


Procedure file

Basic information	
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2017/2017(BUD)
Procedure completed	
Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016	
See also 2017/2018(BUD)	
Subject 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.57 2017 budget	
Geographical area Cyprus Portugal United Kingdom	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgets	 FERNANDES José Manuel	27/01/2017
	Committee for opinion	Shadow rapporteur	
	 Regional Development	 NÍ RIADA Liadh	Appointed
		Rapporteur for opinion	The committee decided not to give an opinion.
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3529	05/04/2017

Key events			
26/01/2017	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2017)0045	Summary
13/02/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
03/04/2017	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
03/04/2017	Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0154/2017	Summary
05/04/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/04/2017	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0117/2017	Summary
05/04/2017	Draft budget approved by Council		
05/04/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/04/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/2017(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
	See also 2017/2018(BUD)
Modified legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 150
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/8/09134

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2017)0045	26/01/2017	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE599.595	03/02/2017	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A8-0154/2017	03/04/2017	EP	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T8-0117/2017	05/04/2017	EP	Summary

Final act	
Decision 2017/741 OJ L 111 28.04.2017, p. 0006	Summary

2017/2017(BUD) - 26/01/2017 Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal hit by climatic disasters.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: [Council Regulation \(EU, EURATOM\) No 1311/2013](#) laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002](#) as amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 661/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Total direct damage:

- United Kingdom - floods in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 2 412,042 million;
- Cyprus - drought and fires in 2016 (major disaster): EUR 180.803 million;
- Portugal - Madeira fires in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 157 million.

In the light of the examination of the above applications and considering the maximum possible contribution from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 71 524 810.

The Commission will present a [draft amending budget](#) (DAB) in order to enter in the 2017 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations.

In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated in accordance with Point 11 of 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 management.

2017/2017(BUD) - 03/04/2017 Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

Members recalled that:

- on 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016;
- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
- on 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

They stated that the applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Members called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

2017/2017(BUD) - 05/04/2017 Final act

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NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2017/741 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

CONTENT: [Council Regulation \(EU, EURATOM\) No 1311/2013](#) laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002](#) as amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 661/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

On 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016. In their application the authorities of the United Kingdom stressed that the damage assessment was incomplete and that the relevant figures were only provisional.

On 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 of June 2016.

On 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

The applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

Accordingly, a financial contribution is foreseen for the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal. Therefore, within the framework of the general budget of the Union for 2017, the following amounts shall be granted:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 28.4.2017. It shall apply from 5.4.2017.

2017/2017(BUD) - 05/04/2017 Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

In this respect, Parliament recalled that:

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- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
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Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Parliament approved the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

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