Amending budget 6/2018: reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)

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On 16 October 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 6 to the general budget for 2018.

With regard to the **expenditure side**, the following modifications are proposed:

- to decrease payment appropriations (p/a) by -EUR 44.7 million under heading 2 distributed in the Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (-EUR 43.3 million), and in the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (-EUR 1.4 million);
- to decrease commitment appropriations (c/a) by -EUR 48.7 million under heading 2 distributed in the Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (-EUR 46.6 million), in the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (-EUR 1.4 million) and in the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (-EUR 0.7 million).

The changes on the **revenue side** proposed in this DAB concern:

- the revision of the forecast of customs duties, value added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases, the budgeting of the relevant UK corrections and their financing, which affects the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget;
- the reimbursement to the Member States of the overpaid sugar levies of EUR 93 million, following the judgement of the Court of Justice (case C-585/15 - Raffinerie Tirlemontoise).

Overall, this DAB increases the GNI contributions by **EUR 2.8 billion**.

On 26 November 2018, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 6 to the general budget for 2018 as set out in the technical annex to the Council draft amending budget No 6/2018.