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#### DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the joint text on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024 approved by the Conciliation Committee under the budgetary procedure (11565/2023 – C9-0336/2023 – 2023/0264(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee including the relevant Parliament, Council and Commission statements (11565/2023 C9-0336/2023),
- having regard to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024, which the Commission adopted on 5 July 2023 (COM(2023)0300),
- having regard to the position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024, which the Council adopted on 5 September 2023 and forwarded to Parliament on 8 September 2023 (11565/2023 – C9-0336/2023),
- having regard to Letter of amendment No 1/2024 to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024, which the Commission presented on 9 October (COM(2023)0531),
- having regard to its resolution of 18 October 2023 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024<sup>1</sup> and to the budget amendments contained therein,
- 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 Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 EU of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>3</sup>,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 of 17 December

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2023)0367.

OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

- 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027<sup>4</sup>,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>5</sup>,
- having regard to Rule 95 and Rule 96 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A9-0362/2023),
- 1. Approves the joint text;
- 2. Confirms its statement as well as the joint statements annexed to this resolution;
- 3. Takes note of the Commission statement annexed to this resolution;
- 4. Instructs its President to declare that the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024 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 legislative resolution to the Council, the Commission, the other institutions and bodies concerned and the national parliaments.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

#### **ANNEX**

#### FINAL Budget 2024 – **Elements for joint conclusions**

These joint conclusions cover the following sections:

- 1. Budget 2024
- 2. Budget 2023 Draft Amending Budget No. 4/2023
- 3. Statements

#### **Summary overview**

#### A. Budget 2024

According to the elements for joint conclusions:

- The overall level of commitment appropriations in the 2024 budget is set at EUR 189 385,4 million. Overall, this leaves a margin below the MFF ceilings for 2024 of EUR 360,1 million in commitment appropriations.
- The overall level of payment appropriations in the 2024 budget is set at EUR 142 630,3 million. Overall, this leaves a margin below the MFF ceiling for 2024 of EUR 31 018,5 million in payment appropriations.
- The Flexibility Instrument for 2024 is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of EUR 1 635,5 million, of which EUR 1 289,5 million for sub-heading 2b *Resilience and Values*, EUR 317,2 million for heading 5 *Security and Defence* and EUR 28,9 million for heading 6 *Neighbourhood and the World*.
- In accordance with Article 11(1) a of the MFF Regulation, the Single Margin Instrument is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of EUR 586,1 million, of which EUR 371,1 million for heading 6 *Neighbourhood and the World* and EUR 215,0 million for heading 7 *European Public Administration*.

The 2024 payment appropriations related to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in the years 2021 to 2024 are estimated by the Commission at EUR 1 734,4 million. The estimated payment schedule of the related outstanding amounts for these years is detailed in the following table:

Flexibility Instrument - payment profile (in EUR million)					
Mobilisation year	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
2021	7,6	0,0	0,0	0,0	7,6
2022	49,8	36,7	0,0	0,0	86,5
2023	279,0	120,6	83,2	0,0	482,8
2024	1 398,0	107,6	83,7	46,3	1 635,5
Total	1 734,4	265,0	166,9	46,3	2 212,5

#### **B.** Budget 2023

Draft Amending Budget (DAB) 4/2023 is approved as proposed by the Commission.

#### 1. Budget 2024

#### 1.1. 'Closed' lines

Unless stated otherwise below in these conclusions, all budget lines are confirmed as proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget for 2024 as amended in Amending Letter No. 1/2024.

Additionally, unless stated otherwise, all budget lines amended by the Council and agreed by the Parliament in its reading are confirmed as amended by the Council.

For the other budget lines, the Conciliation Committee has agreed on the conclusions included in sections 1.2 to 1.7 below.

#### 1.2. Horizontal issues

#### **Decentralised agencies**

The EU contribution (in commitment and payment appropriations) and the number of establishment plan posts for all decentralised agencies are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget for 2024 as amended in Amending Letter No. 1/2024, with the following exceptions:

- Under sub-heading 2b:
  - The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO, budget article 07 10 08), for which 13 posts are added to the establishment plan and the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 4 million.
- Under heading 4:
  - The European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA, budget article 10 10 01), for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 1 million to cover the costs of 10 additional contractual agent posts.
  - The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex, budget article 11 10 01), for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is reduced by EUR 15 million.

