%
PERSONNEL	24.1	21.7	90 %	23.3	97 %
INFRASTRUCTURE	9.3	8.5	91 %	9.0	96 %
OPERATIONS	18.8	15.2	81 %	16.6	88 %
TOTAL	52.2	45.4	87 %	48.9	94 %

Whereas Personnel and Infrastructure, at 97 %, should be close to the expected execution rate, the operations should reach an execution rate of 88 % for the reasons mentioned hereunder. Globally, the 94% execution rate will improve compare to the 90% observed in 2006 (and represent EUR 12.5 millions increase in expenditures).



In term of ABB, the spreading of the personnel and infrastructure expenditure to the four activities provides a comprehensive distribution of the resources allocated to the activities and their execution forecast.

Activity (M€)	Commitment Appropriations	Executed Commitment 28/11/07	% Committed 28/11/07	ABB Forecast 2007	%
Activity 1	25.2	21.9	87%	23.5	93%
Activity 2	9.1	7.7	84%	8.6	94%
Activity 3	8.6	7.2	83%	7.8	91%
Activity 4	9.3	8.6	93%	9.0	97%
TOTAL	52.2	45.4	87%	48.9	94%



Human Resources

Upon finalisation of the on-going recruitments, the expected distribution at year end of the staff by activity shows a larger percentage in Administration than expected as all staff foreseen in the establishment for this activity has been already effectively recruited, which is not the case for the other activities.

Activity	Officials & Temporary staff	Contractual Agents	National Detached experts	Total	%
A1 . Provide scientific opinion and advice to the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States	118	6	5	129	42%
A2. Enhance risk assessment methodologies in Europe	42	1	1	44	15%
A3. Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties	33	4	3	40	14%
A4. Manage and provide administrative support	81	8	0	89	29%
TOTAL	274	19	9	302	100%

With regards to the 300 officials and temporary agents foreseen in the establishment plan, 21 posts are expected to be vacant at year end in Activities 1 & 2 and 5 in Activity 3. The major part of these vacancies were already published and effective recruitment is expected early 2008. The establishment plan is therefore expected to be at 91 % executed.