## Basic information

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| **2008/2320(ACI)**<br><br>ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure | Procedure completed |
| Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>6.50 Emergency, food, humanitarian aid, aid to refugees, Emergency Aid Reserve<br>8.40.10 Interinstitutional relations, subsidiarity, proportionality, comitology<br>8.70.03 Budgetary control and discharge, implementation of the budget | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| AFCO Constitutional Affairs | LEINEN Jo (PSE) | 16/12/2008 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| BUDG Budgets | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | 20/09/2004 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs | 2916 | 2008-12-16 |

### European Commission

| Commission DG | Commissioner |
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| Budget | GRYBAUSKAITĖ Dalia |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 02/12/2008 | Non-legislative basic document published | COM(2008)0834 | Summary |
| 15/12/2008 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 16/12/2008 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 16/12/2008 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A6-0509/2008 | |
| 18/12/2008 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0617/2008 | Summary |

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| 18/12/2008 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 20/12/2008 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 2008/2320(ACI) |
| **Procedure type** | ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Interinstitutional agreement |
| **Legal basis** | Rules of Procedure EP 154 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | AFCO/6/70517 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A6-0509/2008 | 16/12/2008 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T6-0617/2008 | 18/12/2008 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Non-legislative basic document | COM(2008)0834 | 02/12/2008 | Summary |

## Additional information

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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

## Final act

Interinstitutional agreement 2008/1220
OJ C 326 20.12.2008, p. 0003 Summary

# Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)

2008/2320(ACI) - 02/12/2008 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to amend Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management in order to increase the amount provided under in this Agreement as regards the Emergency Aid Reserve.

PROPOSED ACT: Interinstitutional Agreement.

CONTENT: the recent developments in food and commodity prices have raised concerns especially as regards their impact for developing countries. The Commission proposed to create a new facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries (COD/2008/0149).

Having examined the scope for reallocating expenditure within Heading 4 as well as the possible use of all other available instruments (the Instrument for Stability, the Flexibility instrument), the **Emergency Aid Reserve** was identified as one of the suitable instruments for financing the facility.

Since the remaining amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve for the year 2008 is insufficient to cover the needs of the food facility, an increase is necessary in order to enable the Reserve to contribute to the food facility financing.

The annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve is fixed at EUR 221 million in constant prices for the duration of the financial framework.

The Council and the European Parliament agreed that it shall be increased to EUR 479.218 million (in current prices), uniquely and exceptionally for the year 2008.

Therefore, the Interinstitutional Agreement setting the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be amended accordingly.

# Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)

2008/2320(ACI) - 18/12/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 516 votes to 17 with 8 abstentions, a resolution approving the draft amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (IIA) between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management approving the amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement as agreed upon at the conciliation meeting of 21 November 2008 (refer to the summary of the amended draft budget BUD/2008/2026).

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Jo **LEINEN** (PES, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

The amendment aims to include a sentence in the IIA stipulating that the amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be exceptionally increased to **EUR 479.218 million** for the year 2008 in current prices. This amount will cover the needs of the new Food Facility for rapid response to soaring prices in developing countries.

# Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)

2008/2320(ACI) - 18/12/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management in order to increase the amount provided under in this Agreement as regards the Emergency Aid Reserve.

ACT: Amendment 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 amendment to the Institutional Agreement provides that the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be increased to **EUR 479.218 million** (in current prices), uniquely and exceptionally for the year 2008.

The increase is due to the fact that the recent developments in food and commodity prices have raised concerns especially as regards their impact for developing countries. The Commission had proposed the creation of a new facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries and the two arms of budgetary authority, at the conciliation meeting of 21 November 2008, agreed to provide part of the financing for this facility from the Emergency Aid Reserve. However, the remaining amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve for the year 2008 was insufficient to cover the needs of the food facility. Accordingly, an increase was necessary in order to enable the Reserve to contribute to the food facility financing. Previously, the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve was fixed at EUR 221 million in constant prices for the duration of the financial framework.

It should be noted that this modification has been directly integrated into the 2008 budget (see BUD/2007/2019).