#### **Executive agencies**

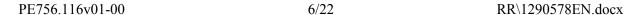
The EU contribution (in commitment and payment appropriations) and the number of establishment plan posts for executive agencies are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget.

#### **Pilot Projects/Preparatory Actions**

A comprehensive package of 46 pilot projects/preparatory actions (PP/PA), of which 36 new, for a total amount of EUR 107,4 million in commitment appropriations is agreed as proposed by the Parliament.

This package respects the ceilings for pilot projects and preparatory actions set out in the Financial Regulation.

# 1.3. Expenditure headings of the financial framework - commitment appropriations



After taking into account the above conclusions on agencies and pilot projects and preparatory actions, the Conciliation Committee has agreed on the following:

#### Heading 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Programme	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme		DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
1.0.11	Horizon Europe	12 812 088 532	12 897 088 532	85 000 000
01 02 01 01	European Research Council	2 164 231 124	2 176 231 124	12 000 000
01 02 01 02	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	891 754 891	899 754 891	8 000 000
01 02 02 10	Cluster 'Health'	650 549 025	675 549 025	25 000 000
01 02 02 20	Cluster 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society'	298 612 665	306 612 665	8 000 000
01 02 02 50	Cluster 'Climate, Energy and Mobility'	1 288 842 641	1 309 842 641	21 000 000
01 02 02 60	Cluster 'Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment'	1 050 696 938	1 061 696 938	11 000 000
1.0.13	International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)	556 299 898	436 299 898	-120 000 000
01 04 01	Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — and the Development of Fusion Energy	548 002 426	428 002 426	-120 000 000
1.0.221	CEF Transport	1 727 250 201	1 757 250 201	30 000 000
02 03 01	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)  — Transport	1 717 181 785	1 747 181 785	30 000 000
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory actions			67 020 000
	Total			62 020 000

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 21 493,4 million, leaving a margin of EUR 104,6 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 1.

#### Sub-heading 2a – Economic, social and territorial Cohesion

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget without any adjustments. As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 64 665,2 million, leaving a margin of EUR 17,8 million under the expenditure ceiling of sub-heading 2a.

#### <u>Sub-heading 2b – Resilience and Values</u>

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Name -	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme	Name -	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
2.2.23	Financing cost of the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)	3 796 000 000	3 340 000 000	-456 000 000
06 04 01	European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) – Payment of periodic coupon and redemption at maturity	3 790 000 000	3 334 000 000	-456 000 000
2.2.24	Union Civil Protection Mechanism (RescEU)	230 311 354	240 311 354	10 000 000
06 05 01	Union Civil Protection Mechanism	230 311 354	240 311 354	10 000 000
2.2.32	Erasmus+	3 736 131 530	3 796 131 530	60 000 000
07 03 01 01	Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training — Indirect management	2 566 731 926	2 617 731 926	51 000 000
07 03 02	Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth	384 913 639	393 913 639	9 000 000
2.2.34	Creative Europe	331 788 132	334 788 132	3 000 000
07 05 01	Culture strand	101 802 039	103 802 039	2 000 000
07 05 03	Cross-sectoral strand	27 603 081	28 603 081	1 000 000
2.2.352	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values	214 962 993	219 462 993	4 500 000
07 06 01	Equality and rights	36 019 970	37 519 970	1 500 000
07 06 02	Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union	55 671 418	57 671 418	2 000 000
07 06 03	Daphne	25 146 868	26 146 868	1 000 000
2.2.3DAG	Decentralised Agencies	290 845 169	294 845 169	4 000 000
07 10 08	European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)	66 307 729	70 307 729	4 000 000
2.2.3SPEC	Prerogatives	181 077 079	183 077 079	2 000 000
07 20 04 06	Specific competences in the area of social policy, including social dialogue	22 221 446	23 221 446	1 000 000

07 20 04 09	Information and training measures for workers'	22 728 699	23 728 699	1 000 000
	organisations			
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory			25 827 500
	actions			
	Total			-346 672 500

In a context of higher costs of living, Erasmus+ is reinforced by EUR 60 million, in particular in order to make the programme more accessible for people with fewer opportunities.

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 9 895,5 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of sub-heading 2b and the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 1 289,5 million in accordance with Article 12 of the MFF.

