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(09765/2015 – C8-0161/2015 – 2015/2077(BUD))

Committee on Budgets

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MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2015 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - entering the surplus of the financial year 2014 (09765/2015 – C8-0161/2015 – 2015/2077(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹, and in particular Article 41 thereof,
- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, as definitively adopted on 17 December 2014²,
- having regard to Amending budget No 1/2015, as definitively adopted on 28 April 2015³,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020⁴,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/623 of 21 April 2015 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020⁵,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management⁶,
- having regard to Council Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom of 7 June 2007 on the system of the European Communities' own resources⁷
- having regard to Draft amending budget No 3/2015, which the Commission adopted on 15 April 2015 (COM(2015)0160),
- having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 3/2015 which the Council

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

³ OJ L ...

⁴ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

⁵ OJ L 103, 22.4.2015, p. 1.

⁶ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1

⁷ OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17.

- adopted on 19 June 2015 and forwarded to Parliament on the same day (09765/2015),
- having regard to Rules 88 and 91 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0219/2015),
- A. whereas Draft amending budget No 3/2015 aims to enter in the 2015 budget the surplus from the 2014 financial year, amounting to EUR 1 435 million;
- B. whereas the main components of that surplus are a positive outturn on income of EUR 1 183 million, an under-spending in expenditure of EUR 142 million, and exchange rate differences amounting to EUR 110 million;
- C. whereas on the income side, the two main components are interest on late payments and fines (EUR 634 million) and a positive outturn on own resources (EUR 479 million);
- D. whereas on the expenditure side, the under-implementation for Section III is particularly low with EUR 29 million for 2014 and EUR 6 million for 2013 carryovers, but increased to EUR 101 million for the other institutions ;
- E. whereas the very low under-implementation in Section III underlines the ongoing shortage of payment appropriations which will remain a key challenge in implementing the 2015 budget;
1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 3/2015, as submitted by the Commission, which is devoted solely to the budgeting of the 2014 surplus, for an amount of EUR 1 435 million, in accordance with Article 18 of the Financial Regulation and of the Council's position thereon;
 2. Recalls that in the framework of the 2015 budgetary negotiations, Council insisted on shifting the payments related to the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in Draft amending budgets No 5/2014 and No 7/2014 to the 2015 budget for a total amount of EUR 126,7 million;
 3. Considers that given the surplus as presented in the present Draft amending budget No 3/2015, these two 2014 Draft amending budgets, covering in total 7 EUSF cases, could have easily been paid for from the 2014 budget;
 4. Regrets in general a tendency in Council not to honour its commitments towards countries in need which have fulfilled the conditions for mobilising the EUSF through the mobilisation of the additional resources as foreseen for the special instruments, but rather by taking money away from the existing programmes; welcomes however the fact that the Council did not follow this approach for Draft amending budget No 4/2015;
 5. Recalls that the Commission presented with the present Draft amending budget No 3/2015 another Draft Amending Budget No 4/2015 linked to the mobilisation of the EUSF for Romania, Bulgaria and Italy for a total amount of EUR 66,5 million;
 6. Recalls that the adoption of Draft amending budget No 3/2015 will reduce the share of the GNI contributions from Member States to the Union budget by EUR 1 435 million

and will therefore more than compensate for their contribution to the financing of Draft amending budget No 4/2015; highlights therefore that the two dossiers are subject to a common calendar for adoption since they are strictly linked from a political point of view;

7. Underlines its willingness to adopt both Draft amending budget No 3/2015 and Draft amending budget No 4/2015 as soon as possible as presented by the Commission;
8. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2015;
9. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No x/2015 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the national parliaments.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.6.2015
Result of final vote	+: 31 -: 4 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Nedzhmi Ali, Jean Arthuis, Richard Ashworth, Reimer Böge, Lefteris Christoforou, Jean-Paul Denanot, Gérard Deprez, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier, Ingeborg Gräßle, Iris Hoffmann, Monika Hohlmeier, Bernd Kölmel, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Vladimír Maňka, Ernest Maragall, Sophie Montel, Siegfried Mureşan, Liadh Ní Riada, Jan Olbrycht, Younous Omarjee, Paul Rübig, Patricija Šulin, Eleftherios Synadinos, Paul Tang, Isabelle Thomas, Monika Vana, Daniele Viotti, Tomáš Zdechovský
Substitutes present for the final vote	Janusz Lewandowski, Nils Torvalds, Derek Vaughan, Tomáš Zdechovský
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Tiziana Beghin, Marco Zullo