

## Amending Budget No 2 to the 2015 EU budget

Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget 2015 accompanies the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2014-2020 (MFF) under Article 19 of Council Regulation No 1311/2013 (the MFF Regulation). The Parliament voted to consent to this revision on 15 April.

As a consequence of the late agreement on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), the various legal acts setting out the provisions for implementing the funds were adopted much later than planned, resulting in a delay in programming. The revision of the MFF and the adoption of Draft Amending Budget No 2 are necessary steps to fully implement the programmes under shared management, for which the 2014 allocation has not been used. All 28 Member States are concerned.

### Strengthening of the 2015 EU budget

DAB 2/2015 proposes a €16 476.4 million increase in commitment appropriations in 2015 for a number of Funds under shared management, under sub-heading 1b, heading 2 and heading 3 (see the table in annex). DAB 2/2015 also intends to provide an increase of €2.5 million for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) under heading 4 (not covered by the MFF revision, therefore using the margin under heading 4). In total, DAB 2/2015 increases the 2015 budget by €16 478 918 656 in commitment appropriations. Neither the MFF Revision nor Draft Amending Budget No 2 would increase the level of payment appropriations.

After DAB 2/2015 is adopted, the 2015 Budget will amount to 161.8 billion euros in commitment appropriations and 141.2 billion euros in payments.

### Concerns about payments

The Committee on Budgets welcomes the transfer of the appropriations to 2015 but expresses its concern about the long-term impact this one-year postponement will have on the overall situation on payments. Therefore it calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation to avoid 'the snowball effect of unpaid bills'.

The Commission presented Draft Amending Budget No 2/2015 on 20 January 2015. On 16 April, the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets adopted its report. The plenary vote is scheduled for the April II session (rapporteur: Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, S&D, Spain).

On 15 April 2015, European Parliament consented to the draft Council regulation amending the MFF Regulation, and therefore to the revision of the MFF (rapporteurs: Jan Olbrycht (EPP, Poland) and Isabelle Thomas (S&D, France)). The Council was due to adopt the regulation, following the EP's consent, on 21 April.

## Annex: Draft Amending Budget No 2 to the General Budget 2015

(in euros)

Fund	Budget Line	Heading	Commitments DAB 2/2015
European Social Fund (ESF) - Investment for growth and jobs goal	04 02 60	ESF - Less developed regions	880 469 359
	04 02 61	ESF - Transition regions	386 650 377
	04 02 62	ESF - More developed regions	498 837 153
ESF Total Commitments 2015			1 765 956 889
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - Investment for growth and jobs goal	13 03 60	ERDF - Less developed regions	5 089 205 825
	13 03 61	ERDF - Transition regions	1 179 062 699
	13 03 62	ERDF - More developed regions	839 297 478
	13 03 63	ERDF - Outermost and sparsely populated regions	65 119 389
ERDF Total Commitments 2015			7 172 685 391
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	13 03 64 01	European Territorial Cooperation	309 951 374
Cohesion Fund	13 04 60		1 826 702 791
Youth Employment Initiative	04 02 64		97 409 219
Subtotal Heading 1b - Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion			11 172 705 664
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)	05 04 60 01	Promoting sustainable rural development, territorially and environmentally balanced, innovative agricultural sector	4 352 663 052
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	11 06 60	Promoting sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture	740 724 593
Subtotal Heading 2 - Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources			5 093 387 645
Internal Security Fund (ISF)	18 02 01 01	Support of border management and a common visa policy	105 185 354
	18 02 01 02	Prevention and fight against cross-border organized crime; better management of security related risks and crisis	35 887 770
ISF Total Commitments 2015			141 073 124
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	18 03 01 01	Developing the Common European Asylum System, enhancing responsibility sharing between the Member States	27 708 874
	18 03 01 02	Supporting legal migration to the Union, promoting effective integration of third-country nationals, enhancing fair and effective return strategies	41 563 311
AMIF Total Commitments 2015			69 272 185
Subtotal Heading 3 - Security and Citizenship			210 345 309
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance II (IPA II)	13 03 64 02	Participation of candidate countries and potential candidates in ERDF ETC - Contribution from IPA II	2 480 038
Subtotal Heading 4 - Global Europe			2 480 038
Total Commitments (Draft Amending Budget 2/2015)			16 478 918 656

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