Amending budget 1/2017: mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal

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On 26 January 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 1 to the general budget for 2017 regarding the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 71 524 810 in commitment and payment appropriations.

The aim of this proposal is to provide financial assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal in response to natural disasters that hit those countries in 2015 and 2016.

The corresponding appropriations are to be recorded under Article 13 06 01 (EU Solidarity Fund - Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy).

The Commission proposes to finance the necessary payment appropriations by **making use of the negative reserve**, as provided for in Article 47 of the Financial Regulation.

On 3 April 2017, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 1 to the general budget for 2017 as set out in the annex to the explanatory memorandum of the DAB 1/2017.