Amending budget 6 /2012: revenue; reinforcement of payment appropriations; reductions in commitment and payment appropriations

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On 25 October 2012, the Commission forwarded to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2012. It concerned the following points:

- **as regards revenue**, the revised forecast for own resources shows a net increase of +EUR 3.08 billion, resulting from an update in the forecast of revenue after the latest revision of the forecasts of own resources (+EUR 497.3 million in VAT- and GNI-based own resources, -EUR 950 million in traditional own resources) and other revenue (significant increase in the revenue from fines and interest payment of +EUR 3.53 billion);
- **with regard to expenditure**, the Commission proposes a net increase in the level of payment appropriations (p/a) by **+EUR 9 billion** across headings and sub-headings 1a, 1b, 2, 3a and 4, including a redeployment of EUR 47.4 million in p/a.

Moreover, the Commission proposes a net reduction in the level of commitment appropriations (c/a) of -EUR 133.4 million. **As a result, the net effect for Member States' contributions to the EU budget would therefore amount to +EUR 5.9 billion.**

Budget conciliation: at the trilogue on 29 November 2012, the European Parliament and the Council reached an *ad referendum* agreement on DAB No 6/2012 by reducing a certain number of budget lines involving a corresponding reduction in commitment appropriations of an amount of EUR 8.76 million, since these lines concerned non-differentiated expenditures. These lines relate, for the most part, to cohesion policy and structural funds.

Other changes were made resulting in the redeployments of certain lines.

As a result of these modifications, **the net effect for Member States' contributions to the EU budget would amount to +EUR 2.9 billion**.

As a result, on 6 December 2012, the Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 6 of the European Union for the financial year 2012 on the basis of the elements described above, as set out in the technical annex to the explanatory memorandum of the Council’s position.