#### **Heading 3 – Natural Resources and Environment**

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme	rvanic	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
3.1.11	European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)	40 602 078 000	40 517 278 000	-84 800 000
08 02 01	Agricultural reserve	530 000 000	516 500 000	-13 500 000
08 02 04 01	Basic income support for sustainability	18 373 500 000	18 282 200 000	-91 300 000
08 02 04 03	Complementary income support for young farmers	650 000 000	670 000 000	20 000 000
3.2.21	Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	744 949 659	764 949 659	20 000 000
09 02 01	Nature and biodiversity	285 202 126	300 202 126	15 000 000
09 02 02	Circular economy and quality of life	177 796 220	178 796 220	1 000 000
09 02 03	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	122 679 608	125 679 608	3 000 000
09 02 04	Clean energy transition	133 496 971	134 496 971	1 000 000
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory actions			14 540 000
	Total			-50 260 000

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 57 338,6 million, leaving a margin of EUR 110,4 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 3.

#### **Heading 4 – Migration and Border Management**

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme	- Name	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
4.0.11	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	1 500 715 253	1 508 215 253	7 500 000
10 02 01	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	1 496 055 626	1 503 555 626	7 500 000
4.0.1DAG	Decentralised Agencies	168 101 176	169 101 176	1 000 000
10 10 01	European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)	168 101 176	169 101 176	1 000 000
4.0.211	Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF) - Instrument for border management and visa (BMVI)	1 020 632 303	1 023 132 303	2 500 000
11 02 01	Instrument for financial support for border management and visa	1 017 832 303	1 020 332 303	2 500 000
4.0.2DAG	Decentralised Agencies	1 063 483 939	1 048 483 939	-15 000 000
11 10 01	European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	824 329 442	809 329 442	-15 000 000
	Total			-4 000 000

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 3 892,7 million, leaving a margin of EUR 127,3 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 4.

#### **Heading 5 – Security and Defence**

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme	- Canal	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	` Rudget /II/A   Differe	Difference
5.0.11	Internal Security Fund (ISF)	314 885 754	321 885 754	7 000 000
12 02 01	Internal Security Fund (ISF)	312 435 754	319 435 754	7 000 000
5.0.22	Military Mobility	241 367 376	251 367 376	10 000 000
13 04 01	Military mobility	239 640 880	249 640 880	10 000 000
	Total			17 000 000

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 2 321,2 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of heading 5 and the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 317,2 million in accordance with Article 12 of the MFF Regulation.

#### Heading 6 – Neighbourhood and the World

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 but with the following adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, set out in the table below:

Budget line /	Name	Variation in com	amitment appropria	tions (in EUR)
Programme	2 (1122)	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
6.0.111	Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI - Global Europe)	11 373 889 314	11 523 889 314	150 000 000
14 02 01 10	Southern Neighbourhood	1 630 931 763	1 730 931 763	100 000 000
14 02 01 11	Eastern Neighbourhood	622 537 696	672 537 696	50 000 000
6.0.12	Humanitarian Aid (HUMA)	1 660 704 480	1 910 704 480	250 000 000
14 03 01	Humanitarian aid	1 569 106 062	1 819 106 062	250 000 000
	Total			400 000 000

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 16 230,0 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of heading 6 and the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 28,9 million in accordance with Article 12 of the MFF Regulation and the mobilisation of the Single Margin Instrument for an amount of EUR 371,1 million in accordance with Article 11(1)(a) of the MFF Regulation.

#### **Heading 7 – European Public Administration**

The number of posts in the establishment plans of the institutions and the appropriations proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 are agreed by the Conciliation Committee with the following exceptions: the sections of the European Parliament, the European Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the European Court of Auditors and the European Data Protection Supervisor are adjusted to reflect the fact that the expenditure related to Members who receive salaries from the EU budget, which are subject to the indexation, should be classified as salary expenditure and therefore excluded from the Commission guidelines on limiting the increase for non-salary related expenditure to 2%.

The overall adjustment results in an increase of EUR 33,8 million of heading 7.

Amendments introduced by the European Parliament to its own section are reinstated without modifications. Overall, this results in a level of appropriations of EUR 2 383,1 million, which represents an increase of EUR 27 707 693 in comparison with the Draft Budget as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024.

