

Financial framework 2007-2013: additional financing needs of the ITER project

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drafted by Reimer BÖGE (EPP, DE) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management as regards the multiannual financial framework, to address additional financing needs of the ITER project.

Members recall that an additional EUR 1 300 million in commitment appropriations from the Union budget are required for the ITER project in 2012-2013, and that at the budgetary trilogue meeting of 1 December 2011, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed on the modalities for providing this additional financing to the project.

In this context, this requires a [revision of the IIA of 17 May 2006](#), so as to raise the ceilings for commitment appropriations under subheading 1a by EUR 650 million for the year 2012 and by EUR 190 million for the year 2013 in current prices.

Members approve the decision annexed to this resolution which aims to amend the Interinstitutional Agreement as regards the Multiannual Financial Framework in order to provide the **additional EUR 1 300 million** commitment appropriations from the EU budget required for the ITER project in 2012-2013.

The decision provides a timetable for the provision of the necessary amounts:

- EUR 100 million already included in the 2012 budget on the ITER budget lines;
- **EUR 360 million in commitment appropriations will be made available in the 2013 budget** procedure within the MFF commitment appropriations ceilings making full use of the provisions laid down in the Financial Regulation and in the IIA of 17 May 2006, excluding any further ITER-related revision of the MFF;
- the ceilings for commitment appropriations of Heading 1a for the years 2012 and 2013 will be increased by an amount of EUR 840 million, of which EUR 650 million in 2012 and EUR 190 million in 2013. This increase will be offset by a corresponding decrease of the ceilings for commitment appropriations of Heading 2 (EUR 450 million for the year 2011) and Heading 5 (EUR 243 million for the year 2011 and EUR 147 million for the year 2012);
- the 2013 ceiling for total payment appropriations will be increased by EUR 580 million offset by a corresponding decrease in the 2011 ceiling.

In parallel, **Members invite the Commission to make concrete proposals on the amount of EUR 360 million within Draft Budget 2013.**