Amending budget 3/2008: bluetongue vaccinations; Joint Technology Initiatives; EU Solidarity Fund; establishment plans of European Institute for Gender Equality and European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

2008/2095(BUD) - 14/04/2008 - Commission preliminary draft budget

PURPOSE: to present a Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No 3 to the EU general budget for the financial year 2008.

CONTENT: the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No 3 for the financial year 2008 covers the following elements:

- the budgeting of the revenue accruing from the Microsoft case;
- the budgeting of part of the savings arising from the smaller than estimated increase for pay and pensions in 2007, leading to a **reduction of EUR 2.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations under heading 5**;
- reinforcement of the emergency fund for veterinary measures due to the bluetongue crisis by **EUR 130 million in commitment appropriations, and EUR 63.95 million in payment appropriations**;
- creation of the necessary budgetary structure to accommodate four Joint Technology Initiatives: Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), Clean Sky, ARTEMIS (Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems) and ENIAC (European Technology Platform on Nanoelectronics);
- mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 98 million in commitment and payment appropriations** relating to forest fires in Greece in August 2007 and floods in Slovenia in September 2007 (see ACI/2008/2091);
- modifications to the establishment plan of the European Institute for Gender Equality;
- modifications to the establishment plan of the European Economic and Social Committee.

CONCLUSION: the net effect of the modifications to expenditure is an **increase of EUR 225.7 million in commitment appropriations, and an increase of EUR 159.6 million in payments**. There will be no call for additional revenue.