For the other sections concerned, considering the original amounts requested on the non-salary lines, the details by budget lines are set out below while respecting the 2% guidelines:

Section 2 – European Council and Council

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		tions (in EUR)
Programme	- Nume	DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
2 0 1 1	Water, gas, electricity and heating	6 302 000	6 340 180	38 180
	Total			38 180

Section 3 – European Commission

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme		DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
20 03 01 02	Expenditure related to buildings	88 593 000	90 535 400	1 942 400
20 03 02 02	Expenditure related to buildings	24 636 000	25 466 000	830 000
20 03 13 01	Translation expenditure	13 000 000	14 000 000	1 000 000
	Total			3 772 400

Section 4 – Court of Justice

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme		DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
1 0 0 0	Remunerations and allowances	36 403 711	37 675 000	1 271 289
2024	Energy consumption	3 163 000	3 230 531	67 531
	Total			1 338 820

Section 5 – European Court of Auditors

Budget line /		Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme		DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
2024	Energy consumption	1 197 070	1 719 530	522 460
	Total			522 460

Section 9 - European Data Protection Supervisor

Budget line /	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations (in EUR)		
Programme		DB 2024 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2024	Difference
200	Rents, charges and buildings expenditure	1 650 000	1 751 494	101 494
3 0 4 5	External consultancy and studies	150 000	456 000	306 000
	Total			407 494

The table for the European Data Protection Supervisor also includes a technical correction to incorporate previous adjustments agreed in both Amending Budgets 1/2023 and 3/2023 with impact on the reference amount used to calculate needs for 2024, in line with the applied methodology.

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 11 988,0 million, with no margin left under the expenditure the ceiling of heading 7 and the mobilisation of the Single Margin Instrument for an amount of EUR 215,0 million in accordance with Article 11(1)(a) of the MFF Regulation.

#### Thematic special instruments: EGF, SEAR and BAR

Commitment appropriations for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF), the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) and the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget.

#### 1.4. Payment appropriations

The overall level of <u>payment appropriations</u> in the 2024 budget is set at the level of the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024 with the following adjustments agreed by the Conciliation Committee:

- 1. The agreed level of commitment appropriations for non-differentiated expenditure (headings 1 to 6), for which the level of payment appropriations is equal to the level of commitment appropriations, is taken into account. This applies to the reduction of the financing cost of the European Recovery Instrument (EURI) by EUR 456,0 million and the overall reduction for the EAGF by EUR 84,8 million. Taking into account also the adjustment to the Union contribution to decentralised agencies, the combined effect is a decrease of EUR 550,8 million;
- 2. The adjustment under heading 7 resulting in an increase of EUR 33,8 million;
- 3. The payment appropriations for all *new* pilot projects and preparatory actions proposed by the Parliament are set at 25% of the corresponding commitment appropriations, or at the level proposed by Parliament, if lower. In the case of extension of existing pilot projects and preparatory actions, the level of payment appropriations is the level defined in the Draft Budget as amended by the Amending letter 1/2024 plus 25% of the corresponding new commitment appropriations, or at the level proposed by Parliament, if lower. The combined effect is an increase of EUR 26,8 million;
- 4. The adjustments to differentiated expenditure budget lines, for which the combined effect is an increase of EUR 134,5 million.

The adjustments, resulting in an overall decrease of EUR 355,7 million, are set out in the following table:

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in payment appropriations (in EUR)		
	rvanic	DB 2024 (incl. AL1) Budget 2024	Difference	
Heading 1				
1.0.13	International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)	614 170 726	509 170 726	-105 000 000
01 04 01	Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — and the Development of Fusion Energy	459 482 428	354 482 428	-105 000 000
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory actions	16 755 000		
	Total Heading 1	-88 245 000		

