

## Administration Directorate

## BUDGET EXECUTION NOVEMBER 2008 & YEAR END FORECAST

### 1. Budget execution

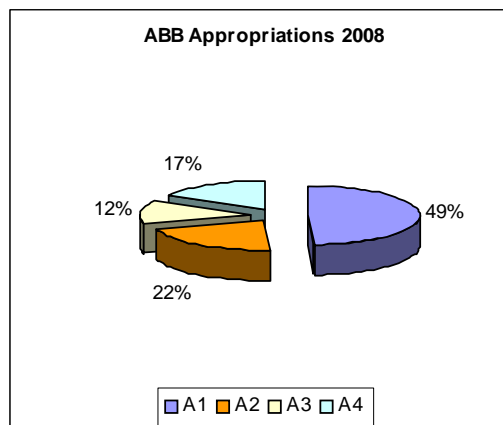
As of 01 December 2008,

- EUR 56.8 million or **86 %** of the EUR 66.4 million budget including the Pre-accession program was committed. The commitment level stands EUR 1.5 million (2,5%) below the forecast made at the beginning of the year. This is mainly due to delays in recruitment (as most of the new recruits arrived in the third and last quarter of the year) and to delays in concluding significant grants and contracts for the scientific support.
- EUR 43.1 million or **65 %** of the total appropriations were paid. This payment level stands as the commitments, below the forecast made at the beginning of the year as major subcontracting scientific or IT projects have started during the last quarter of 2008.
- The following table and chart represent the budget execution along with the four activities identified by EFSA (Activity Based Budgeting) :
  - 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

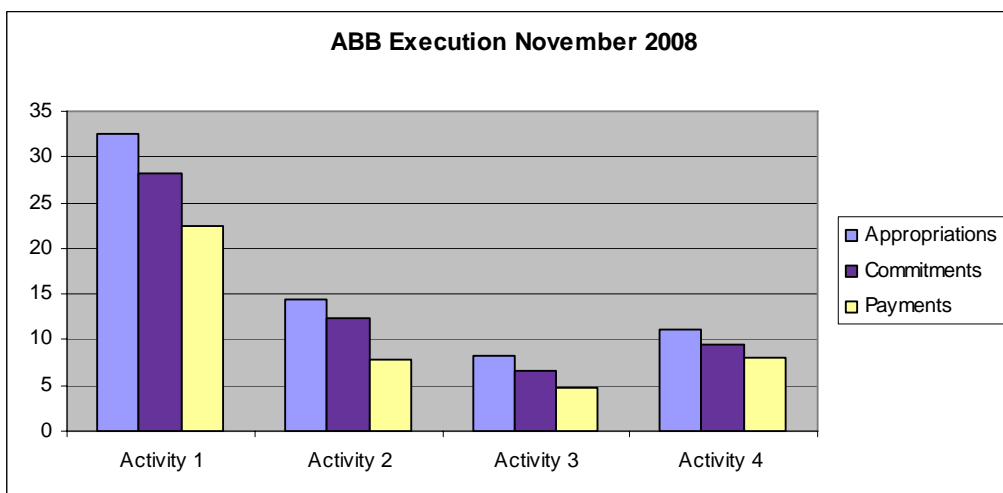
Activity (in MEUR)	Initial Appropriations	Current Appropriations	Commitments	% Committed*	Payments	% Paid*
<b>Activity 1</b>	32,7	32,6	28,3	87%	22,4	69%
<b>Activity 2</b>	13,5	14,5	12,4	86%	7,9	54%
<b>Activity 3</b>	9,5	8,3	6,6	79%	4,8	57%
<b>Activity 4</b>	10,7	11,0	9,5	86%	8,0	73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,4</b>	<b>66,4</b>	<b>56,8</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>43,1</b>	<b>65%</b>

\*committed or paid versus current appropriations

In 2008, the budget has been allocated to each activity in function of the human, financial and infrastructure resources required. The scientific activities (1 & 2) represent 71 %, the communication and dialogue (activity 3) 12 % and the administration (activity 4) 17 % of the budget.

