



**Opinion 129 (1986)<sup>1</sup>**

## **Programme budget for the operational expenditure of the Assembly in 1987**

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having regard to the texts concerning the Assembly's role in budget matters;<sup>2</sup>
2. Noting that there has once again been a smaller increase in the Assembly's budgetary package (operational appropriations) than in appropriations for the intergovernmental programme of activities;
3. Expressing bitterness and surprise that member governments continue to ignore the basic staffing and operational expenditure requirements of the Council of Europe's parliamentary organ, at a time when Community enlargement makes it more important than ever for the Council to assert itself and consolidate its action;
4. Pointing out that as a result of Portugal and Spain joining the Council of Europe, ten and nine years ago respectively, the workload of the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly has grown considerably and that the Committee of Ministers has consistently refused to take account of it,
5. Adopts the following opinion concerning its operational expenditure for 1987 (Vote III of the Council of Europe ordinary budget). As in previous years, the Assembly's opinion is in two parts:  
*a table of requested changes in real terms for 1987 compared with initial appropriations for 1986;*  
*detailed explanations of the changes in real terms requested.*

The second part will explain the procedure for drawing up the opinion and state the Assembly's budget priorities for 1987 (preliminary note).

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1. See Doc. 5578, report of the Committee on the Budget and the Intergovernmental Work programme Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 3 July 1986.  
2. See Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (1986), pp. 82-85, and Texts on Budgetary and Financial Matters (1985), pp. 95-129.



**Appendix****Summary table of requested increases in real terms for 1987 compared with initial appropriations for 1986**

<b>VOTE III of the ordinary budget - Expenditure pertaining to the Assembly</b>	<b>Initial appropriations for 1986</b>	<b>Changes in real terms proposed for 1987</b>
F	F	F
HEAD XXIII - Staff		
66 - Salary, allowances and social charges of the Clerk of the Assembly	724400	
67 - Remuneration of permanent staff	15 525 000	
67 bis - Assembly staffing changes		+ 418 000 <sup>3</sup> - 211 000 <sup>4</sup>
68 - Staff recruited to fill vacant permanent posts on a temporary basis	60000	
69 - Expenses on arrival and departure, home leave	140000	
70 - Overtime and allowances for exceptional duties	74500	
71 - Remuneration and accessory charges for temporary conference staff	9 455 000	+ 105 000 <sup>5</sup>
72 - Provision for cost-of-living and other adjustments to remuneration	798000 <sup>6</sup>	
TOTAL HEAD XXIII	26 776 900	+ 312000

<b>VOTE III - Expenditure pertaining to the Assembly</b>	<b>1985 expenditure</b>	<b>Initial indicative appropriations for 1986</b>	<b>Changes in real term proposed for 1987</b>
F	F	F	F
HEAD XXIV - Special secretariat expenses and other expenses			
73 - Special secretaria expenses and other expenses		752 500	+ 247 500 <sup>7</sup>
TOTAL HEAD XXIV		752 500	+ 247 500
HEAD XXV - Supplies, services and other operational expenditure (budgetary package) Sub-heads			
74 - Publishing and printing	1 371 000	1 460 000	
75 - Representational, travelling and subsistence expenses of the President of the Assembly	271 100	265 000	
76 - Expenditure pertaining to the Private Office of the President of the Assembly	138 000	145 000	

3. Creation of an A4 post, upgrading of an A2/A3 post to A4 and a B3 post to B4.
4. Transfer of a B4 post to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport.
5. Exceptional increase in 1987 for the holding of the 2nd Strasbourg Conference on Parliamentary Democracy
6. Sum frozen pending a decision by the Committee of Ministers on salary adjustments
7. Increase for the appropriations of the Assembly's political groups.

