2017 general budget: all sections

2016/2047(BUD) - 25/11/2016 - Budgetary conciliation report tabled for plenary

The European Parliament delegation to the Conciliation Committee adopted a report by Jens GEIER (S&D, DE) (Section III – Commission) and Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) (other sections) on the joint text on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 approved by the Conciliation Committee under the budgetary procedure.

The EP delegation called on the Parliament to approve the joint text agreed by the Conciliation Committee. The main elements are as follows:

- the overall level of commitment appropriations in the 2017 budget is set at EUR 157 857.8 million. Overall, this leaves a margin below the MFF ceilings for 2017 of EUR 1 100.1 million in commitment appropriations;
- the overall level of payment appropriations in the 2017 budget is set at EUR 134 490.4 million;
- the Flexibility Instrument for 2017 is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of EUR 530 million for heading 3 Security and Citizenship;
- the Global margin for commitments is mobilised at a level of EUR 1 439.1 million for heading 1a Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs;
- the Contingency margin is mobilised at a level of EUR 1 906.2 million for heading 3 and heading 4. It is offset for EUR 575 million against the unallocated margin under heading 2 Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources in 2017 and for EUR 507.3 million in 2017, EUR 570 million in 2018 and EUR 253.9 million in 2019 against the unallocated margins under heading 5 Administration;
- the 2017 payment appropriations related to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are estimated by the Commission at EUR 981.1 million.

Members confirmed the joint statements by Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution which concern in particular:

- the youth employment initiative;
- the 5 % staff reduction;
- European Fund for Sustainable Development;
- EU Trust Funds and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey;
- agriculture.