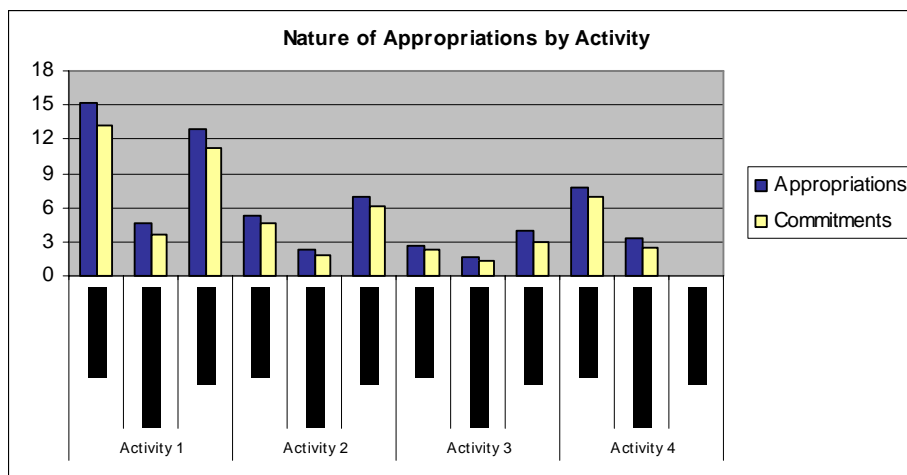


The detailed execution by activity is as follow:



Activity	Titles	Initial Appropriations	Current Appropriations	%	Commitments 2008 M€	%
Activity 1	PERSONNEL	16.2	15,1	23%	13,3	88%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	3.4	4,6	7%	3,7	80%
	OPERATIONS	13.1	12,8	19%	11,3	88%
<b>A1 Scientific opinions &amp; advices</b>		<b>32,7</b>	<b>32,6</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>28,3</b>	<b>87%</b>
Activity 2	PERSONNEL	5.7	5,3	8%	4,6	87%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1.6	2,3	3%	1,8	77%
	OPERATIONS	6.2	6,9	10%	6,0	88%
<b>A2 Methodologies &amp; scientific cooperation</b>		<b>13.5</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>86%</b>
Activity 3	PERSONNEL	3.9	2,7	4%	2,3	85%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1.4	1,7	3%	1,3	76%
	OPERATIONS	4.2	3,9	6%	3,0	77%
<b>A3 Risk communication &amp; relationships</b>		<b>9.5</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>79%</b>
Activity 4	PERSONNEL	8.3	7,8	12%	7,0	89%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	2.4	3,2	5%	2,5	78%
	OPERATIONS	0,0	0,0	0%	0,0	0%
<b>A4 Administration</b>		<b>10.7</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>66,4</b>	<b>66,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>56,8</b>	<b>86%</b>

Whereas the level of commitment for the operational activities in Science reached 88 % at the end of November, the execution of the operational activities only reached 77 % in the Communication activities as important publications are foreseen in December. The level of the execution for personnel and infrastructure expenditures in all activities mirror the level of recruitment in the different fields.



## 2. Comparison to 2007

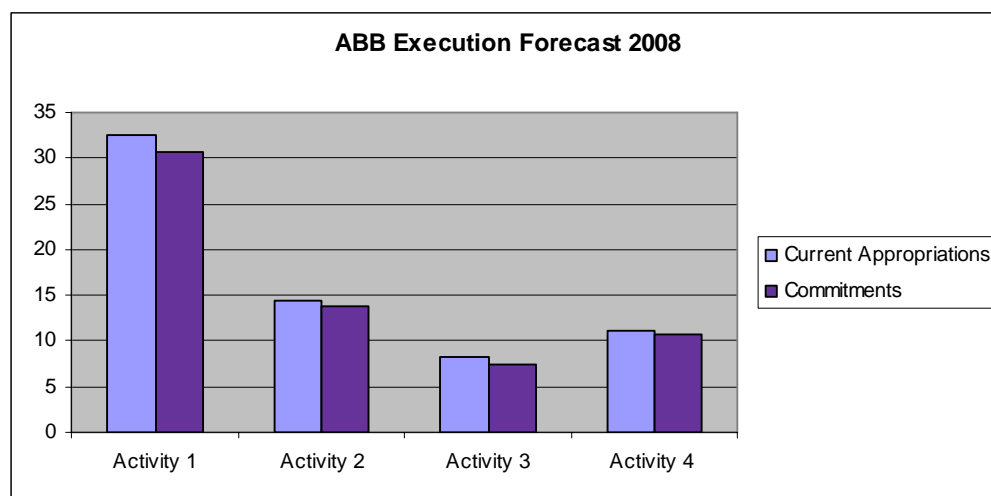
Compared to last year, the budget execution increased by EUR 11.4 million and the payments by EUR 8.7 million (ie, both increased by 25 %). Activities 1 and 2 entirely generated most of the increase on the budget execution, Communication activities reduce by comparison to last year (Fifth anniversary conferences in November last year) and Administration activities increased by 10 % as important IT projects have been initiated. In particular, Activity 2 has increased by 62 % as compared to last year, the Directorate of Scientific Cooperation and Assistance having been significantly developed. In particular, scientific grants and procurement have been developed (as detailed in the table below):