Sub-heading 2	2b			
2.2.23	Financing cost of the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI)	3 796 000 000	3 340 000 000	-456 000 000
06 04 01	European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) – Payment of periodic coupon and redemption at maturity	3 790 000 000	3 334 000 000	-456 000 000
2.2.24	Union Civil Protection Mechanism (RescEU)	249 908 000	259 908 000	10 000 000
06 05 01	Union Civil Protection Mechanism	211 000 000	221 000 000	10 000 000
2.2.32	Erasmus+	3 491 138 893	3 522 138 893	31 000 000
07 03 01 01	Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training — Indirect management	2 498 750 000	2 524 750 000	26 000 000
07 03 02	Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth	369 700 000	374 700 000	5 000 000
2.2.34	Creative Europe	364 763 754	365 763 754	1 000 000
07 05 03	Cross-sectoral strand	25 430 875	26 430 875	1 000 000
2.2.352	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values	221 064 096	225 564 096	4 500 000
07 06 01	Equality and rights	51 815 746	53 315 746	1 500 000
07 06 02	Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union	46 911 774	48 911 774	2 000 000
07 06 03	Daphne	23 877 030	24 877 030	1 000 000
2.2.3DAG	Decentralised Agencies	282 083 169	286 083 169	4 000 000
07 10 08	European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)	66 307 729	70 307 729	4 000 000
2.2.3SPEC	Prerogatives	165 953 586	166 953 586	1 000 000
07 20 04 06	Specific competences in the area of social policy, including social dialogue	19 500 000	20 000 000	500 000
07 20 04 09	Information and training measures for workers' organisations	21 000 000	21 500 000	500 000
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory actions			6 456 875
Handin - 2	Total sub-heading 2b			-398 043 125
3.1.11	European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)	40 590 282 213	40 505 482 213	-84 800 000
08 02 01	Agricultural reserve	530 000 000	516 500 000	-13 500 000
08 02 04 01	Basic income support for sustainability	18 373 500 000	18 282 200 000	-91 300 000
08 02 04 03	Complementary income support for young farmers	650 000 000	670 000 000	20 000 000
PPPA	Pilot projects and preparatory actions			3 635 000

	Total Heading 3	-81 165 000		
Heading 4				
4.0.11	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	1 354 073 000	1 359 073 000	5 000 000
10 02 01	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	1 035 023 000	1 040 023 000	5 000 000
4.0.1DAG	Decentralised Agencies	168 101 176	169 101 176	1 000 000
10 10 01	European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)	168 101 176	169 101 176	1 000 000
4.0.2DAG	Decentralised Agencies	1 055 455 267	1 040 455 267	-15 000 000
11 10 01	European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	824 329 442	809 329 442	-15 000 000
	Total Heading 4			-9 000 000
Heading 5				
5.0.11	Internal Security Fund (ISF)	230 580 000	237 580 000	7 000 000
12 02 01	Internal Security Fund (ISF)	175 130 000	182 130 000	7 000 000
	Total Heading 5			7 000 000
Heading 6				
6.0.111	Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI - Global Europe)	10 743 801 966	10 763 801 966	20 000 000
14 02 01 10	Southern Neighbourhood	761 962 895	776 962 895	15 000 000
14 02 01 11	Eastern Neighbourhood	416 206 581	421 206 581	5 000 000
6.0.12	Humanitarian Aid (HUMA)	1 737 373 786	1 897 373 786	160 000 000
14 03 01	Humanitarian aid	1 649 312 168	1 809 312 168	160 000 000
	Total Heading 6			180 000 000
Heading 7				
7.2	Administrative expenditure of the institutions	9 141 588 794	9 175 375 841	33 787 047
7.1.21	European Parliament	2 354 555 881	2 382 263 574	27 707 693
7.1.22	European Council and Council	676 842 943	676 881 123	38 180
7.2	Commission	4 218 068 825	4 221 841 225	3 772 400
7.1.24	Court of Justice of the European Union	502 443 711	503 782 531	1 338 820
7.1.25	European Court of Auditors	185 133 430	185 655 890	522 460
7.1.29	European Data Protection Supervisor	23 921 966	24 329 460	407 494
	Total Heading 7			33 787 047
TOTAL				-355 666 078

Overall, this results in a level of payment appropriations of EUR 142 630,3 million, which represents a decrease of EUR 355,7 million in comparison with the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024.

#### 1.5. Reserves

There are no reserves in addition to those of the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024.