VOTE III - Expenditure pertaining to the Assembly	1985 expenditure	Initial indicative appropriations for 1986	Changes in real term proposed for 1987
77 - Representational expenditure, other official expenditure and travelling expenses of the members of the Assembly	407 500	340 000	+ 45 000
78 - Official journeys	745 500	745 000	
79 - Consultation of experts	480 500	540 000	- 200 000 <sup>8</sup>
80 - Organisation of ad hoc conferences	44 000	550 000	+ 100 000 <sup>9</sup>
81 - Other expenditure not specifically provided for in this vote	78 000	79 000	+ 10 000
82 - Europe prizes	70 000	98 000	
TOTAL HEAD XXV	4 005 600	4 222 000	- 45 000
TOTAL VOTE III		31 751 400	+ 514 500

### Detailed explanations of the changes in real terms requested

#### Preliminary note

1. Under Resolution (53) 38 of the Committee of Ministers, on the Assembly's budgetary system, the Assembly expresses an opinion item-by-item on its operational appropriations, that is, Vote III of the Council of Europe ordinary budget. Estimates of Assembly expenditure covered by resources common to all departments are contained in Vote I - Common expenditure.

2. Under the procedure agreed by the Assembly and the Secretary General in 1973, the Assembly's proposals as expressed in its opinion are incorporated in the Secretary General's draft budget. If the Secretary General is unable to endorse one of the proposals, he informs the Committee of Ministers accordingly, giving reasons, after consulting the President of the Assembly.

3. In 1975 the Ministers' Deputies, in answer to a request by the Assembly, agreed that the Assembly budget consists of two distinct sets of appropriations: appropriations for staff and all the other appropriations necessary for the functioning of the Assembly. The Ministers accepted that the second set should be voted on as a single appropriation and that the Secretary General could subsequently change any amount in the package at the Assembly's request and subject to Article 31 of the Financial Regulations.

4. Except for the 2nd Strasbourg Conference, the 1987 programme of the Assembly and its bodies is much the same as the 1986 programme:

*three plenary part-sessions totalling nineteen days, attended by 170 Representatives and an equal number of Substitutes ;*

*meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee between Assembly sessions;*

*a Standing Committee meeting of four days in Switzerland, held in conjunction with meetings of several committees -*

*meetings of one day or more in either Strasbourg or Paris, outside the plenary Assembly sessions, of each of the thirteen general committees, sub-committees and specialist working parties;*

*one meeting, of one or more days, of each of the thirteen general committees and of one of the sub-committees of each general committee once a year elsewhere than in Strasbourg or Paris (rule adopted by the Standing Committee on 12 December 1963), and attendance at a conference or hearing held by a Council of Europe body other than the sub-committee or committee in question;*

8. Reduction taking account of the transfer of management of the exercise in scientific co-operation to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport

9. Exceptional increase in 1987 for the 2nd Strasbourg Conference and the event on intercommunity and intercultural experiences.

*meetings of the Steering Committee of the Strasbourg Conference and the European Parliamentary and Scientific Contact Group (of the Committee on Science and Technology);  
ad hoc conferences and parliamentary hearings held by the Assembly.*

5. The Assembly's budget priorities for 1987 are:

*financial provision for the Assembly's political groups;*

*the 2nd Strasbourg Conference on Parliamentary Democracy and the organisation of an event on intercommunity and intercultural experiences (Order N°. 428 (1986)).*

*staffing adjustments considered necessary to the proper functioning of the Clerk's Office.*

6. As previously, the Assembly's opinion merely gives the adjustments in real terms, leaving it to the secretariat to assess, in the same way as for other appropriations in the draft Council of Europe ordinary budget, estimates for the remuneration of permanent and temporary staff and adjustments for inflation.

*Analysis of estimates according to budget classification*

*HEAD XXIII - Staff*

*Sub-head 66 (previously Sub-head 79) - Salary, allowances and social charges of the Clerk of the Assembly*

A higher appropriation is needed than in 1986 because of the effect, over a full year, of the salary adjustment with effect from 1 July 1986.

*Sub-head 67 (previously Sub-head 80) - Remuneration of permanent staff*

This appropriation covering basic salaries, nonrecurring and regular allowances and social insurance will be based on the approved 1986 establishment of the Clerk's Office (47 posts - see table below).

