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European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
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Key events			
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13/09/2007	Commission preliminary draft budget published	COM(2007)0527 	Summary
09/10/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
17/10/2007	Council draft budget published	13851/2007	Summary
17/10/2007	Draft budget approved by Council		
19/10/2007	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A6-0401/2007	
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24/10/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0458/2007	Summary
24/10/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information	

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PURPOSE: final adoption of amending budget No 6/2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2007/828/EC, Euratom.

CONTENT: the European Parliament finally adopted amending budget No 6/2007 of the European Union, in accordance with its resolution of 24 October 2007 (please see the summary of the resolution).

The aim of this amending budget is to:

- mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of **EUR 172.2 million** in commitment appropriations in order to provide financial assistance to Germany and France following major storms in 2007;
- create a new budget Article to support financial obligations stemming from the accession of the European Communities to the World Customs Organisation;
- mobilise new funds for an amount of **EUR 35.5 million** in commitment appropriations to pay damages to applicants following the Court of First Instance final judgements;
- integrate into the 2007 budget the necessary technical adjustments following the adoption by the Council of several Decisions.

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2007/2178(BUD) - 24/10/2007 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by James ELLES (EPP-ED, UK) and approved draft amending budget No 6/2007 of the European Union for the financial year 2007 Section III – Commission.

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2007/2178(BUD) - 13/09/2007 - Commission preliminary draft budget

PURPOSE: to present the preliminary draft amending budget 6/2007.

CONTENT: the Preliminary Draft Amending Budget No 6 to the Budget for 2007 (PDAB 6/2007) covers the following points:

- the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 172.2 million** in commitment appropriations relating to a major storm in Germany and a tropical cyclone in France (La Réunion). On 18 January a major storm hit large parts of central Europe causing severe damage in a number of countries. On 24 February 2007 the tropical Cyclone "Gamède" hit the island of La Réunion causing significant damage. Within the ten week deadline set by Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Germany and France applied for financial assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund relating to the major storm and tropical cyclone respectively. The corresponding payment appropriations will be redeployed (refer to [ACI/2007/2179](#));
- the creation of a new budget article 14 03 03 to support financial obligations stemming from the accession of the European Communities to the World Customs Organisation. The Council of the European Union decided on 13 March 2001 that the European Community should seek membership of the World Customs Organisation. As member of the WCO, the European Community will be entitled to participate fully in all World Customs Organisation bodies which are open to general membership and to be elected in bodies with elected membership. However, participation to this organisation calls for the creation of the following new budget article: 14 03 03 - Membership of international organisations in the field of customs and tax, with a **token entry ("p.m.")**. The financial obligation stemming from the accession of the European Community to the World Customs Organisation as of 1 July 2007 for half year is estimated at EUR 0.5 million. This amount will be allocated by means of an internal transfer;
- the mobilisation of new funds for an amount of **EUR 35.5 million** in commitment appropriations on article 26 01 50 07 to pay damages to applicants following the Court of First Instance final judgements in Cases T-45/01 and T-144/02, Sanders and others and Eagle and others v Commission on 12 July 2007. The two judgments require the Commission to pay substantial amounts of damages to over 100 applicants, who were former contractual staff at the JET joint undertaking and had claimed damages for not having been recruited as Euratom staff. The corresponding payment appropriations will be redeployed;
- the creation of a new budget article 03 03 02 "Damage requests resulting from legal procedures against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition". As a prudential measure, it is proposed that a new budget article 03 03 02 "Damage requests resulting from legal procedures against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition" should be created, to take into account the possibility of budgetary implications stemming from rulings of the Court of Justice or the Court of First Instance. The line will be endowed with a **token entry ("p.m.")**;

- the integration into the budget 2007 of **the necessary technical adjustments** following the adoption by the Council of Decision 2007/162/EC establishing the Civil Protection Financial Instrument for the period 2007-2013; and the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+). The changes affect the following budget articles items: 07 01 04 01 and 07 03 07.

Conclusion: the overall needs requested in PDAB 6/2007 amount to **EUR 207.7 million** in additional commitments. The corresponding EUR 207.7 million in payment appropriations will be sought through redeployment.

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2007/2178(BUD) - 17/10/2007 - Council draft budget

On 13 September 2007, the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the **mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for Germany and France**, accompanied by the corresponding Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No. 6 /2007.

The aim of the proposal is to:

- mobilise a total amount of EUR 172 195 985 in commitment appropriations in order to allocate EUR 166 905 985 to Germany and EUR 5 290 000 to France for financial assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund relating to a major storm in Germany in January 2007, and a tropical cyclone in France (La Réunion) in February 2007. The corresponding payment appropriations shall be redeployed from budget line 13 04 01 (Cohesion Fund - completion of previous projects);
- create a new budget Article 14 03 03, with a "token entry", to support financial obligations stemming from the accession of the European Communities to the World Customs Organisation;
- mobilise new funds for an amount of EUR 35.5 million in commitment appropriations on Article 26 01 50 07 to pay damages to applicants following the Court of First Instance final judgements. The corresponding payment appropriations shall be redeployed;
- create a new budget Article 03 03 02 ("Damage requests resulting from legal procedures against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition"), with a token entry;
- integrate into the 2007 budget the necessary technical adjustments following the adoption by the Council of Decision 2007/162/EC establishing the Civil Protection Financial Instrument for the period 2007-2013; and the adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of Regulation (EC) No. 614/2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+).

The requirements detailed above entail an additional amount of **EUR 207.7 million** in commitment appropriations; the corresponding payment appropriations shall be found by redeployment between Headings.

At the Trilogue meeting, held on 16 October 2007, an agreement was reached on the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for Germany and France as proposed by the Commission and on PDAB No. 6/2007 as presented by the Commission both for commitment and payment appropriations, **with the exception of the creation of a new budget line for legal damage requests**.