

Draft amending budget No 4/2010: Section III – Commission (2009 surplus)

European Parliament resolution of 16 June 2010 on Council's position on Draft amending budget No 4/2010 of the European Union for the financial year 2010, Section III – Commission (10930/2010 – C7-0153/2010 – 2010/2056(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 310 and 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 106a of the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹ ('the Financial Regulation'), and particularly Article 15(3) and Articles 37 and 38 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010, as finally adopted on 17 December 2009²,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management³,
 - having regard to Draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget 2010, which the Commission presented on 16 April 2010 (COM(2010)0169),
 - having regard to Council's position on Draft amending budget No 4/2010 established on 11 June 2010 (10930/2010 - C7-0153/2010),
 - having regard to Rules 75b and 75e of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A7-0200/2010),
- A. whereas Draft amending budget No 4/2010 aims to enter in the 2010 budget the surplus of the 2009 financial year, amounting to EUR 2 253 591 199,37,
- B. whereas the main components of this surplus are an over-registering in revenue of EUR 400 703 258, an under-spending in expenditure of EUR 1 667 346 181 and positive exchange rate differences for EUR 185 541 760,
- C. whereas for heading 1 the under-spending of payment appropriations in 2009 amounted to EUR 451 million, for heading 2 to EUR 244 million, for heading 3 to EUR 106 million, for heading 4 to EUR 603 million and for heading 5 to EUR 263 million,
- D. whereas the combined effect of the very tight budgetary margins and emerging financial

¹ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

² OJ L 64, 12.3.2010.

³ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

needs is to put at risk existing political priorities, while significant under-spending reduces at the same time the delivery of EU policies,

- E. whereas the calculation of 2009 budgetary under-implementation should take account of both Draft amending budget No 4/2010 and Amending budget 10/2009,
1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 4/2010 devoted solely to the budgeting of the 2009 surplus, in accordance with Article 15 of the Financial Regulation;
 2. Stresses that the actual under-implementation of the 2009 budget is not limited to the surplus presented in Draft amending budget No 4/2010 but amounts to more than EUR 5 000 000 000, taking also into account Amending budget No 10/2009; warns therefore that the year-end Amending budgets reducing the level of payment appropriations, while diminishing accordingly the global contribution of the Member States to the financing of the EU budget, give a distorted picture of budgetary implementation;
 3. Approves Council's position on Draft amending budget No 4/2010 unamended and instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 2/2010 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.