At 1 July 1986 staff numbers in the Clerk's Office, by division, were:

Posts	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, President's Private Office, secretariats	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Table Office	Total
A7	1					1
A6		1			1	2
A5		1	1		2	
A4	1	2	3	2	1	9
A2 / A3	1	3	2	4		10
B5	1			2	3	
B4	1	1	1		3	
B3	2	4	5	2	2	15
B2				2		2
Total	7	10	12	12	6	47

Increases will be necessitated by:

*salary increments and changes in the actual situation of staff;*

*the effect over the full year 1987 of the salary adjustment with effect from 1 July 1986.*

*Sub-head 67 his (previously Sub-head 80 his) - Staffing changes requested for the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly*

Estimate for 1987: - 207 000 F

Creation of an A4 post (committee secretary)- 390 500 F

Upgradings:

*1 A2/A3 post to A4 - 18 000 F*

## 1 B3 post to B4 - 9 500F

Transfer of a B4 post from the Clerk's Office to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport - 211 000 F

## Comments

*i. Creation of an A4 post*

In Opinion N° 124 (1985) the Assembly stressed the resources it needed to perform satisfactorily its new functions (currently preparations for the 2nd Strasbourg Conference and for the European Public Campaign on North / South Interdependence). It also pointed out the workload of Division II of the Clerk's Office. The Division II problem has been partly solved now that the administrator previously detailed for much of the time to scientific co-operation is shared by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography and the Social and Health Affairs Committee. The Assembly accordingly repeats its request for the creation of an A4 post, mainly to deal with the Strasbourg Conference: thorough preparations for the 2nd conference and planned development of this activity in the years ahead will require the full-time attention of a highly capable official. An A4 post is warranted by the duties the official will have, which will include servicing the Steering Committee and Contact Group of the Strasbourg Conference. Preparations for meetings will require a great deal of consultation, and occasional negotiation with the European Parliament and parliaments and embassies of non-member states involved in the conference. A newsletter has been issued to conference participants since 1985.

Although the work generated by the Strasbourg Conference in itself fully justifies creating an A4 post, this slight increase in staff can be expected to help the Assembly cope better with exceptional work such as servicing the Colombo Commission in 1985 and 1986 and, in 1988, cooperating with other secretariat departments on the North / South Campaign.

*ii. Upgrading of an A213 post to A4 and a B3 post to B4*

Since 1981 the Assembly has been asking for A4 grading for all secretaries to its committees (the equivalent posts at the European Parliament carry head-of-division rank, while those at the WEU Assembly are generally graded AS). As the Committee of Ministers has not granted this request, the Assembly will propose, as a matter of particular urgency, upgrading the post of Secretary to the Social and Health Affairs Committee from A3 to A4. The post now involves more, and more responsible, work:

*setting up two new sub-committees, on drugs and bio-ethical matters, both priority multidisciplinary activities in the draft Third Medium-Term Plan;*

*arrangements for a general Assembly debate on European social policy after each cycle of supervision of the European Social Charter (see [Recommendation 1022 \(1986\)](#));*

*greater involvement of the Social and Health Affairs Committee in Council of Europe intergovernmental work (it monitors six conferences of specialist ministers: labour, health, social security, family affairs, equality between women and men, the Pompidou Group);*

*direct working relations with several international organisations (ILO, WHO, UNICEF), occasionally at comparatively high level.*

Lastly, it should be noted that the social sector ("social changes") is one of the priorities in the Secretary General's draft Third Medium-Term Plan and will probably generate additional work for the Social and Health Affairs Committee.

As regards B-grade staff in the Clerk's Office, the Assembly requests the upgrading of a B3 post to B4 because central functions in the Clerk's Office (secretarial services to the President of the Assembly, secretarial services to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk) now involve much more, and much more demanding, work including:

*optimum co-ordination of Assembly committee meetings in order to cut costs (particularly in respect of official journeys and interpreting) and meet heavier demands with the finance available ;*

*administrative arrangements for, inter alia, conferences, colloquies, seminars, hearings and the annual mini-sessions;*

*planning the use of computer facilities by the assistants in the Clerk's Office.*

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Duties of this type generally go to B4 staff and cannot be performed by the Clerk's personal secretary.

*iii. Transfer to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport of the post of administrative assistant to the Scientific Adviser*

Under new arrangements for managing the Assembly exercise in scientific co-operation, the post of administrative assistant to the Assembly's Scientific Adviser was transferred to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport with effect from 1 January 1987 at a saving of 211 000 F to the Assembly budget.

