

# **Amending budget 7/2013: increasing the European Social Fund (ESF) allocations to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion in France, Italy and Spain**

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On 25 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 7/2013 proposing to **increase commitment appropriations under sub-heading 1b** (Cohesion for growth and employment) by **EUR 150 million in 2013**.

This amount aims at **reinforcing appropriations for the European Social Fund in favour of France, Italy and Spain**, in order to tackle youth unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, and has been agreed in the context of the MFF negotiations in the margin of the European Council of 27/28 June 2013.

In parallel, it submitted a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the [mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument](#) for an amount of EUR 134 million.

On 7 October 2013, the Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 7/2013, as set out in the [technical annex](#) to this explanatory memorandum, as well as the text of the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument.