Basic information

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Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017 **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.57 2017 budget	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	ŠULIN Patricija (PPE)	06/09/2016
	Shadow rapporteur DENANOT Jean-Paul (S&D) KÖLMEL Bernd (ECR) JÄÄTTEENMÄKI Anneli (ALDE) NÍ RIADA Liadh (GUE/NGL) VANA Monika (Verts/ALE) ZANNI Marco (EFDD) MONTEL Sophie (ENF)	

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	GEORGIEVA Kristalina

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

30/06/2016	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2016)0312	Summary
12/09/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/11/2016	Vote in committee		
14/11/2016	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A8-0323/2016	Summary
01/12/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0474/2016	Summary
01/12/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/12/2016	Draft budget approved by Council		
12/12/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/02/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE589.404	27/09/2016	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE592.211	14/10/2016	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A8-0323/2016	14/11/2016	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T8-0474/2016	01/12/2016	Summary

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Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017

2016/2119(BUD) - 14/11/2016 - Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Patricija ŠULIN (EPP, SI) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

Members recalled that the current proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council is not linked to a specific disaster. Instead, it aims at **entering into the general budget of the Union for 2017 the amount of EUR 50 million** in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances in a timely and efficient way in the event of a disaster occurring next year.

This is the direct result of a new provision in the 2014 Amending Regulation (Art. 4a), strongly defended by the European Parliament, which aims at speeding up the disbursement of aid to affected countries through the payment of **an advance before the final award decision has been taken**, thus enhancing the Fund's effectiveness.

The report recalled that the EUSF is not simply another form of EU financial support, but that it also contributes to sending a clear political message of solidarity, while providing much-needed assistance to affected citizens. A prompt response capacity, including through the payment of an advance, will help the Union achieve these objectives.

Therefore the committee called on the European Parliament to approve its decision annexed to the draft resolution in order to ensure that the EU 50 million is included in the 2017 Budget.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017

2016/2119(BUD) - 14/12/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the **payment of advances** in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2017/343 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 provides that, where necessary in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources, the Fund may be mobilised in an amount of up to EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances, entering the corresponding appropriations into the general budget of the Union.

With this Decision, the European Parliament and the Council mobilised the sum of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations from the European Union Solidarity Fund for the payment of advances under the 2017 budget.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28.2.2017. It shall enter into force on 1.1.2017.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017

2016/2119(BUD) - 30/06/2016 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

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

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 000 000 (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

Point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management2 sets out the modalities for the mobilisation of the Fund.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund, which foresees that an amount of up to a maximum of EUR 50 million in both commitment and payment appropriations shall be included in the budget for the payment of advances.

The Commission considers it necessary to provide for this mobilisation in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources and therefore proposes to include this amount in the Draft Budget 2017.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017

2016/2119(BUD) - 01/12/2016 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 640 votes to 24, with 7 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2017.

Parliament recalled that the current proposal is not linked to a specific disaster. Instead, it aims at **entering into the general budget of the Union for 2017 the amount of EUR 50 million** in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances in a timely and efficient way in the event of a disaster occurring next year.

In parallel, Parliament approved the decision annexed to the draft resolution in order to ensure that the EU 50 million is included in the 2017 Budget.