

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2025

FINANCES OF THE UNION Budget for the Administrative Section for 2026

Memorandum by the APPU Bureau

1. Subject	References/Paragraphs
Presentation of the Budget for 2026	§§ 1 to 2
2. Decisions expected	
The EC is invited to:	
- take note of this document	§§ 1 to 2
- approve the budget for 2026	§§ 1 to 2, Annex 1

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The annual expenditure of the Union shall be separate for the Administrative Section and the Training Section. The maximum amount for the annual expenditure for the Administrative Section, as stipulated in Article 117.1 of the General Regulations, is USD 80,000. However, Article 117.5 states that the limit laid down in Article 117.1 may be exceeded to enable the recruitment of personnel or otherwise to provide for the efficient operation of the Administrative Section if the majority of the member countries agree.
- 1.2 In the past years, the Congress/ EC has approved budgets exceeding USD 80,000, exercising the powers granted under Article 117.1 of the General Regulations of APPU. For reference, the approved budgets for the past 5 years were as follows:

Year	Approved budget (USD)
2020	209,002
2021	213,868
2022	209,944
2023	206,515
2024	206,520
2025	215,814
2026	207,708

- 1.3 The expenditure for the Administrative Section is shared by all member countries, in accordance with the UPU contribution class of that member, as prescribed in Article 116. Furthermore, the Executive Council in 2023 has authorized the Bureau to make necessary adjustments within the allocated expenditure categories, ensuring that the overall expenditure remains within the limits approved by the EC, effective from 2023.
- 1.4 Regarding contribution from member countries to the APPU, it is brought to the attention of all members that the Joint Sub Committee constituted for reviewing the finances of the Union has commenced the works, and the report can be found in EC 2025 Doc 14.

2. Budget for 2026

- 2.1 The detailed budget for the Administrative Section can be found in EC 2025 Doc 6b Annex 1.
- 2.2 The projected income to the Union in 2026 through regular member country contributions and miscellaneous income is USD 209,227. This excludes any income from secondments or specific projects to be undertaken by the Union. The estimated expenditure for the year 2026 is USD 207,708. The Bureau will undertake efforts to increase its income through voluntary contributions from member countries and to rationalize its expenditure.