

Amending budget 3/2014: own resources; revenue; administration

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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 4/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission.

Members recalled that Draft amending budget (DAB) No 4/2014, concerns a revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources (TOR, i.e. customs duties and sugar sector levies), VAT and Gross National Income (GNI) bases, the budgeting of the relevant UK corrections, and a revision of the forecast of other revenue arising from fines, thereby resulting in a change in the level and distribution between Member States of their own resources contributions to the Union budget. They noted that No 4/2014 also reduces budgetary commitment and payment appropriations for the European Data Protection Supervisor by EUR 248 460.

Members also called on the European Parliament to endorse the Joint conclusions agreed by the Parliament and the Council on 8 December 2014 with the view to approve DAB No 4/2014 as originally proposed by the Commission, and amended by its Amending Letter, with:

- **the inclusions of the commitment appropriations from [DAB No 6/2014](#)** related to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the reserve for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements;
- the redeployment of the amount of EUR 248 460 of available payment appropriations identified in the line for the European Data Protection Supervisor to the Humanitarian aid budget line.

They recalled that the adoption of this DAB No 4/2014 will reduce the need for additional own resources for the Union budget by EUR 2 433 million and will therefore, together with the reduced shares of the GNI contribution from Member States to the Union budget resulting from [DAB No 3/2014](#), [DAB No 8/2014](#) and DAB [No 6/2014](#), fully compensate for the additional payment needs requested in DAB No 3/2014, as agreed in the Joint conclusions of 8 December 2014.

Whilst calling on the European Parliament to approve the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2014, they also recalled that **this DAB is crucial to avoid cash shortages that could lead to an implementation deficit in 2014.**