

Amending budget 1/2016: emergency support within the Union; European Police Office (Europol)

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PURPOSE: presentation of the draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2016.

CONTENT: the purpose of Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 1 for the year 2016 is twofold:

1. **to create the budget structure for the proposed new instrument to provide emergency support within the Union**, and to make an amount of **EUR 100 million in commitment appropriations** available for immediate funding needs. At this early stage of the year no alternative source of redeployment of commitment appropriations can easily be identified within heading 3. Therefore, the Commission proposes to finance the appropriations for the new instrument requested in this draft amending budget through an **adjustment of the funding currently available for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)**. The amount proposed to be transferred from AMIF takes into account the immediate funding needs of the new instrument as well as the current state of implementation and the foreseeable needs of AMIF in the coming months. The Commission will carefully monitor the implementation of the 2016 budget and may propose transfers and/or an amending budget to secure the necessary funding for both AMIF and the emergency support instrument at the appropriate time. This will take account of the evolving needs assessment for the year as a whole;
2. **to reinforce the staffing levels of the European Counter-Terrorism Centre in EUROPOL**, to enable the agency to play a central role in the fight against terrorism in the EU, in particular in the light of the terrorist attacks in Paris of 13 November 2015. The related funding for the remuneration of new staff (25 additional establishment plan posts, 5 contract agents and 5 seconded national experts) amounts to **EUR 2 million**, and is proposed to be redeployed from the Police Union actions under the Internal Security Fund (ISF). The related additional appropriations for the remuneration of new staff has been calculated on the basis of an average of six months' presence in 2016.

Overall, this DAB has no net impact on the level of appropriations in the 2016 budget.