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Committee on Budgets

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MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

on Council's position on Draft amending budget No 4/2011 of the European Union for the financial year 2011, Section III – Commission (13990/2011 – C7-0243/2011 – 2011/2128(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in particular Article 314 thereof, and to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and in particular Article 106a thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹, and particularly Articles 37 and 38 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011, as definitively adopted on 15 December 2010²,
 - 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 No4/2011 of the European Union for the financial year 2011, which the Commission presented on 17 June 2011 (COM(2011)0375),
 - having regard to Council's position on Draft amending budget No4/2011, which the Council established on 12 September 2011 (13990/2011 – C7-0243/2011),
 - having regard to Rules 75b and 75e of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A7-0312/2011),
- A. whereas the aim of Draft amending budget No 4/2011 to the general budget 2011 is twofold, namely a reinforcement of appropriations under sub-heading 3a and a revision of the forecast of traditional own resources,
- B. whereas the reinforcement of commitment appropriations by nearly EUR 41,1 million for the management of migration and refugee flows (through the Frontex Agency, the External Borders Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Refugee Fund) is part of a multiform response of the EU to the political developments in Southern Mediterranean countries,
- C. whereas the increase in commitment appropriations is net and in line with the principle of

¹ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

² OJ L 68, 15.3.2011.

³ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p.1.

‘new appropriations for new tasks’,

- D. whereas the proposed concomitant reinforcement of payment appropriations by EUR 43,9 million is rendered possible by redeployments from under-implemented payments from the European Economic Recovery Plan – Energy network,
 - E. whereas the under-implemented payments from the above-mentioned budget item will have been exhausted through the adoption of amending Budget No 2/2011, Draft amending budget 4/2011, and several transfers,
 - F. whereas any potential forthcoming requirements for payments for the year 2011 should be presented taking into account the Joint Statement on payment appropriations adopted by the two branches of the budgetary authority,
- 1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 4/2011;
 - 2. Notes, with great surprise, the contradictory positions taken by the Council, which approved reinforcements of several programmes under subheading 3a in DAB No 4/2011 but takes an opposite position on the very same instruments for the financial year 2012 by reducing appropriations;
 - 3. Recalls, in that respect, that consistency and coherence of EU commitments on its instruments are prerequisites for efficient and optimised spending, which is much sought after in a tense and constrained budgetary environment;
 - 4. Approves, without amendment, the Council’s position on Draft amending budget No 4/2011 and instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 4/2011 has been definitively adopted and to arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;
 - 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

DAB 4/2011 is comprised of two elements:

1. A reinforcement of Budget 2011 in commitment under heading 3a to manage refugees and migration flows further to recent developments in Northern Africa.

This is financed through redeployments and / or additional funds in commitment, and full redeployment in payments.

The breakdown is the following, in million:

| | Commitments | Payments |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Frontex | 30 | 24 |
| External border Fund | 6.5 | 4.9 |
| European return Fund | 3.7 | 2.8 |
| European refugee Fund | 12 | 12.2 |
| Total increases | 52.2 | 43.9 |
| Prevention and fight against crime | - 10 | 0 |
| assigned revenue appropriations under EU refugee Fund | - 1.1 | 0 |
| EERP energy projects | 0 | - 43.9 |
| Total decreases | - 11.1 | - 43.9 |
| TOTAL changes under DAB 4/2011 | + 41.1 | 0 |

Redeployments in PA are made from EERP - Energy networks line (32 02 14 01), which was already decreased following Commission's non paper on under implementation of 352 million:

* Amending Budget 2/2011: - 252 million composed of:

- 182.4 million for the drawing upon of the negative reserve introduced in AB 1/2011
- 19.5 million for the mobilisation of EUSF as proposed in DAB 2/2011
- 50 million for reinforcement of payment appropriations of EGF

* Draft Amending Budget 4/2011: - 43.9 million

* Transfer DEC 24/2011: - 30.2 million

* Internal transfer: - 26 million (decided by COM within chapter 32 04)

Consequently, under-implemented payment appropriations in EERP-Energy network will be fully exhausted should DAB 4/2011 be adopted as such.

2. A revision of the forecast of Traditional Own Resources, VAT and GNI bases, the budgeting of the corrections of UK rebate for the years 2006, 2007 and 2010.

This accounting exercise results in a change in the distribution between Member States of their own resources contributions to EU budget.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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| Date adopted | 22.9.2011 |
| Result of final vote | + : 19 - : 1 0 : 0 |
| Members present for the final vote | Francesca Balzani, Reimer Böge, James Elles, Göran Färm, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Ivars Godmanis, Carl Haglund, Lucas Hartong, Jutta Haug, Monika Hohlmeier, Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska, Anne E. Jensen, Sergej Kozlík, Jan Kozłowski, Giovanni La Via, Vladimír Maňka, Barbara Matera, Angelika Werthmann |
| Substitute(s) present for the final vote | Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Jan Mulder |