Amending budget 3/2011: mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund; flooding in Slovenia, Croatia and Czech Republic

2011/2065(BUD) - 24/05/2011 - Council position on draft budget

The Commission forwarded to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 2 to the general budget for 2011, relating to the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of **EUR 19 546 647** in commitment and payment appropriations. Its aim is to provide financial assistance to the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Croatia which were affected by heavy flooding during the months of August and September 2010.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (EU Solidarity Fund - Member States) for an amount of EUR 18 371 576 and under Article 13 06 02 (EU Solidarity Fund - Countries negotiating for accession) for an amount of EUR 1 175 071.

The Council reached an agreement on the following position:

- to accept the mobilisation of the Fund and the amounts as proposed by the Commission;
- to use redeployments in order to cover the corresponding payment appropriations as follows:
    - for the Czech Republic and Slovenia: to transfer EUR 9 800 000 from Article 04 02 01 (Completion ESF Objective 1 (2000-2006)) and EUR 8 571 576 from Article 04 02 06 (Completion ESF Objective 3 (2000-2006));
    - for Croatia: to transfer EUR 1 175 071 from Item 22 02 07 01 (Regional and horizontal programmes).

On 23 May 2011, the Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2011 as set out in the technical annex to this draft Council budget (see *Council doc. 10522/11 ADD*).