Basic information

2024/0284(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024 **Subject** 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.54 2024 budget **Geographical area** Germany FR Italy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	LUPO Giuseppe (S&D)	25/10/2024
	Shadow rapporteur HOHLMEIER Monika (EPP) RAZZA Ruggero (ECR) STREIT Joachim (Renew) ȘTEFĂNUȚĂ Nicolae (Greens/EFA) FARANTOURIS Nikolas (The Left)	

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	SERAFIN Piotr

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/10/2024	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2024)0480	Summary
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/11/2024	Draft budget approved by Council		
21/11/2024	Vote in committee		
22/11/2024	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A10-0020/2024	
27/11/2024	Decision by Parliament	T10-0048/2024	Summary
27/11/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/12/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2024/0284(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/10/01252

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE765.249	29/10/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE765.330	12/11/2024	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A10-0020/2024	22/11/2024	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T10-0048/2024	27/11/2024	Summary

European Commission

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Non-legislative basic document	COM(2024)0480	25/10/2024	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2024/3105 OJ OJ L 11.12.2024	Summary

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024

2024/0284(BUD) - 27/11/2024 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 660 votes to 11, with 4 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 assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024.

Parliament approved the decision annexed to the resolution on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for an amount of **EUR 112 071 681 to assist Germany** in relation to floods in May and June 2024 and **EUR 3 959 872 to Italy** in relation to floods of 29 June 2024 in the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta, in the framework of the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2024.

Highlighting the increasing number of severe, destructive and deadly natural disasters in Europe, Parliament called on Member States and Commission to invest in climate mitigation and adaptation measures to avoid human and economic losses. Members considered that the **budget of the EUSF or its equivalent should be significantly expanded** in view of the upcoming Commission proposal on the new Multiannual Financial Framework and subsequent inter-institutional negotiations.

Members believe that **islands and coastal regions** should receive adequate funding within the framework of the EUSF to address their specific vulnerabilities. Member States are called on to take into consideration that vulnerable populations are particularly affected by natural disasters.

Given that the EUSF is only a curative instrument, the Union should continue to **address climate change adaptation and mitigation** by supporting European and national policies to prevent natural disasters. Members stressed the need for action to avoid that the climate risks identified reach critical levels. They called on Member States and the Commission to take the necessary measures to bring the Union to achieve the commitments made in the Paris agreement.

Parliament recalled the need for **effective synergies** with other Union policies and programmes and underlines that Member States should make best use of funding opportunities, in particular of the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund + and the Rural development programmes.

Members also stressed:

- the need for **preventive measures**, not only to mitigate future damage but also to prevent the exacerbation of risk conditions following catastrophic events, such as floods, wildfires, landslides or the drying up of lakes and rivers;

- the importance of adequate **flexibility** between the different programmes;

- that assistance provided under the EUSF should not be to the detriment of Union funding received by Member States under other Union programmes or policies.

Parliament recalled the importance of rapid and solid damage assessment that takes due account of the economic repercussions and called for increased operational efforts to be made in order to reduce the average time for the release of advanced payments, while ensuring the Union budget is protected.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024

2024/0284(BUD) - 11/12/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany and Italy following the floods in 2024.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2024/3105 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024.

CONTENT: the European Union Solidarity Fund aims to enable the Union to respond rapidly, effectively and flexibly to emergency situations in order to express its solidarity with the population of regions affected by major or regional natural disasters or by a major public health emergency.

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2024, the following amounts, in commitment and payment appropriations, will be mobilised under the European Union Solidarity Fund for natural disasters:

(a) **EUR 112 071 681** for Germany in relation to the floods that occurred in May and June 2024;

(b) **EUR 3 959 872** for Italy in relation to the floods that occurred on 29 June 2024 in the autonomous region of Valle d'Aosta.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 11.12.2024.

Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund: assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024

2024/0284(BUD) - 25/10/2024 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to assist Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024.

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

CONTENT: the proposed decision covers the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund for an amount of **EUR 116 031 553** to provide assistance to Germany and Italy in relation to the natural disaster (floods) that took place in 2024.

The European Union Solidarity Fund, set up by Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, 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 major or regional natural disasters or major public health emergency.

Major disaster: floods in Southern Germany

On 30 May 2024, Germany was hit by torrential rain causing extreme flooding in Southern Germany at the beginning of June. The flood disaster led to 6 fatalities and the failure of several dams in the region, requiring the evacuation of several municipalities and rescue missions. Floodwaters and debris flow damaged bridges, rail networks and roads, impacting overland travel in the affected areas.

The German authorities estimate the total direct damage caused by the disaster at **EUR 4 139.9 million**.

Regional disaster: floods in the Valle d'Aosta region of Italy

On 29 June 2024, Italy suffered violent storms resulting in the overflow of rivers and streams in the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta. The torrential flooding caused extensive damage to the infrastructure, disruption of services and isolation of communities in the autonomous region of Valle d'Aosta. 58% percent of the municipalities in Valle d'Aosta were affected by the flooding. The land area affected is about 66% of the total land area of the region. More than 52 000 inhabitants and 4 800 businesses were directly affected by the disaster.

The Italian authorities estimate the total direct damage caused by the disaster at **EUR 158.39 million**.

In light of the considerations set out above and following the assessment of the submitted information, the Commission concludes that the disasters referred to in the applications submitted by Germany and Italy meet the conditions set out in the EUSF Regulation for mobilising the EUSF.

In the context of the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2024, the Commission proposes to mobilise the following amounts in commitment and payment appropriations under the EUSF:

- **EUR 112 071 681** will be provided to Germany in relation to floods in May and June 2024.

- **EUR 3 959 872** will be provided to Italy in relation to floods of 29 June 2024 in the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta.

This mobilisation is accompanied by DEC No 14/2024 that proposes to transfer the amount of EUR 116 031 553 from the European Solidarity Reserve (the ESR) reserve line to the EUSF operational budget line, both in commitments and payments appropriations.