

**ANNUAL REPORT ON  
THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES BY THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
IN 2008**

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 (EC) 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 party. The report shall then be published on Parliament's Internet site'*.

As stated in Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Bureau decision, *'the Bureau may grant parties 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 provided by the European Parliament Secretariat to political parties in 2008 took the following form:

**PROVISION OF ROOMS, TECHNICIANS AND  
SECURITY SERVICES**

DATE	ROOM	COST (in euros)	
		Rooms + personnel	Security
<b>EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY</b>			
16-17/09/2008	A5E-2	1 282.00	866.00
13/11/2008	A3E-2	767.00	433.00
<b>EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>			
05/12/2008	A3G-3	1 271.00	866.00