Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2016/253 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures to address the refugee crisis.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 allows for the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings of the multiannual financial framework.

Due to the urgent needs, **it is necessary to mobilise an important additional amount to finance measures to alleviate the migration and refugee crisis**.

After having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under the expenditure ceilings for heading 3 (Security and Citizenship) and heading 4 (Global Europe), it appears necessary to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to **complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016**, beyond the ceilings of heading 3 by EUR 1 506 million and heading 4 by EUR 24 million to finance measures in the field of migration and refugees. The unused annual amounts available for the Flexibility Instruments of the financial years 2014 and 2015 should be used for this mobilisation.

On the basis of the expected payment profile, the payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument should be distributed over several financial years and are estimated to:

- EUR 734.2 million in 2016,
- EUR 654.2 million in 2017,
- EUR 83 million in 2018,
- EUR 58.6 million in 2019.

The specific amounts for each financial year shall be authorised in accordance with the annual budgetary procedure.