Basic information

2017/2017(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016 See also 2017/2018(BUD) **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.57 2017 budget **Geographical area** Cyprus Portugal United Kingdom	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	FERNANDES José Manuel (PPE)	27/01/2017
	Shadow rapporteur NÍ RIADA Liadh (GUE/NGL)	

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

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3529	2017-04-05

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/01/2017	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2017)0045	Summary
13/02/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/04/2017	Vote in committee		

03/04/2017	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A8-0154/2017	Summary
05/04/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0117/2017	Summary
05/04/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/04/2017	Draft budget approved by Council		
05/04/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/04/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/2017(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Amendments and repeals	See also 2017/2018(BUD)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/8/09134

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE599.595	03/02/2017	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A8-0154/2017	03/04/2017	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T8-0117/2017	05/04/2017	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2017/0741
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2017/2017(BUD) - 03/04/2017 - Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) 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 assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

Members recalled that:

- on 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions4 during the period of December 2015 to January 2016;
- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
- on 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

They stated that the applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Members called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

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2017/2017(BUD) - 05/04/2017 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted 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 assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

In this respect, Parliament recalled that:

- on 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions4 during the period of December 2015 to January 2016;
- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
- on 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

It stated that the applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Parliament approved the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

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2017/2017(BUD) - 05/04/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal hit by climatic disasters.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2017/741 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

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

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

On 26 February 2016, the **United Kingdom** submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016. In their application the authorities of the United Kingdom stressed that the damage assessment was incomplete and that the relevant figures were only provisional.

On 5 September 2016, **Cyprus** submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 of June 2016.

On 21 September 2016, **Portugal** submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

The applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

Accordingly, a financial contribution is foreseen for the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal. Therefore, within the framework of the general budget of the Union for 2017, the following amounts shall be granted:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 28.4.2017. It shall apply from 5.4.2017.

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2017/2017(BUD) - 26/01/2017 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal hit by climatic disasters.

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

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

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Total direct damage:

- **United Kingdom** - floods in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 2 412,042 million;
- **Cyprus** - drought and fires in 2016 (major disaster): EUR 180.803 million;
- **Portugal** - Madeira fires in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 157 million.

In the light of the examination of the above applications and considering the maximum possible contribution from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of **EUR 71 524 810**.

The Commission will present a draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2017 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations.

In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated in accordance with 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 management.