

Multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

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PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the COVID-19 outbreak and the associated public health crisis, which require extraordinary measures to be taken, has put great pressure on the available financial resources within and outside the MFF ceilings.

In order to help Member States meet all these challenges and respond to the impact of the outbreak, the Commission proposed a wide range of measures in the Covid-19 [Response Investment Initiative](#). It also proposed to reinforce the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU to coordinate joint procurement and increase the stock of medicines, personal protective equipment and medical products, to repatriate European citizens stranded outside the EU.

This requires the mobilisation of special instruments as there are no available margins or scope for redeployment in heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework (MFF). The availability of special instruments for 2020 is presented in the technical adjustment of the MFF for 2020.

In order for the Union to be able to finance an appropriate response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the associated public health and economic crisis under the Emergency Support Instrument, it is proposed to modify the purpose for which the available appropriations under Global margin for commitments can be used, insofar as it refers to growth and employment, in particular youth employment, and for migration and security measures.

CONTENT: given that this is the last year of the 2014-2020 MFF and the European Union is facing an unprecedented health and economic crisis, the Commission proposes to amend the MFF Regulation in order to remove the limitations in the scope of the Global Margin for Commitments so as to allow the full financing of the EUR 3 billion for the Covid-19 outbreak response proposed in draft amending budget [No 2/2020](#) presented separately.

The Commission proposes to delete the references to “youth and employment”, and “for migration and security measures” from the wording of the relevant Articles.