Basic information

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Amending budget 7/2010: mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund following flooding in Ireland **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets **Geographical area** Ireland	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	SURJÁN László (PPE)	04/10/2010
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3054	2010-12-07

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
24/09/2010	Commission draft budget published	COM(2010)0533	Summary
09/11/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
16/11/2010	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0327/2010	
22/11/2010	Council position on draft budget published	16722/2010	Summary
23/11/2010	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/11/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0427/2010	Summary

24/11/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/12/2010	Draft budget approved by Council		
07/12/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/02/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE450.878	15/10/2010	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A7-0327/2010	16/11/2010	
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Council of the EU

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2010/2217(BUD) - 24/11/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: definitive adoption of amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2010.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2011/108/EU, Euratom.

CONTENT: the European Parliament definitively adopted amending budget 7/2010 of the European Union, in accordance with its resolution dated 24 November 2010 (please refer to the summary of the resolution).

This amending budget covers:

- mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 13 022 500 million** in commitment and payment appropriations relating to the effects of **severe flooding affecting Ireland in November 2009**;
- a corresponding reduction in payment appropriations from the line 04 02 01 — Completion of European Social Fund (ESF) — Objective 1 (2000 to 2006).

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2010/2217(BUD) - 24/11/2010 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 596 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, a resolution approving the Council's position on Draft amending budget No 8 /2010 of the European Union for the financial year 2010, Section III – Commission.

It should be noted that this draft amending budget becomes draft amending budget 7/2010 and which is definitively adopted.

Parliament recalls that this draft amending budget covers the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 13 022 500** in commitment and payment appropriations relating to the effects of flooding in Ireland as well as a corresponding reduction in payment appropriations of the same amount from line 04 02 01 - Completion of European Social Fund (ESF) Objective 1 (2000-2006). The purpose of Draft amending budget No 8/2010 is to formally enter this budgetary adjustment into the 2010 budget.

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2010/2217(BUD) - 24/09/2010 - Commission draft budget

PURPOSE: presentation of a draft amending budget (DAB) N° 8 to the general budget 2010.

CONTENT: this DAB No 8 for the year 2010 covers the following elements:

- mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 13 million** in commitment and payment appropriations relating to the effects of severe flooding affecting Ireland.
- a **corresponding reduction** in payment appropriations of EUR 13 million from the line 04 02 01 — Completion of European Social Fund (ESF) — Objective 1 (2000 to 2006).

In November 2009, the major part of Ireland was affected by heavy rain leading to severe flooding. The flooding caused severe damage to the agricultural sector, residential properties and businesses, to the road network and other infrastructure.

Subsequently, Ireland submitted an application for financial assistance from the European Union Solidarity Fund within the deadline of 10 weeks. The Commission services carried out a thorough examination of the application in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and in particular with Article 2(2), final paragraph setting out the conditions for mobilising the Solidarity Fund “**under exceptional circumstances**”.

One of the conditions set out in Regulation 2012/2002 for the exceptional mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund is that the major part of the population in the region to which the application relates must be affected. The region on which the Irish application is based comprises a coherent area of 15

counties with over 1.7 million inhabitants (around two thirds of the Irish territory and 40% of the population). A particular factor is the long duration of the flooding which in some areas lasted several months. It can thus be concluded, as described in the Irish application, that the major part of the population was affected.

Financing: the total annual budget available for the Solidarity Fund is EUR 1 billion. As solidarity was the central justification for the creation of the Fund, the Commission takes the view that aid from the Fund should be progressive. That means that, according to previous practice, the portion of the damage exceeding the threshold (0.6 % of the GNI or EUR 3 billion in 2002 prices, whichever is the lower amount) should give rise to higher aid intensity than damage up to the threshold. The rate applied in the past for defining the allocations for major disasters is 2.5% of total direct damage under the threshold for mobilising the Fund and 6% above.

It is proposed to apply the same percentages in this case and to grant the following aid amount of EUR 13 022 500.

At the current stage the expected needs on budget line 04 02 01 — Completion of European Social Fund (ESF) — Objective 1 (2000 to 2006) are such that payment appropriations of EUR 13 022 500 may be reallocated to budget line 13 06 01 to cover the corresponding needs related to the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Ireland, which effectively makes the operation neutral in terms of the budget.

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2010/2217(BUD) - 22/11/2010 - Council position on draft budget

On 24 September 2010, the Commission forwarded to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 8 to the general budget for 2010, relating to the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for an amount of EUR 13 022 500 in commitment and payment appropriations for Ireland, following the severe floods which affected the country in November 2009.

The corresponding payment appropriations are transferred to Article 13 06 01 (EU Solidarity Fund - Member States) from Article 04 02 01 (Completion of European Social Fund - Objective 1 (2000 to 2006)).

At the simplified trilogue provided for in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, an agreement was reached on the mobilisation of the Fund and on the amount proposed by the Commission.

The Council reached an agreement on both Commission proposals (the present DAB 8/2010 and the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Funds).

On 22 November 2010, the Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 8 of the European Union for the financial year 2010 as set out in the technical annex to this explanatory memorandum (see Council Doc 16722/10 ADD 1).