

**ANNUAL REPORT ON
THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR EUROPEAN
POLITICAL PARTIES BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN 2005**

Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding authorises the European Parliament to grant technical assistance to European political parties. This assistance is based on the principle of equal treatment and is granted on conditions no less favourable than those granted to other external organisations and associations that may be accorded similar facilities. It is supplied against invoice and payment.

In accordance with Article 11 of Regulation No 2004/2003 and Article 11 of the Bureau decision of 29 March 2004 laying down the procedures for implementing that Regulation, *'the Secretary-General shall submit to the Bureau a report setting out details of the technical assistance provided by Parliament to each political party at European level. The report shall then be published on Parliament's Internet site'*.

As stated in Article 11, paragraph 1, first subparagraph of the abovementioned Bureau decision, *'the Bureau may grant political parties at European level technical assistance, in accordance with the Bureau decision of 14 March 2000 governing the use of Parliament's premises by outside bodies, as amended by the decision of 2 June 2003, and any other form of technical assistance provided for by subsequent rules'*.

The technical assistance with which political parties were provided in 2005 took the following form.

PROVISION OF ROOMS, TECHNICIANS AND SECURITY SERVICES

DATE	ROOM	COST (in euros)
EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY		
07-08/06/2006	A5E-2	378.00
	P5B001	435.00
	A3E-2	504.00
09-10/11/2006	A5E-2	1 282.00
EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE		
11/05/2006	Chamber	4 992.00