Amending budget 2/2019: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+

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PURPOSE: presentation of the draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget 2019 with a view to reinforcing the key programmes for EU competitiveness: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+.

CONTENT: Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 2/2019 is intended to provide an additional EUR 100 million of commitment appropriations to Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ as decided by the European Parliament and the Council in their agreement on the budget 2019. No reinforcement in payment appropriations is proposed.

Reinforcement of Horizon 2020 Horizon 2020

Whilst the expenditure for climate change shows a considerable increase compared to the 7th Framework Programme for Research Funding 2007-2013 (FP7), specific measures should be reinforced with the aim of approaching the target of 35 % of the overall Horizon 2020 budget devoted to climate-related research activities.

It is therefore proposed to allocate an additional EUR 80 million to activities and projects in that area, more specifically for transport-related research and Future Emerging Technologies under the European Innovation Council (EIC) Pilot.

Reinforcement of Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme supporting education, training, youth and sport in Europe. The programme will provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, and gain experience abroad over the 2014-20 period. The Commission proposes to allocate an additional EUR 20 million to Eramus+ budget item 15 02 01 01 - Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market.

The allocation would reinforce EU funding support for core mobility activities of the programme, in particular in the field of higher education and vocational education and training, as well as for centres of vocational excellence. It will also reinforce European Universities, a recent action developed in the framework of the European Education Area by 2025.

Financing

Given the absence of margin under the commitments ceiling of heading 1a Competitiveness for growth and jobs in the general budget 2019, the reinforcement in commitment appropriations of Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ will be financed from the Global Margin for Commitments.

The Commission considers that the payment appropriations for these two programmes in the 2019 budget do not need to be increased at this stage.