

## Amending Budget No 8/2020

### Covering the financing needs of the Emergency Support Instrument and Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus

Draft Amending Budget No 8/2020 (DAB 8/2020) aims to provide additional payments of €6.2 billion in 2020. Of this amount, €1.1 billion is needed for the financing of actions contributing to the deployment of an effective and safe vaccine against Covid-19, assumed under the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI). Cohesion funds will be reinforced with €5.1 billion to ensure that a sufficient amount of payments is available to cover the Member States' reimbursement requests for actions taken under the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+). The European Parliament is expected to vote, under the urgent procedure, on the Council position on DAB 8/2020 during the September plenary session.

#### European Commission proposal

On 28 August 2020, the Commission submitted a proposal for [DAB 8/2020](#) proposing an additional €6.2 billion in payments (PA) for the 2020 budget, to cover expenditure related to additional measures taken in order to help Member States face the impact of the coronavirus pandemic:

- €1.1 billion (PA) (of which €53.7 million from redeployment) is proposed for the Emergency Support within the Union, under heading 3, 'Security and citizenship', of the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework (MFF). The ESI has already funded the transfer of medical teams and patients affected by coronavirus; an increase in testing and the procurement of health products. The Commission, as agreed with Member States, can conclude, on their behalf, advance purchase agreements with vaccine manufacturers. The additional amount will serve to advance financing for investments required to increase the speed and scale of production of an effective vaccine. It is also proposed to reinforce the ESI with a further €53.7 million in commitments, through redeployment from the amount available under the support expenditure budget line of this instrument.
- €5.1 billion (PA) is proposed to cover additional payment needs for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative under heading 1b, 'Economic, social and territorial cohesion', for the 2020 budget. The increased needs are a result of the adoption of the [CRII+](#), allowing Member States to request 100 % co-funding for the cohesion policy programmes, and to transfer funds across the three cohesion policy funds as well as between different categories of regions. Up to 24 August 2020, the 100 % EU-co-financing rate had been requested for 107 programmes.

#### European Parliament position

Recognising the importance and urgency of the proposal, Parliament's Committee on Budgets (BUDG) has requested Parliament to treat it under the urgent procedure ([Rule 163](#) of the Rules of Procedure) without a report from the committee. Parliament is expected to vote on the Council's position on DAB 8/2020 (adopted by written procedure on 11 September) during the September plenary session.

Budgetary procedure: [2020/1997\(BUD\)](#); Committee responsible: BUDG.

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