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**Other institutions**

36. Invites the institutions to present realistic and cost-based budget requests that take full account of the general context of financial rigour, effective management of resources, and added value for European citizens;

37. Is very interested in how a future European External Action Service would be integrated into the EU budget overall and, in the event of this Service, or parts thereof, being absorbed into the Council's section, calls on the Council and the Commission to be fully transparent and pro-active as to the implications this will have, including the dividing lines between administrative and operational expenditure;

38. Notes with some trepidation the significant increases in building expenditure over the medium-term and invites all institutions to examine such plans carefully and to present all financing plans and/or solutions in an open and easily understandable format; recognises that there are also unavoidable needs for such expenditure in certain cases, for example linked to legal requirements and to achieving satisfactory conditions for staff;

39. Invites its rapporteur for 2009 to carry out individual visits to the Council, Court of Justice, Court of Auditors, European Economic and Social Committee, Committee of the Regions, the Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor, in order to hear them before the Estimates stage and to report back to its Committee on Budgets;

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40. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

**Eurostars \*\*\*I**

P6\_TA(2008)0116

**European Parliament legislative resolution of 10 April 2008 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at supporting research and development performing SMEs undertaken by several Member States (COM(2007)0514 — C6-0281/2007 — 2007/0188(COD))**

(2009/C 247 E/18)

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2007)0514),

— having regard to Article 251(2) and Articles 169 and 172(2) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C6-0281/2007),

— having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A6-0064/2008),

1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend the proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

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**P6\_TC1-COD(2007)0188**

**Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 10 April 2008 with a view to the adoption of Decision No .../2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community's participation in a research and development programme undertaken by several Member States aimed at supporting research and development performing small and medium-sized enterprises**

(2009/C 247 E/19)

*(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position at first reading corresponds to the final legislative act, Decision No .../2008/EC.)*

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## **Research Fund for Coal and Steel \***

P6\_TA(2008)0117

**European Parliament legislative resolution of 10 April 2008 on the proposal for a Council decision on the multiannual technical guidelines for the research programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (COM(2007)0393 — C6-0248/2007 — 2007/0135(CNS))**

(2009/C 247 E/20)

(Consultation procedure)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2007)0393),
  - having regard to Article 4(3) of Council Decision 2003/76/EC of 1 February 2003 establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel <sup>(1)</sup>, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0248/2007),
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A6-0039/2008),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
  2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
  3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 29, 5.2.2003, p. 22.