Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	VAIDERE Inese (PPE)	29/06/2017

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
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3580	2017-11-30

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	GEORGIEVA Kristalina

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/05/2017	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2017)0270	Summary
06/07/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/11/2017	Vote in committee		
24/11/2017	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A8-0371/2017	Summary
30/11/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0454/2017	Summary
30/11/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		

30/11/2017	Draft budget approved by Council		
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE609.604	04/09/2017	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A8-0371/2017	24/11/2017	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T8-0454/2017	30/11/2017	Summary

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Final act

Decision 2018/0508
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Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2018

2017/2076(BUD) - 30/05/2017 - 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 2018.

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 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.

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 on and sound financial management set out the modalities for the mobilisation of the Fund.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, which foresees that an amount of up to a maximum of EUR 50 000 000 in both commitment and payment appropriations shall be included in the budget for the payment of advances.

The Commission therefore considers that it is necessary to provide for this mobilisation in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources, and proposes that these amounts be included in the Draft Budget 2018.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2018

2017/2076(BUD) - 12/12/2017 - 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 2018.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2018/508 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 2018.

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

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. With this Decision, **the Fund is mobilised in the amount of EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances** to ensure the timely availability of sufficient budgetary resources in the general budget of the Union for 2018.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27.3. 2018. In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, the Decision applies from 01.01.2018.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2018

2017/2076(BUD) - 24/11/2017 - Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Inese VAIDERE (EPP, LV) 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 2018.

The European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up to enable the Union to respond to emergency situations caused by major natural disasters and to express European solidarity to disaster-stricken regions within Europe.

As a reminder, 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 million for the payment of advances, entering the corresponding appropriations into the general budget of the Union.

This 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 2018 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.

An advance can be granted at the request of a Member State and following a preliminary assessment of the respective EUSF application by the Commission. The amount of the advance should not exceed 10% of the financial contribution anticipated and not exceed EUR 30 million.

In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, it is proposed that this Decision apply from the beginning of the 2018 financial year.

The committee recommended the mobilisation of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2018

2017/2076(BUD) - 30/11/2017 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 608 votes to 15, with 20 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 for the payment of advances to the budget General of the Union for 2018.

Parliament **approved the decision annexed to the resolution**. This decision aims at entering into the general budget of the Union for 2018 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. It shall apply from 1 January 2018.

The European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was established to 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.

As a reminder, 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 million for the payment of advances, entering the corresponding appropriations into the general budget of the Union.