

**ANNUAL REPORT
ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED TO EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND FOUNDATIONS
BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
IN 2016**

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 according to the rules. 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 and foundation. The report shall then be published on Parliament's website'*.

As stated in Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Bureau decision, *'the Bureau may grant parties and foundations technical assistance, in accordance with the Bureau decision of 14 March 2000 governing the use of Parliament's premises by outside bodies, as amended, and any other form of technical assistance provided for by rules adopted subsequently by the Bureau'*.

The technical assistance provided by the European Parliament to political parties in 2016 took the following form:

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

DATE	MEETING ROOM	COST (in EUR)	
		Room +service + personnel	Security
<u>EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY</u>			
04-5/04/2016	ASP 3 E 2	2.432,00	2338
<u>PARTI DEMOCRATE EUROPEEN</u>			
30/11/2016	PHS 5B 001	4.251,45	885

Note: Meetings for which no invoice for room rent was issued (for example in EP libraries or due to cost-sharing between political groups and European political parties or foundations falling within the scope of Rules 400¹) are not reported in this table.

¹ Rules on the use of appropriations from budget item 400 adopted by the Bureau on 30 June 2003.