Amending budget 1/2015: revision of the MFF

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PURPOSE: to present Draft amending budget (DAB) No 2 to the 2015 budget is presented together with the Commission's parallel proposal for a revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the years 2014-2020.

CONTENT: the Draft amending budget (DAB) No 2 to the 2015 budget is presented together with the Commission's parallel proposal for a revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the years 2014-2020, in accordance with Article 19 of the MFF Regulation.

Despite the late adoption of the MFF and the legal acts of the various Funds, all efforts have been made to adopt the largest number of programmes: 252 programmes (39%) have been adopted in 2014 and 93 (14%) are eligible for adoption on 2014 appropriations to be carried over to 2015.

For the remaining 300 programmes (47%), the corresponding 2014 appropriations have been left unused.

The revision of the MFF and the **adoption of this DAB No 2** are a necessary condition for the **adoption in 2015 of the programmes which have not been adopted** and for which the 2014 allocation has not been used. The corresponding commitments should accordingly be re-programmed to subsequent years. All 28 Member States are concerned by this re-programming exercise. A swift adoption of the

MFF revision and of this DAB No 2 would avoid further delays in the adoption of the programmes and would ensure a smooth implementation of programmes supporting growth and jobs.

Increase of commitment appropriations: in accordance with the MFF revision proposed separately, DAB No 2 proposes a **EUR 16 476.4 million** increase in commitment appropriations in 2015 for the various Funds under shared management under sub-heading 1b, heading 2 and heading 3 (the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the Cohesion Fund (CF), and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF).

DAB No 2 also proposes an **increase of EUR 2.5 million** for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) under heading 4, to preserve the similar treatment between contributions from heading 4 and heading 1b to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – European territorial cooperation (ETC) programmes.

Transfer of unused amounts: amounts not committed in 2014 nor carried over to 2015 will be transferred to the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. This proposal covers the changes to Budget 2015 and the remaining amounts will be reflected in the respective Draft Budgets of 2016 and 2017.

In accordance with the agreement reached on the 2014 and 2015 budgets, which anticipated some delay in the approval of operational programmes, the Commission does **not propose any change of payment appropriations**.