

# 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 European Parliament adopted by 574 votes to 113, with 2 abstentions, a resolution 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.

Parliament **approved 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.

Parliament stressed the **urgent need to further increase Union's financial commitment** in the fight against the youth unemployment through additional funding for the YEI. It regretted the delay, due to the blockage and late approval by the Council of the mid-term MFF revision, in the modification of the Union budget for 2017.

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.**

Lastly, Parliament 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.