Amending budget 8/2013: reinforcement of payments by MFF heading and shortage of payment appropriations in the 2013 budget

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PURPOSE: definitive adoption of Amending Budget N° 8 for the financial year 2013.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2014/65/EU, Euratom.

CONTENT: amending budget No 8 for the year 2013 concerns the increase of payment appropriations of EUR 3.9 billion across headings 1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b and 4 of the multi-annual financial framework (MFF) to the overall level proposed already in amending budget 2/2013.

This increase aims to:

- **meet the outstanding needs to the end of 2013, so that legal obligations stemming from past and current commitments can be honoured,**
- avoid financial penalties;
- enable beneficiaries to receive the funds envisaged by the EU policies agreed, for which Parliament and Council authorised the related commitment appropriations in previous annual budgets.

This amending budget 8/2013 complements amending budget No 2/2013 presented by the Commission in March 2013 for an amount of EUR 7.3 billion and is consistent with the political agreement reached between the Presidents of the three Institutions on the 2014-2020 MFF.

The payment appropriations will allow the legal obligations arising in 2013 to be met. This will **avoid any abnormal carry-over into 2014** of payment needs that should have been addressed in the financial year 2013.

This amending budget concerns specifically the increase of payment appropriations across headings 1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b and 4 of the multi-annual financial framework (MFF), with the aim of:

- meeting the outstanding needs to the end of the year;
- honouring legal obligations stemming from past and current commitments;
- avoiding financial penalties;
- enabling beneficiaries to receive the funds envisaged by the agreed Union policies, for which Parliament and Council authorised the related commitment appropriations in previous annual budgets.