

Administration Directorate

BUDGET EXECUTION 2008

1. 2008 Budget execution

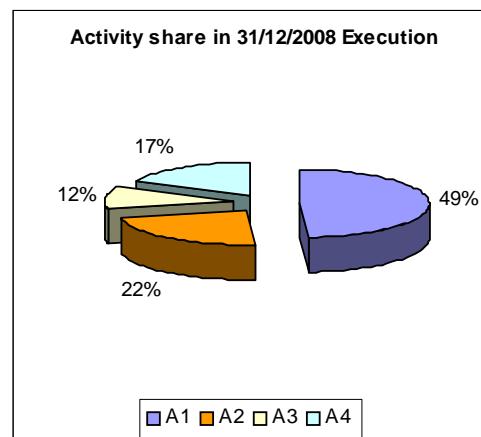
- EUR 64.2 million or 97 % of the EUR 66.4 million budget (including the Pre-accession program) was committed.
- This result was achieved in spite of delays in recruitment (the last recruits completing the establishment plan will join either in January or February this year). The corresponding financial resources available were transferred to Infrastructure and Information Technology projects.
- EUR 48.7 million or 73 % of the total appropriations were paid. This payment level stands below the forecast made at the beginning of the year (EUR 53.4 million) 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

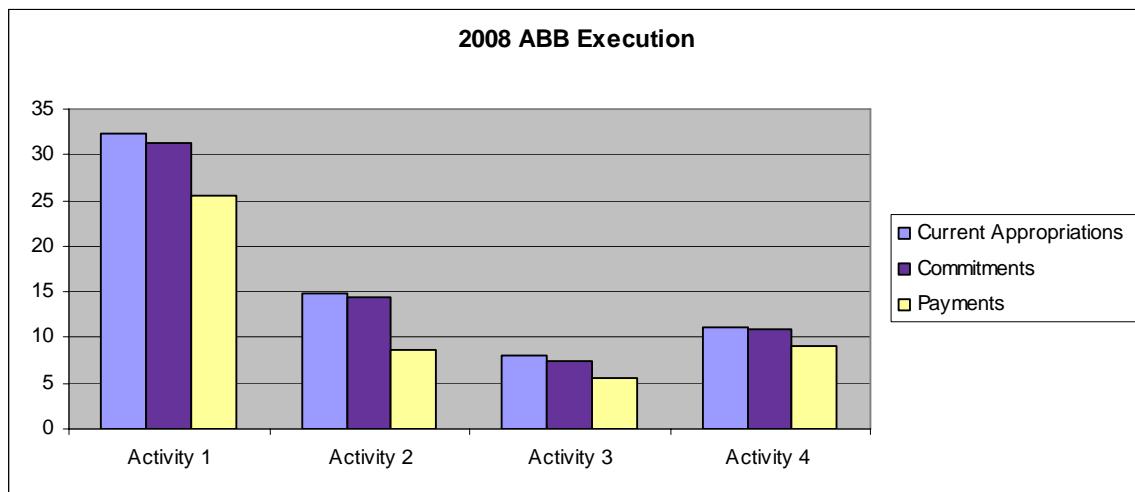
Activity (in MEUR)	Initial Appropriations	Current Appropriations	Commitments	% Committed*	Payments	% Paid*
Activity 1	32,7	32,3	31,4	97%	25,5	79%
Activity 2	13,5	14,8	14,4	97%	8,7	59%
Activity 3	9,5	8,1	7,5	92%	5,5	67%
Activity 4	10,7	11,1	11,0	99%	9,1	81%
TOTAL	66,4	66,4	64,2	97%	48,7	73%

*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) absorbed 71 % of the budget execution, the communication and dialogue (activity 3) 12 % and the administration (activity 4) 17 % of the executed budget.

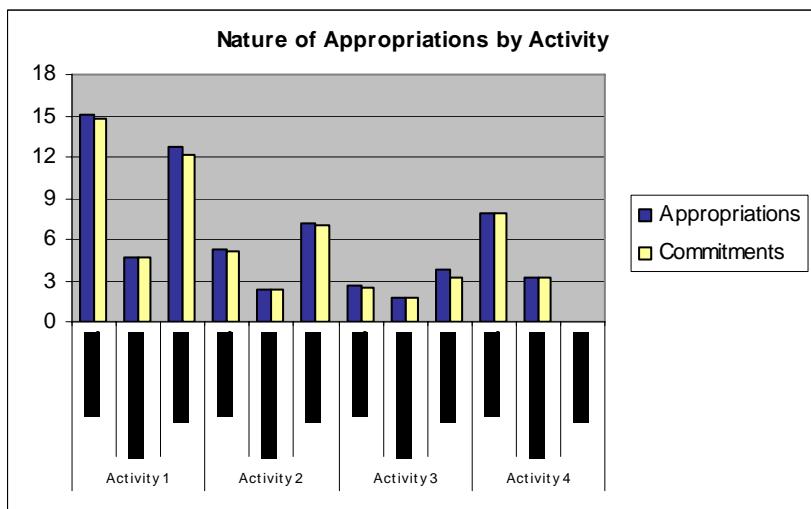
The detailed execution by activity is as follow:





