Budget Committee

2009 Annual Report to the PHLG

B. Andrés Ordax, Chair of the BC

Energy Community – 17th Meeting of the PHLG – Vienna 29th June 2010
Background

- BC was set up under the “Procedures for the Establishment and Implementation of Budget, Auditing and Inspection” ("Budgetary Procedures")
- Constitutive meeting on 30 January 2008 in Brussels.
- Reporting duty under the "Internal Rules of Procedure of the Budget Committee"
Scope of BC activities

- Supervisory and advisory role on financial management
- Monitoring of the budget implementation / efficient budget utilization:
  - Financial reports (on monthly and quarterly basis) from the ECS Director
  - Agreement / information on specific questions (e.g. transfers of appropriations)
- (Four) Three annual meetings
Meeting on 17th March 2009 (Vienna)

- Audit results for the financial year 2008. Audit recommendations on utilization of leave days by the ECS staff
- Budget establishment for 2010-2011 (& WP)
- Unused appropriations
- Budgetary transfers
- Improvements of the Rules for Reimbursement
- New Rules for interns, secondee and locally recruited personnel
Meeting on 25th June 2009 (Sarajevo)

- Presentation of Budget Report under Article 75 of the Treaty & discharge of the Director for year 2008
- Utilization of the budget 2009
- Draft proposal for Budget for 2010-2011
- Recovery of non-used appropriations within the budget of the Energy Community
- Reimbursement Rules:
  - payment on private accounts to be progressively phased out
  - No advance payments of travel expenditures
Meeting on 28th September 2009 (Vienna)

- Budget utilization in 2009 & transfer of appropriations
- Appointment of Ernst & Young as an external audit company
- Amendments to the Internal rules of procedure, based on experience
- Recovery of non-utilized appropriations for the financial years 2007-2008, calculation method approved
  » Contracting Parties individual entitlements
Thank you for your attention!