

Amending budget 3/2017: Youth Employment Initiative; staff establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Jens GEIER (S&D, DE) on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2017 of the European Union for the financial year 2017 increasing the budgetary resources of the Youth Employment Initiative to pursue the reduction of youth unemployment across the European Union and updating the staff establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to **approve the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3/2017**.

This draft aims to:

- provide an additional **EUR 500 million in commitment appropriations to the Youth Employment Initiative (EYI)**, as agreed by the European Parliament and the Council in their agreement on the 2017 budget;
- amend the establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and the joint undertaking SESAR2, without incurring any changes to the overall budget or the total number of posts.

Members called on the Commission and the Member States to ensure **swift reprogramming of the relevant operational programmes** in order to ensure that the whole additional YEI envelope of EUR 500 million is fully and efficiently committed by the end of 2017.

They also took note of the modifications of the establishment plans of the decentralised agency ACER and of the joint undertaking SESAR2, noting that those modifications do not affect the total number of posts and that they can be financed within the bodies' annual budget for this year.