Activity	Titles	Initial Appropriations	Current Appropriations	%	Commitments 2008 M€	%
Activity 1	PERSONNEL	16,2	15,1	23%	14,7	98%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	3,4	4,6	7%	4,6	100%
	OPERATIONS	13,1	12,7	19%	12,0	95%
A1 Scientific opinions & advices		32,7	32,3	49%	31,4	97%
Activity 2	PERSONNEL	5,7	5,3	8%	5,1	97%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1,6	2,3	3%	2,3	100%
	OPERATIONS	6,2	7,2	11%	6,9	96%
A2 Methodologies & scientific cooperation		13,5	14,8	22%	14,4	97%
Activity 3	PERSONNEL	3,9	2,6	4%	2,5	95%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	1,4	1,7	3%	1,7	100%
	OPERATIONS	4,2	3,7	6%	3,3	87%
A3 Risk communication & relationships		9,5	8,1	12%	7,5	92%
Activity 4	PERSONNEL	8,3	7,9	12%	7,9	99%
	INFRASTRUCTURE	2,4	3,2	5%	3,1	97%
	OPERATIONS	0,0	0,0	0%	0,0	0%
A4 Administration		10,7	11,1	17%	11,0	99%
GRAND TOTAL		66,4	66,4	100%	64,2	97%

Whereas the level of commitment for the operational activities in Science reached 97 % at year-end, the execution of the operational activities reached a similar level indicating a high operational execution. The Communication activities achieved a 92% budget execution mainly due to the postponement of the evaluation project (Eurobarometer). The Administration support reached 99% budget execution. The level of the execution for personnel and infrastructure expenditures mirror, for all activities, the level of recruitment in the different activities.



2. Comparison to 2007

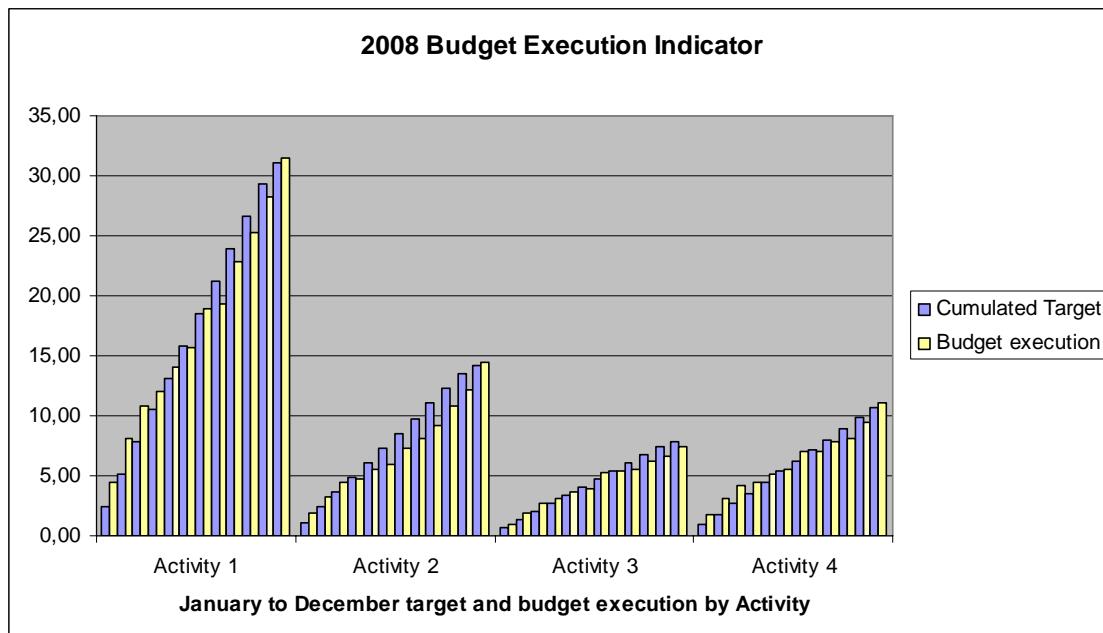
Compared to last year, the budget execution increased by EUR 16.8 million and the payments by EUR 9.9 million or an increase of respectively 36% and 26%. Activities 1 and 2 generated the bulk of the increase (+ EUR 14.9 million) while the communication activities remain at the same level compared to last year. In particular, Activity 2 has increased by 70 % 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). Administration activities increased by 24 % as important IT and infrastructure projects have been initiated.

