

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: financing immediate budgetary measures to address the ongoing migration, refugee and security crisis

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going migration, refugee and security crisis.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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.

In accordance with Article 11 of Council Regulation No 1311/2013 and point 12 of the [Interinstitutional Agreement](#) between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations and exhausted any unallocated margin under the expenditure heading Security and Citizenship (heading 3), the Commission proposes to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in 2017, for which the ceiling on the annual amount available is EUR 471 million (2011 prices) corresponding to **EUR 530 million** in current prices.

This mobilisation concerns an amount beyond the ceiling of heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework, and is intended to finance support for measures for **managing the migration, refugee and security crisis**.

The payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument should be distributed over several financial years and are estimated at:

- EUR 238.3 million in 2017,
- EUR 91 million in 2018,
- EUR 141.9 million in 2019,
- EUR 58.8 million in 2020.

In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument, it is proposed that this decision should apply from 1 January 2017.