Amending budget 3/2019: assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria

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PURPOSE: presentation of the draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget 2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria.

CONTENT: Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 3 for the year 2019 accompanies the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria following natural disasters that took place in these Member States in the course of 2018.

Appropriations requested in the 2019 budget

On the basis of the applications from Romania, Italy and Austria, the calculation of the financial contribution from the EUSF, based on the estimate of total direct damages, is set at EU 293 551 794.

The Commission proposes to amend the budget 2019 by increasing budget line 13 06 01 'Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy' by **EUR 293 551 794** both in commitment and payment appropriations.

Financing

In accordance with the MFF regulation, the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2019 was EUR 851 082 072, being the sum of the 2019 allocation of EUR 585 829 691, plus the 2018 allocation of EUR 265 252 381 that remained unspent and was carried over to 2019.

The amount that may be mobilised at this stage of the year 2019 is EUR 704 624 649. This corresponds to the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2019 (EUR 851 082 072), minus the retained amount of EUR 146 457 423 in order to respect the obligation of keeping aside 25 % of the 2019 annual allocation until 1 October 2019 as stipulated by the MFF regulation.