EUR million	Execution 2008	Execution 2007	Increase	Payments 2008	Payments 2007	Increase
1- Provide Scientific Advice & Opinion	31,4	22,4	40%	25,5	18,8	35%
2- Risk assessment methodologies	14,4	8,5	70%	8,7	6,6	32%
3- Communication and dialogue	7,5	7,7	-2%	5,5	5,5	-1%
4- Management and Administration	11,0	8,9	24%	9,1	7,8	16%
TOTAL	64,2	47,4	36%	48,7	38,8	26%

EUR million	Appropriations 2008	Executed 2008	Executed 2007
Science meetings	9.0	8.3	6.6
Science contracts	3.7	3.6	1.1
Science grants	3.2	3.2	1.7
TOTAL	15.9	15.3	9.4

3. Budget Execution Indicator

The final 97 % execution rate stands 1 % above the 96 % execution forecast set at the beginning of 2008. On a monthly basis, the execution of the four activities is as follows:

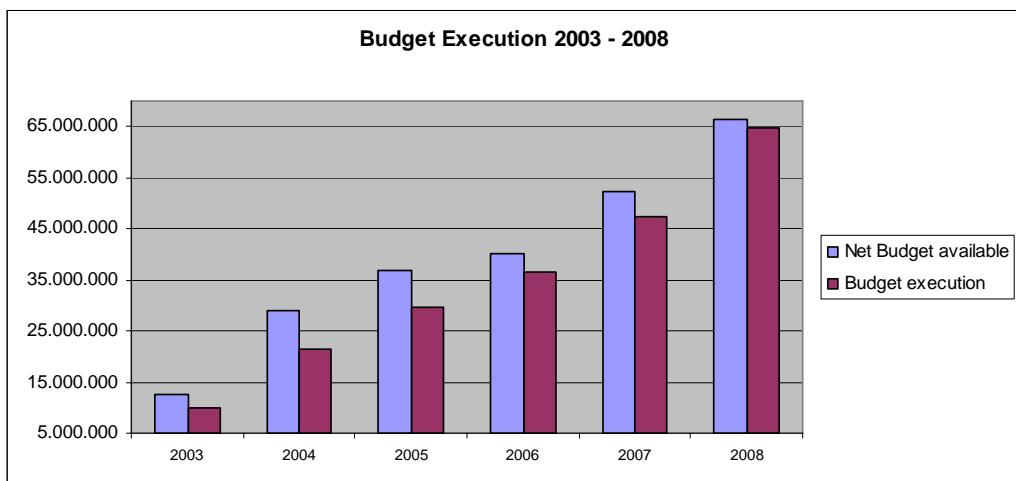


On a monthly basis, the scientific activities report the same pattern i.e., slightly above target during the first quarter, then the budget execution went below target due to delays in the finalisation of the grant and contracts agreements. When finalised, these agreements brought these activities slightly over the year-end target. The communication activities were on target until September. However, the postponement of the evaluation project (Eurobarometer), had a negative impact on the budget execution and the year-end target was not reached. Administration, with 99 %, was close to full execution and above the target set at the beginning of the year.

4. Budget Execution over years

Year	Budget available	Global transfer / Reserve	Net Budget available	Budget execution	Execution rate before transfer / Reserve	Execution rate after transfer / Reserve
2003	12.6	-	12.6	9.9	79%	79%
2004	29.1	-	29.1	21.3	73%	73%
2005	36.9	-	36.9	29.8	81%	81%
2006	47.1	-6.9	40.2	36.4	77%	90%
2007	61.7	-9.5	52.2	47.4	77%	91%
2008	66.4	-	66.4	64.2	97%	97%

The budget execution since 2003 increased from EUR 9.9 million to EUR 64.2 million or a yearly 40 % increase over the period. It is also worth noting that the execution rate has noticeably improved to reach 97 % in 2008.



5. Human Resources

At year end the distribution of staff by activity is as follows:

Activity	Officials & Temporary Staff	Contractual Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total	Plan.
A.1 Provide scientific opinion and advice to the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States	149	31	7	187	193
A.2 Enhance risk assessment methodologies in Europe	51	12	3	66	68
A.3 Communicate scientific advice and dialogue with interested parties	36	7	1	44	53
A.4 manage and provide administrative support	82	14	2	98	98
TOTAL	318	64	13	395	412

With regard to the 335 officials and temporary agents foreseen in the Establishment Plan, 318 posts have been filled and recruitment of the remaining 17 posts is ongoing (execution rate of 95%). The major part of these vacancies has already been published and recruitment is expected early 2009.