Amending budget 4/2019: reduction of commitment and payment appropriations in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)

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As a reminder, on 2 July 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 4 to the general budget for 2019 regarding the reduction of commitment appropriations (c/a) and payment appropriations (p/a) in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources).

The objective of this proposal is to update both the expenditure and the revenue sides of the budget to take account of the latest developments:

(a) on the expenditure side:

- to release c/a and p/a of budget lines for (sub-)headings 1a (Competitiveness for growth and jobs), 1b (Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion), 3 (Security and Citizenship), 4 (Global Europe), as well as the EU Solidarity Fund;

- to adjust the budget 2019 of the European Parliament, the European Court of Auditors and the European External Action Service as a result of the postponement of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union to 31 October 2019.

(b) on the revenue side, to revise the forecast of Traditional Own Resources (i.e. customs duties and sugar sector levies), value-added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases, and to budget the relevant UK corrections and their financing, which all affect the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget.

Changes were made the initial proposal of the Commission at the Commission’s request. The remarks on the following articles have been modified in the Council's position:

- Article 12 02 04 - European Banking Authority (EBA): "The Union contribution for 2019 amounts to a total of EUR 17 397 600. An amount of EUR 729 344, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in 2017, is added to the amount of EUR 16 668 256 entered in the budget";

- Article 12 02 05 - European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA): "The Union contribution for 2019 amounts to a total of EUR 10 083 336. An amount of EUR 69 102, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in 2017, is added to the amount of EUR 10 014 234 entered in the budget";

- Article 12 02 06 - European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA): "The Union contribution for 2019 amounts to a total of EUR 13 612 496. An amount of EUR 47 336, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in 2017, is added to the amount of EUR 13 565 160 entered in the budget";

- Article 18 02 03 - European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex): "The Union contribution for 2019 amounts to a total of EUR 317 489 000. An amount of EUR 17 103 721 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 300 385 279 entered in the budget"; and

- Article 33 03 05 - European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO): "The Union contribution for 2019 amounts to a total of EUR 3 911 000".

On 3 September 2019, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 4 to the general budget 2019, the text of which is set out in the technical annex to the explanatory memorandum of its position on the DAB (see Council document).