#### 1.6. Budget remarks

The text of budget remarks corresponds to the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter

1/2024 with the following adjustments proposed in the letter of executability and agreed by the Conciliation Committee:

- The following budget lines for which amendments have been introduced by the European Parliament to its own section are approved without modifications:
  - Item 1 4 0 0 Other staff Secretariat and political groups

#### Amend text as follows:

This appropriation includes an envelope of EUR **362 040 167 040**-related to the staff of the Authority for European political parties and European political foundations

- Article 2 3 8 — Other administrative expenditure

#### Amend text as follows:

- miscellaneous purchases in connection with Parliament's corporate social responsibility (including EMAS), EMAS).
- miscellaneous services in connection with Parliament's financial and inventory management.
  - **Article 2 3 9** EMAS activities, including promotion, and the European Parliament's carbon offsetting scheme

#### Amend heading as follows:

EMAS **and sustainability** activities, including promotion, and the European Parliament's carbon offsetting scheme

#### Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to **EMAS** activities aiming at promoting sustainability activities in the European Parliament and **EMAS** activities aimed at improving the **European Parliament's** environmental performance of the **European Parliament, performance**, including the promotion of these activities, and to the European Parliament's carbon offsetting scheme.

This is with the understanding that amendments introduced by the European Parliament or the Council cannot modify or extend the scope of an existing legal base, or impinge on the administrative autonomy of the institutions, and that the action can be covered by available resources.

#### 1.7. Budget nomenclature

The budget nomenclature proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2024, is agreed, with the inclusion of the *new* pilot projects and preparatory actions. The Conciliation Committee also agrees on the deletion of one budget line in the section of the European Parliament (Article 5 0 2 — Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations – Remunerations and allowances).

# 2. Budget 2023 Draft Amending Budget (DAB) 4/2023 is approved as proposed by the Commission.

#### 3. Statements

# 3.1. Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on payment appropriations

The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring during the year 2024 the implementation of the programmes of the current and previous MFFs (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development). To that end, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present, in a timely manner, updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2024 payment appropriations (taking into account the improved forecasts accuracy of the Member States where applicable). If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2024 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, inter alia a draft amending budget, with a view to allowing the European Parliament and the Council to take any necessary decisions as soon as possible without undue delay for justified needs. Where applicable, the European Parliament and the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies mutatis mutandis if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2024 budget are higher than needed.

# 3.2. Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on integrating the outcome of the MFF mid-term revision in the 2024 budget

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission take note of the ongoing discussions on the proposed revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027. The Council has been invited by the European Council to take work forward, with a view to reaching an overall agreement on the proposed revised MFF by the end of the year, thereby enabling swift adoption having due regard to the role of the European Parliament in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Treaties. Therefore, the impact of such agreement for the financial year 2024 can only be introduced via a draft amending budget.

The European Parliament and the Council therefore invite the Commission to propose a Draft Amending Budget immediately as soon as the revision of the MFF Regulation is agreed with a view to aligning the 2024 budget to a revised MFF Regulation.

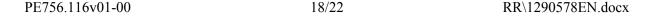
The European Parliament and the Council commit to consider the proposal of the Commission without undue delay, taking into account the urgency of the matter.

# 3.3. Unilateral statement of the Commission on the MFA+ interest rate subsidy for the financial year 2024

The Commission undertakes to propose the appropriate budgetary measures for freeing the resources allocated for the MFA+ interest rate subsidy (budget Article 14 07 01) for the financial year 2024, should an alternative financing solution be found in due time.

# 3.4. Unilateral statement of the European Parliament on the MFA+ interest rate subsidy

The European Parliament takes note of the Commission statement. The European Parliament recalls that, under Regulation 2022/2463, the interest rate subsidy in relation to MFA+ for Ukraine should be financed from voluntary contribution from the Member States and that the EU budget may contribute subject to available resources. In that context, the European Parliament stresses that the provisional entry of appropriations on budget line 14 07 01 is a one-



off exception and does not constitute a precedent for future budgetary procedures.

# ANNEX: LIST OF ENTITIES OR PERSONS FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEURS HAVE RECEIVED INPUT

The following list is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteurs. The rapporteurs have received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the report:

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Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union				
Commissioner for Budget and Administration				
Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life				
Commissioner for Justice				
Commissioner for Crisis Management				
Director-General for Budget, European Commission				
Director-General for Communication, European Commission				
Federal Ministry of Finance, Federal Government of Germany				
Registrar of the Court of Justice of the European Union				
President of the European Court of Auditors				
Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee				
Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions				
EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs				
Secretary-General of the European External Action Service				
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Executive Director, European Union Asylum Agency

Executive Director, Frontex

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Executive Director, World Food Programme Global Office to the EU

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