



Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group

INTERNAL FINANCIAL RULES OF THE EFDD GROUP ITEM 400

In accordance with the Rules governing the utilisation of appropriations entered against EP budget Item 400, adopted by the EP's Bureau on 30 June 2003 and revised by the Bureau on 22 March 2006, 11 July 2007, 20 September 2010, 23 March 2011, 26 September 2011, 2 July 2012, 11 March 2013, 24 February 2014, 14 April 2014 and 27 April 2015

I. General provisions

The Group's Bureau shall be the budgetary authority.

The Group's President shall be the authorising officer and shall delegate authorising powers to the Group's Secretary-General. These powers can be subdelegated.

The Bureau shall appoint a Treasurer and an AIPN from among the members of the Group's Bureau. Appointment of the Treasurer and AIPN shall be approved by the Group.

II. Adoption of the budget

The Treasurer shall present a proposal for the annual budget to the Bureau.

The budget, as adopted by the Bureau, shall be submitted for the Group's approval.

Part of the budget shall be set aside for decentralised activities (chapter 7 of the budget), in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 2.1.10 of the Rules.

All decentralised activities shall require prior authorisation, subject to compliance with the rules in force.

During the course of the financial year, the Treasurer may, if necessary and with the consent of the President, transfer appropriations between chapters and items of the budget.

III. Implementation of the budget

The Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing the budget.

All expenditure must be processed by the authorising officer and the staff members responsible for verifications and initiation tasks. They shall also be responsible for the verifications to be carried out before the issue of payment orders, as stipulated in Articles 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 of the Rules.

The Treasurer shall sign all transfer orders. In case of emergency, the Secretary-General may sign transfers, which must subsequently be countersigned by the Treasurer.

The Secretary-General shall present to the Bureau every three months a report on the use of the appropriations and any transfers of appropriations.

The Group shall not recognise any permanent imprests.

IV. Accounts

The Group's accounting officer shall be responsible for the Group's accounts.

All of the Group's financial operations shall be carried out through the EFDD Group's bank accounts, located in the following banks:

KBC – European Parliament branch in Brussels.



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DECENTRALISED ACTIVITIES

1. The Group's Bureau may decide to finance decentralised activities of members and/or national delegations in accordance with Article 2.1.10 of the Rules.
2. A reserve for this purpose is provided for in chapter 7 of the Group's budget.
3. On the basis of a proposal by a national delegation or one or more members of the Group, the Treasurer and authorising officer by delegation shall sign an expenditure commitment.
4. Expenditure:
 - all political or information activities directly related to the European Union, the European Parliament, the Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group (EFDD) and its members. Under no circumstances will funding be provided for activities of an electoral nature.
 - the Group may rent an office and finance the appropriate technical and administrative costs in Member States where the European Parliament Information Office does not provide the political groups with a permanent office; the Group may also locate staff there. In Member States where the European Parliament Information Office provides the political groups with a permanent office, the Group may finance the corresponding administrative and technical costs and locate staff there.
5. Appropriations may not under any circumstances be used instead of expenditure for which the Members of the European Parliament receive General Expenditure Allowances and parliamentary assistance allowances from the European Parliament (Article 1.1.1, paragraph 3, of the Rules).