Basic information

2008/2091(ACI) ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	Procedure completed
EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Greece and Slovenia, respectively affected by forest fires and floods in 2007 **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund **Geographical area** Greece Slovenia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	BÖGE Reimer (PPE-DE)	20/09/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	GRYBAUSKAITĖ Dalia

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/04/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2008)0200	Summary
24/04/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/05/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
02/06/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0205/2008	
05/06/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0248/2008	Summary
05/06/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/06/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/2091(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/6/61775

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE405.813	05/05/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0205/2008	02/06/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0248/2008	05/06/2008	Summary

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Final act

Decision 2008/0469
OJ L 162 21.06.2008, p. 0030 Summary

EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Greece and Slovenia, respectively affected by forest fires and floods in 2007

2008/2091(ACI) - 14/04/2008 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to help Slovenia and Greece, both affected by serious fires and flooding in 2007.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (see ACI/2004/2099) allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund through a flexibility mechanism, within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion, over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 (refer to procedure file CNS/2002/0228).

On the basis of applications for assistance from the Fund by Greece and Slovenia, which were respectively affected by forest fires in August 2007 and floods in September 2007, total estimates of the damage caused are as follows:

- Direct damage: EUR 2 118 273 411 for Greece and EUR 233 395 389 for Slovenia;
- Aid requested (Greece and Slovenia): EUR 98 023 212.

In the light of the examination of the applications, and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations under the heading requiring additional expenditure, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 98 023 212, to be allocated under heading 3b of the financial framework.

The Commission will present a preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) in order to enter in the 2008 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see BUD/2008/2095).

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2008/2091(ACI) - 05/06/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund in favour of Slovenia and Greece, both affected by serious fires and flooding in 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2008/469/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund in accordance with point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management.

CONTENT: this Decision provides that the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of **EUR 98 023 212 in commitment and payment appropriations** for the general budget of the EU for the financial year 2008. Greece submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning a disaster caused by forest fires in August

2007, and Slovenia submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning a disaster caused by flooding in September 2007. The applications were for direct damage in the sum of EUR 2 118 273 411 for Greece and EUR 233 395 389 for Slovenia. This will be allocated under heading 3b of the financial framework.

In parallel, the Commission has adopted an amending budget (AB) in order to enter in the 2008 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see BUD/2008/2095).

The European Union has created the EU Solidarity Fund to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters. The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion. Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised.

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2008/2091(ACI) - 05/06/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 637 votes to 13, with 7 abstentions, a resolution approving unamended the proposalfor a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund in order to help Slovenia and Greece, which in 2007 were affected by flooding and forest fires respectively.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Reimer **BÖGE** (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Budgets.

The EU Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of **EUR 98 023 212**in commitment and payment appropriations for these two countries, through an amending budget adopted at the same time (see BUD/2008/2095).

It should be noted that the resolution calls the Commission to submit, where the EU Solidarity Fund is concerned, amending budgets that have its mobilisation as their sole purpose, in order to avoid any delay in the delivery of financial aid in cases of disaster.