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

2014/2053(BUD) - 17/12/2014 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 605 votes to 58, with 17 abstentions, a resolution on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2014 of the European Union for the financial year 2014, Section III – Commission.

Parliament recalled that the 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 corrections concerning the United Kingdom,
- 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.

Parliament also noted that No 4/2014 also reduces budgetary commitment and payment appropriations for the European Data Protection Supervisor by EUR 248 460.

Parliament endorsed 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.

It 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.

Lastly, Parliament recalled that this DAB is **crucial to avoid cash shortages that could lead to an implementation deficit in 2014.** Therefore, it approved, unamended, the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2014.