

BUDGETARY POWERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Well, it was inevitable that the trials of strength would focus mainly on the Parliament's rights. So the budgetary rights we possessed were an excellent starting point: the decision as to whether we adopted the budget or not or what could be achieved in the negotiations between the Council, the Commission and us on changes to the budget. We had a small margin of about eight or nine per cent, in which we were able to move the budget.

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The Parliament's approval of Delors's proposals was never really in dispute. There may perhaps have been discussions on some specific issues, but we fully supported Delors's policies.