THE EU FINANCING RULES (OWN RESOURCES)

2. STRUCTURE OF THE BUDGET (revenue)

2.7 REVENUE MANAGEMENT

Members States pay their Own Resources contributions on monthly basis to the Commission.

The payment and reporting modalities vary in accordance with the type of Own Resources.

- 1. Traditional own resources
- 2. VAT/GNI resources and UK correction

The rules are laid down in Regulation 1150/2000

(Articles 2, 6, 9, and 10)

1. TRADITIONAL OWN RESOURCES (customs duties and sugar levies)

TOR established in month n are paid to the Commission in month n+2 (on the first working day after the 19th day)

25% is retained by Member States

Monthly (A-account) statement

Quarterly (B-account) statement

2. VAT/GNI RESOURCES AND UK CORRECTION

Member States pay on the first working day of each month 1/12 of the amounts determined in the latest adopted budget (annual/amending budget).

During the first quarter the year the Commission may ask advanced payments (max 5/12 at the end of the first quarter).

The Commission sends (faxes) a call for funds letter to the Member States for each monthly payment.

3. VAT/GNI RESOURCES BALANCES

Member States VAT/GNI contributions for the budget year n (based on forecasts on their VAT bases and GNI) are recalculated in the year n + 1 on the basis of final VAT/GNI data.

Similar recalculation is also made when there are corrections to previous years' VAT bases/GNI.

The VAT/GNI balances (positive or negative adjustments) are credited/debited on the first working day of December (in 2005 VAT/GNI balances in total 2,4 billion €).

4. OTHER PAYMENTS OF OWN RESOURCES

Payments relating to budgetary reserves (reserve relating to loans and loan guarantees and reserve for emergency aid)

Payments relating to the "opting-out" (adjustment of contributions of Member States not participating in some specific policies)

Individual payments of outstanding amounts of Own Resources (e.g. based on Own Resources control observations)

7. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Own resources are paid to the account opened in the name of the Commission (with the Member State's treasury/national bank).

8. INTEREST FOR LATE PAYMENT

Any delay in paying Own Resources gives rise to the payment of interest (Article 11 of Regulation 1150/2000).

Interest rate = ECB rate (or similar national rate for non-Euro Member States) + 2% + 0,25 % for each month of delay).