Amending budget 2/2014: surplus from the budget year 2013

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Gérard DEPREZ (ADLE, BE) on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 2/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission.

Members recalled that Draft amending budget No 2/2014 aims to **enter in the 2014 budget the surplus** from the 2013 financial year, amounting to EUR 1 005 million. Amending budget No 2 will reduce the share of the GNI contribution from Member States to the EU budget by EUR 1 005 million and therefore partly compensate their contribution to the financing of Amending budget No 3 (EUR 3 170 million additional own resources needed).

Members highlighted therefore their intention to carry on the procedure for the adoption of Draft amending budget No 2 in parallel with the negotiations on Draft amending budget No 3, concerning the mobilisation of additional payment appropriations, and Draft amending budget No 4, which concerns the revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources, other revenue and making definitive some fines thus providing **additional EUR 2 059 million of own resources** that could further reduce the needs for additional appropriations from Draft amending budget No 3.

Members pointed out that if Draft amending budgets No 2, 3 and 4 are adopted unamended, this would imply an overall budgetary impact of only EUR 106 million additional GNI contributions that have to be made available by the Member States in order to ensure enough payment appropriations in 2014 to cover the Union's existing legal obligations.

At the same time and in order to maintain the political and procedural link between Draft amending budgets No 2, 3 and 4, Members called on the Parliament to amend the Council position on Draft amending budget No 2/2014.

Given the huge pressure on 2014 payments and the reinforcements requested by Commission in DAB 3 /2014, it is proposed that the amount of the surplus for the year 2013 is used to fund a newly created line 40 04 01 "**Reserve for additional payment needs**" on the expenditure side of the budget, instead of to reduce the GNI-based own resources. If DAB 3/2014 is adopted unamended by Council, this amendment will be withdrawn.