Amending budget 1/2022: adjustment of the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Karlo RESSLER (EPP, HR) on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 1/2022 of the European Union for the financial year 2022 - budgeting the impact for 2022 budget of the Adjustment of the multiannual financial framework in accordance with Article 7 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027.

Draft amending budget No 1/2022 is linked to the adjustment of the multiannual financial framework in accordance with Article 7 of the MFF Regulation, which allows for the transfers of 2021 allocation of commitment appropriations either not used or carried over for nine funds under shared management, in the case of the adoption after 1 January 2021 of new rules or programmes under shared management.

The purpose of Draft amending budget No 1/2022 is to reflect the specific impact of the transfer of 25 % of the allocations not used in 2021 to the year 2022 for eight funds under shared management (European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, European Social Fund Plus, European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, Just Transition Fund, Asylum Migration and Integration Fund, Integrated Border Management Fund and Internal Security Fund).

The net impact of Draft amending budget No 1/2022 on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 12 247.1 million in commitment appropriations for the various funds under shared management under Headings 2a, 3, 4 and 5. No additional payment appropriations are requested by the Commission.

While taking note of the draft amending budget 1/2022 presented by the Commission, Members expressed their concern about the serious delays in the implementation of EU programmes and funds under shared management. They therefore called on all Member States and the Commission to accelerate the implementation of those programmes to ensure they are fully operational in 2022 and to catch up the backlog to ensure the full implementation of the programmes by 2027;

Members want to prevent any future payment crisis, like that experienced at the beginning of the previous multiannual financial framework period; expects, therefore, the Commission to present without delay any draft amending budget that is deemed necessary for an increase of payments linked to an acceleration of Union programmes and funds.

The committee responsible recommended that Parliament approves the Council's position on draft amending budget No 1/2022.