Sub-head 68 (previously Sub-head 81) - Staff recruited to fill vacant permanent posts on a temporary basis

*Sub-head 69 (previously Sub-head 92) - Expenses on arrival and departure - home leave*

*Sub-head 70 (previously Sub-head 83) - Overtime allowances to permanent staff for exceptional duties*

Comments

The Assembly proposes that 1987 appropriations for Sub-heads 68, 69 and 70 be kept at the same level in real terms as for 1986.

*Sub-head 71 (previously Sub-head 84) - Remuneration and accessory charges in respect of temporary staff*

Estimate for 1987: - 9 560 000 F

1986 appropriation: - 9 455 000 F

Increase: - 105 000 F

This covers remuneration and social charges for:

*temporary staff employed during sessions (parliamentary secretaries; stenographers; ushers and messengers; interpreters; translators and revisers; secretaries; offset assistants; stitchers and binders; press and information précis writers; doctor, nurse; other (radio technicians, telephone exchange operators, drivers, post office staff, police, firemen, etc.));*

*temporary staff employed between sessions (interpreters for meetings, conferences and hearings of committees and sub-committees. temporary assistants, etc.).*

The appropriation needs raising because of the effect, over the full Year 1987, of the salary adjustment as from 1 July 1986. An increase in real terms of 105 000 F compared with 1986 is justified by the Assembly's share of the cost of interpreters and temporary staff for the 2nd Strasbourg Conference on Parliamentary Democracy, an exceptional item of expenditure.

Comments

The cost of the 2nd Strasbourg Conference on Parliamentary Democracy (Strasbourg, 28-30 September 1987), currently put at approximately 660 000 F, is to be shared by the Parliamentary Assembly, the European Parliament and the six parliaments of non-member states taking part. The Assembly is to pay one third, including approximately 105 000 F for simultaneous interpreting from and into six languages and temporary staff for the plenary sessions and the meetings of these seven working parties.

*Sub-head 72 (previously Sub-head 85) - Provision for cost-of-living allowance and other adjustments to remuneration*

This covers 1987 salary increases in the Clerk's Office.

*HEAD XXIV - Special secretariat expenses and other expenses*

*Sub-head 73 (previously Sub-head 86) - Special secretariat expenses and other expenses*

Estimate for 1987: - 1 000 000 F

1986 appropriation: - 752 500 F

Increase: -247 500 F

(1985 appropriation: 734 000 F)

The appropriation is apportioned among the Assembly's political groups according to a scheme decided by the Bureau.

#### Comments

The last substantial increase in this appropriation was in 1978 (for the 1979 budget). Since then the political groups have become more active spokesmen (more frequently appointed for major Assembly debates, tabling of amendments, tabling of motions for resolutions and recommendations, preparation of divergent opinions on explanatory memoranda to reports). They also regularly hold seminars. Secretaries to political groups thus have a great deal of work, yet the five groups still cannot afford fulltime secretaries.

Moreover the political groups are in favour of larger allocations in order to proceed with seminar plans.

An increase of 247 500 F in real terms is accordingly requested for the political groups. If that amount is approved by the Committee of Ministers, it will be apportioned among the five groups according to the criteria agreed by the Bureau of the Assembly.

#### *HEAD XXV - Supplies, services and other operational expenditure*

##### *Sub-head 74 (previously Sub-head 87) Publishing and printing*

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 1 460 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 1 371 000 F)

This sub-head covers publishing and printing costs relating to:

*official Assembly documents, namely:*

*1200 bilingual copies of the Working Papers (2800 to 3 000 pages) in each official language ;*

*900 copies in each official language of the Official Report of Debates (1 200-1 400 pages);*

*distribution of reports and documents adopted by the Assembly and its committees and translation (and circulation by national parliaments) of certain texts adopted;*

*other documents of the Assembly and its committees.*

#### Comments

The Assembly requests the same level of provision as in 1986.

