

Amending budget 2/2014: increase in revenue; shortage of payments

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On 2 June 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 3/2014 regarding the budgeting of additional revenue of EUR 1 568 million and a reinforcement of payment appropriations by EUR 4 738 million. The DAB is accompanied by a proposal for the **mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2014 for an amount of EUR 4 027 million**.

The main objective of this proposal is to provide additional payment appropriations in order to meet outstanding payment needs across (sub-) headings in the 2014 budget, and in particular in sub-heading 1b. The mobilisation of the Contingency Margin aims to **address issues that were not foreseen when the payments ceilings of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020 were set**.

Draft budget: at the trilogue on 8 December 2014, the European Parliament and the Council reached an ad referendum agreement on a draft package, comprising the new draft budget for 2015, the outstanding DABs relating to 2014.

According to that agreement, the payment appropriations requested in DAB No 3/2014 are approved as proposed by the Commission with:

- a reduction of EUR 90 million in Rural Development for the 2007-2013 programmes,
- a reduction of EUR 20 million on the new programmes,
- a reduction of EUR 420 million for the Youth Employment Initiative,
- a further reduction of EUR 648.1 million distributed across a number of budget lines.

Redeployment: a redeployment of payment appropriations as proposed in transfer No DEC 31/2014 ("global transfer") is accepted, as well as an additional amount of EUR 6.2 million from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and from Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements to Humanitarian Aid and EUR 30.4 million from Macro-financial assistance, PROGRESS, Internal market, Public health, Prevention of and fight against crime, DCI Asia, Promoting non-discrimination and equality and Statistics.

The resulting additional payment appropriations for DAB No 3/2014 are EUR 3 529.6 million, of which EUR 2 818.2 million plus EUR 350 million from the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin.

All other elements of DAB No 3/2014 are accepted as proposed by the Commission.

In conclusion, on 12 December 2014, the Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 3 /2014 as set out in the technical annex to this explanatory memorandum (see [ST 16740/2014 ADD 1](#)).