

Amending Budget No 6 to the 2018 EU budget

Reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)

Draft Amending Budget No 6/2018 (DAB 6/2018) aims at updating both the revenue and expenditure sides of the EU's 2018 budget to cover more recent economic forecasts. This budgetary proposal is scheduled to be voted during the December plenary session.

Background

Through [DAB 6/2018](#), the European Commission proposes on the expenditure side, to release commitment (-€48.7 million) and payment (-€44.7 million) appropriations of budget lines for headings 1a 'Competitiveness for growth and jobs' and 2 'Sustainable growth – natural resources'. These decreases align the budget lines with the latest estimates of needs. Most of the decrease (-€46.6 million of commitments and -€43.3 million) of payments concerns the [sustainable fisheries partnership agreements](#) and takes account of an updated analysis of the negotiations with partner countries.

On the revenue side, the Commission proposes, first of all, to revise the forecast of traditional own resources (i.e. customs duties and sugar sector levies), value added tax (VAT) and gross national income (GNI) bases. Secondly, the Commission re-calculates the relevant United Kingdom corrections and their financing concerning the years 2014 (definitive amount) and 2017 (first update) according to the rules of [Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom](#) on the system of own resources. All of those revisions affect the distribution of own resources contributions from Member States to the EU budget for the current financial year.

European Parliament position

The European Parliament's Committee on Budgets (BUDG) adopted its report on 21 November 2018. It approves the Council position on DAB 6/2018 and recommends the adoption of DAB 6/2018.

The Committee on Budgets welcomes the fact that the implementation of programmes has reached cruising speed and that only minor adjustments are needed. The report encourages the Commission and the Member States to make up for the major delays in implementation accumulated in 2015-2017. The BUDG committee's report now needs to be voted in plenary.

Budgetary procedure: [2018/2244\(BUD\)](#); Committee responsible: BUDG; Rapporteur: Siegfried Mureşan (EPP, Romania).