EUR million	Commitments NOV 2008	Commitments NOV 2007	Increase	Payments NOV 2008	Payments NOV 2007	Increase
1- Provide Scientific Advice & Opinion	28,3	21,9	29%	22,4	16,4	37%
2- Risk assessment methodologies	12,4	7,7	62%	7,9	5,7	39%
3- Communication and dialogue	6,6	7,1	-8%	4,8	4,7	2%
4- Management and Administration	9,5	8,6	10%	8,0	7,6	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,8</b>	<b>45,4</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>43,1</b>	<b>34,4</b>	<b>25%</b>

EUR million	Appropriations 2008	Executed Nov. 2008	Executed 2007
Scientific meetings	9.6	8.8	6.6
Scientific contracts	3.5	2.4	0.9
Scientific grants	2.9	2.7	1.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>

### 3. Budget Forecast

The forecast budget execution rate should reach 94 % at year end, in line with September forecast.



Activity	Titles	Initial Appropriations	Current Appropriations	%	Forecast 2008	%	
Activity 1	PERSONNEL	16.2	15,1		14,7	97%	
	INFRASTRUCTURE	3.4	4,6		4,3	94%	
	OPERATIONS	13.1	12,8		11,6	91%	
<b>A1 Scientific opinions &amp; advices</b>		<b>32,7</b>	<b>32,6</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>30,6</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>49%</b>
Activity 2	PERSONNEL	5.7	5,3		5,1	96%	
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1.6	2,3		2,2	94%	
	OPERATIONS	6.2	6,9		6,6	96%	
<b>A2 Methodologies &amp; scientific cooperation</b>		<b>13.5</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Activity 3	PERSONNEL	3,9	2,7		2,5	94%	
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1,4	1,7		1,6	93%	
	OPERATIONS	4,2	3,9		3,2	83%	
<b>A3 Risk communication &amp; relationships</b>		<b>9,5</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Activity 4	PERSONNEL	8,3	7,8		7,7	99%	
	INFRASTRUCTURE	2,4	3,2		3,0	94%	
	OPERATIONS	0,0	0,0		0,0	0%	
<b>A4 Administration</b>		<b>10,7</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10,8</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>66,4</b>	<b>66,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>62,6</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>100%</b>

(1) The forecast includes the transfers aiming at adjusting the budget.

From an operational perspective, the scientific activities are expected to be executed at 95 % against a 89 % execution for the communication activities. Administration, with 98 %, should be close to full execution. The personnel expenditure under the communication and scientific activities has a lower execution rate as most new comers have joined EFSA during the second and third semesters.

Compared to 2007, the budget execution is expected to increase by EUR 15.2 million representing an increase of 32 %, out these EUR 15.2 million, 89 % (EUR 13.6 million) will be due to the scientific activities.

EUR million	Commitments 2008	Commitments 2007	Increase
1- Provide Scientific Advice & Opinion	30,6	22,4	37%
2- Risk assessment methodologies	13,9	8,5	63%
3- Communication and dialogue	7,3	7,6	-3%
4- Management and Administration	10,8	8,9	21%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,6</b>	<b>47,4</b>	<b>32%</b>

### 3. Human Resources

Upon finalisation of the on-going recruitments, the expected distribution at year end of the staff by activity is as follow:

Activity	Officials & Temporary Staff	Contractual Agents	National Detached experts	Total	Plan.
A.1 Provide scientific opinion and advice to the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States	144	35	7	186	193
A.2 Enhance risk assessment methodologies in Europe	47	13	3	63	68
A.3 Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties	40	8	3	51	53
A.4 manage and provide administrative support	84	13	0	97	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>412</b>

With regards to the 335 officials and temporary agents foreseen in the Establishment Plan, 20 posts are expected to be vacant (execution rate would stand at 94%). The major part of these vacancies were already published and effective recruitment is expected early 2008, 8 new agents are joining in January (2 temporary agents and 6 contractual agents).