##### *Sub-head 75 (previously Sub-Head 88) - Representational, travelling and subsistence expenses of the President of the Assembly*

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 265 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 271 100 F)

These are representational, travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by the President of the Assembly in the performance of his duties:

a. fixed representational allowance: 153 000 F in 1986

b. travel and subsistence: 112 000 F in 1986

#### Comments

As the Assembly does not yet know at this stage the needs of its new President it requests for the time being that this appropriation be kept in real terms at the same level in 1987 as in 1986.

##### *Sub-head 76 (previously Sub-head 89) - Expenditure pertaining to the Private Office of the President of the Assembly*

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 145 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 138 000 F)

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This sub-headcovers:

1. official travel by Private Officestaff or staff travelling at the President's request or on presidentialbusiness;
2. remuneration of one shorthand typist for thePresident and other secretarial expenses;
3. special dutyallowances of Private Office staff;
4. sundry secretarialexpenses.

Comments

The Assemblyrequests the same level of provision in real terms as in 1986.

*Sub-head 77 (previously Sub-head 90) - Representation expenditure,other official expenditure and travelling expenses of members of theAssembly*

Indicative estimate for 1987 385 000 F

Indicative 1986 appropriation: 340 000 F

Increase: 45 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 407 000 F)

This sub-headcovers:

*entertainment and similar expensesincurred by the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, committee chairmen andrapporteurs (approximately 51 000 F in 1985) ;*

*travellingexpenses and subsistence allowances of members of the Assembly attendingmeetings of certain Council of Europe bodies (other than sessions of theAssembly and meetings of Assembly committees) on the Council's behalf ortravelling on Assembly business at a committee's request;*

*accident insurance premiums for members of the Assembly travellingofficially at the Council's expense.*

Comments

In all recent opinions the Assembly has pointed outthat it is increasingly difficult for national parliaments to meet the expensesof members travelling on Assembly business other than committee orsub-committee meetings (for example, travelling expenses for representing theParliamentary Assembly on various occasions, attendance at conferences,colloquies, etc. organised by the Assembly, presenting flags of honour toprize-winning towns). For this reason, more of members' travelling expenseswill have to be charged to Sub-head 77. The Standing Committee was informed ofthis in November 1984, March 1985 and July 1985. At the latter meeting itagreed measures to keep down Sub-head 77 expenditure (seeDoc. 5468, item VI). The indicativeappropriation for this sub-head was nonetheless overspent by over 120 000 F,mainly because of development of the Assembly's external relations and greaterAssembly co-operation with the Council of Europe's intergovernmental sector(attendance at conferences of specialist ministers, steering committee meetings, etc.). It is therefore important gradually to increase theappropriation for Sub-head 77.

An increase in the proportion of theSub-head 77 appropriation (approximately 30%) used to meet the travel andsubsistence expenses of Assembly members who present the flags of honourawarded annually by the Parliamentary Assembly to prize-winning towns was,however, avoided-although the number of flags awarded has gone up appreciably,from 30 to 41 -by reducing the subsistence allowance and asking municipalitiesto bear some of the expenses incurred. To meet the ever-increasing number ofapplications for flags of honour, the Committee for the Environment, RegionalPlanning and Local Authorities has decided to substantially increase the numberof flags awarded (50 in 1986), which in itself makes a 20 000 F increaseessential. In this connection the committee recommended further measures withfinancial implications in its report, "Thirty years of the Europe Prize"(Resolution 862 (1986)).

The Assembly therefore requests that theappropriation for Sub-head 77 be increased in 1987 as follows:

*25 000 F for official travel by Assemblymembers in general;*

*20 000 F for members' travel andsubsistence expenses incurred by the award of flags ofhonour.*

*Sub-head 78 (previously Sub-head 91)- Official journeys*

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 745 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 745 000 F)

Official travel by staff of the Clerk's Office and other Secretariat staff required to attend meetings of Assembly bodies and other organisations or having to accompany members of the Assembly on special journeys.

#### Comments

Despite the rising cost of travel and accommodation, the Clerk's economy measures (grouping of meetings, travel by the cheapest mode of transport, etc.) have kept spending within the appropriation and it is hoped this will again be possible in 1986. The Assembly accordingly requests that the indicative appropriation for Sub-head 78 be kept at the same level in real terms in 1987.

