

RIPE NCC Draft Budget 2009

The industry will be going through a period of change as the exhaustion of IPv4 addresses draws nearer. This is reflected in the development of policies and service introductions related to this issue, some of which are expected to increase the workload for the RIPE NCC in the coming years.

As a result of this, the budgeted costs for 2009 are 18% higher than the budgeted costs for 2008. This is a result of the increased staff levels and greater operational expenses necessary to support the expected increase in the RIPE NCC's workload.

RIPE NCC Statement of Income & Expenditure

In kEUR	Budget		Actual	Difference	
Income	2009	2008	2007	2009/08	2009/07
Service Fees	14,403	12,012	11,791	2,391	2,612
End User Fees	281	-	-	281	281
RIPE Meeting	255	218	219	37	36
Other Income	255	206	186	49	69
Total Income	15,194	12,436	12,196	2,758	2,998
Expenditure					
Personnel Expenses	8,259	7,776	7,102	483	1,157
General Operating Expenses	4,224	3,242	2,796	982	1,428
RIPE Meeting	571	539	401	32	170
Training Courses	328	315	319	13	9
Regional Meetings	207	138	118	69	89
Financial Expenses	85	70	65	15	20
Subtotal Operational Expenses	13,674	12,080	10,801	1,594	2,873
Miscellaneous Expenses	248	250	144	(2)	104
Depreciation	1,285	596	729	689	556
Total Expenses	15,207	12,926	11,674	2,281	3,533
Surplus/Deficit before Interest Income	(13)	(490)	522	477	(535)
Interest Income	855	517	548	338	307
Surplus/Deficit	842	27	1,070	818	(228)

Development of RIPE NCC Reserves

The table below summarises the RIPE NCC's capital development. The capital consists of the RIPE NCC reserves, including the surplus/deficit for the year at issue.

Year	Surplus/ Deficit	Capital at 31 December	Total Expenses per Year	% Capital of Expenses
2002	(2,369)	4,210	10,442	40%
2003	3,077	7,287	9,996	73%
2004	2,698	9,986	9,739	103%
2005	2,684	12,670	9,420	135%
2006	2,483	15,153	9,980	152%
2007	1,070	13,764*	11,674	118%
Estimated 2008	2,577	16,341	11,509**	142%
Budget 2009	842	17,183	15,207	113%

Note: *The capital in 2007 includes the member rebate of EUR 2.5 million.

**The total expenses 2008 include an amount of EUR 1.5 million from the Personnel Fund.

Expenses per Activity

Overall, expense levels will increase in 2009. For Membership Services, this increase is a result of enhanced registry services, such as Internet Number Resource Certification and an increased focus on data quality. The increase in expenses for Coordination Activities is mainly due to an increased External Relations effort, for which a Public Relations agency has been engaged.

One of the RIPE NCC's key development areas for 2009 is to improve the Information Services it offers. In order to provide improved services, expense levels and investments in this area will be increased. This will also allow the RIPE NCC to extend its service portfolio and to make its Information Services more useful to a wider variety of users.

Amounts in kEUR	Budget 2009		Budget 2008		Difference	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Membership Services	7,076	47%	6,162	48%	914	15%
Coordination Activities	5,941	39%	5,571	43%	370	7%
Information Services	2,190	14%	1,193	9%	997	84%
Total Expenses	15,207		12,926		2,281	18%

The table below shows new or significantly developed activities for 2009. The figure presented is the direct allocated costs and does not include an overhead or management fee.

Support for Internet Number Resource Certification	
262 kEUR in 2009	500 kEUR Capital Expenses

Income and Fees per Billing Category (Based on the Proposed Charging Scheme 2009)

Income	No. of Local Internet Registries (LIRs)	Fee	Amount in kEUR
New Members			
Sign-up Fee	935	EUR 2,000	1,870
Service Fee, Extra Small	935	EUR 1,300	751
Existing Members			
Extra Small	1,190	EUR 1,300	1,547
Small	3,275	EUR 1,800	5,895
Medium	1,190	EUR 2,550	3,034
Large	238	EUR 4,100	976
Extra Large	60	EUR 5,500	330
Total Service Fees	5,953		14,403

Note: Income received from new members is estimated on the basis of the budgeted number of new Local Internet Registries (LIRs) per month multiplied by the pro rata annual service fee.