

Resolution of 23 April 2009:

§ 95: "Instructs its Secretary-General to publish the accounts and the auditors' reports concerning subsidised political parties on Parliament's website;"

1. The competent services will aim at publishing the 2008 accounts and the auditors' reports of grant beneficiary parties and foundations by 31 October 2009.
2. The awarded and final grant amounts have already been published on the European Parliament's website¹ for all the years that this programme has been in place (2004-2008) and will be updated regularly. As stipulated by the Regulation applicable, the beneficiaries also have to publish their accounts. In practice, publication at least on their own websites is required as a minimum. The competent services regularly check whether the beneficiaries fulfil this requirement.
3. The period until the end of October is necessary to clarify technical details of the publication as well as possible data protection issues with the beneficiaries.

§ 96: "Asks for its competent committee to be informed of the follow-up given to the report by the Internal Auditor published in August 2007 on the implementation of the rules on contributions to political parties at European level (referred to in paragraph 55 of Parliament's resolution of 22 April 2008 on the discharge for the financial year 2006);"

1. In its report, the Internal Audit Service praised the responsible service for the results it attained. The summary part of the report, referring to the work undertaken until that time, mentions that "given the complex legal and budgetary framework applicable to EUPP grants, and the limited experience available in the European Parliament relating to grant management, these are noteworthy achievements." In order to enhance the procedures, the Director-General of Finance agreed in July 2007 to a total of 38 action plans proposed in the report.
2. Some of these action plans could be implemented entirely through management decisions made by the Directorate-General, while others required the amendment of the Bureau decision of 29 March 2004 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003. In this second case, the commitment of the Directorate-General was of

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/parliament/expert/staticDisplay.do?language=EN&id=43>

course limited to initiating the procedure that could eventually lead to an actual amendment of the Bureau decision.

3. A total of 35 action plans have been implemented entirely, while 3 have been abandoned. The competent services had started the first implementations even before the final report was adopted and the last ones were finished early 2009. The Bureau decision was amended on 18 February 2008. The 3 action plans that were abandoned would have required the amendment of the Bureau decision, but did not receive the necessary support during their preparation.
4. This July the Internal Audit Service is about to commence its follow-up to the report, and the assignment will also include a renewed examination of the financing of political parties and foundations.