

Mobilisation of the Contingency Margin

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PURPOSE: to amend Decision (EU) 2015/435 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in order to react to unforeseen circumstances in 2014.

CONTENT: by [Decision \(EU\) 2015/4355](#), the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the Contingency Margin in 2014 to allow the financing over and above the payment ceiling of EUR 3 168 233 715.

An amount of EUR 350 million in payment appropriations was included in the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin pending an agreement on the treatment of payments for special instruments.

It was decided to offset an amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 over the period 2018-2020 and to invite the Commission to present in a timely manner a proposal concerning the remaining amount of EUR 350 million.

Payment appropriations related to the use of the special instruments are entered in the budget over and above the relevant payment ceilings of the [multiannual financial framework](#). As a consequence the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2014 is only necessary for a total amount of EUR 2 818 233 715 in payment appropriations, **with no need to include and offset the additional amount of EUR 350 million.**

Pressure on payments from 2018-2020: according to the medium-term payment forecast presented in the context of the Mid-Term Review, pressure on the annual payment ceilings in the years 2018-2020 is to be expected.

The [draft budget for the year 2017](#) shows a margin below the payment ceiling of EUR 9.6 billion, **allowing for the offsetting of the full amount mobilised in 2014.**

It is, therefore, proposed to amend Decision (EU) 2015/435 accordingly **by offsetting the amount mobilised in 2014 against the margins available under the payment ceiling in 2017.**