#### *Sub-head 79 (previously Sub-head 92) - Consultation of experts*

Indicative estimate for 1987: - 340 000 F

Indicative 1986 appropriation: 540 000 F

Reduction: 200 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 480 000 F)

This covers fees, travelling expenses and subsistence allowances of, and administrative assistance to experts, including those from non-member countries, given specialised work or brought in for consultation by Assembly bodies, either individually or as members of working parties. The appropriation has also financed the programme of scientific co-operation initiated by the Committee on Science and Technology (approximately 300 000 F in 1985).

#### Comments

The Assembly (Committee on Science and Technology) and the Secretary General have come to an arrangement whereby it is intended transferring the exercise in scientific co-operation to the Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport as from 1 January 1987. The exercise will thus cease to be financed by the Assembly budget. One third of the resources previously devoted to scientific cooperation (approximately 300 000 F in 1985) will go, from 1987 on, to the new structures and activities instituted by the Committee on Science and Technology to provide for continuity between the "Parliamentary and Scientific Conferences" (sub-committee on science policy and "European parliamentary and scientific contact group")<sup>10</sup>.

This being the case, the Assembly requests the sum of 340 000 F in 1987; a reduction of 200 000 F compared with the indicative appropriation for 1986.

#### *Sub-head 80 (previously Sub-head 93) - Organisation of ad hoc conferences*

Indicative estimate for 1987: - 650 000 F

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 550 000 F

Increase: - 100 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 444 000 F)

This covers the organisation of conferences, colloquies, symposia and seminars, including the travel and subsistence expenses of those taking part (experts, Council of Europe staff), as well as publishing, translation and printing costs (including non-official languages) and the entertainment and other expenses incidental to those meetings.

#### Comments

The Assembly will have to contribute approximately 115 000 F under Sub-head 80 towards the 2nd Strasbourg Conference as well as at least 70 000 F towards the event on intercommunity and intercultural experiences (Order N°. 428 (1986)). It will be scaling down its normal programme of ad hoc conferences,

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10. See Order N° 427 (1985) and the Committee on Science and Technology decision of 12 December 1985.

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hearings and seminars in 1987 but even so it cannot meet the expenses arising from the Strasbourg Conference and the event on intercommunity and intercultural experiences unless the appropriation under Sub-head 80 is raised in real terms by 100 000 F (exceptional non-recurring item of expenditure).

*Sub-head 81 (previously Sub-head 94) - Other expenditure not specifically provided for in this vote*

Indicative estimate for 1987: - 89 000 F

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 79 000 F

Increase: 10 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 78 000 F)

Refreshment for staff on night duty, hire of cars, gratuities for exceptional work (during meetings outside Strasbourg), medals, flags, flagpoles, etc. As decided by the Committee of Ministers, Sub-head 81 covers, from 1986, travelling expenses and lump-sum allowances payable to a few officials of parliaments of non-member states undergoing training with the Parliamentary Assembly.

Comments

Even in 1985, when the Assembly did not yet have visiting trainees from parliaments of non-member states, the indicative appropriation under Sub-head 81 was inadequate. The Assembly therefore requests an increase of 10 000 F in real terms for 1987.

*Sub-head 82 (previously Sub-head 95) - Europe Prizes*

Indicative 1986 appropriation: - 98 000 F

(Approximate expenditure in 1985: 70 000 F)

This sub-head covers:

*the Europe Prize - 38 000 F in 1986*

*the Council of Europe Museum Prize - 32 000 F in 1986*

*- management expenses (handing over of prizes, including travel, dinners, receptions, flowers, diplomas, insurance, etc.) - 28 000 F in 1986*

Comments

The Assembly requests that the indicative appropriation for Sub-head 82 be kept at the same level in real terms in 1987, for reasons beyond its control, the Committee on Culture and Education was unable to award the Council of Europe Museum Prize in 1986 but the prize will be awarded again from 1987 onwards.

The Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities drew up a report on "Thirty years of the Europe Prize" for the July 1986 meeting of the Standing Committee ([Resolution 862\(1986\)](#)).