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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 and in particular Articles 18(3) and 41 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019, as adopted on 12 December 2018²,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020³,
 - 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 management⁴,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union⁵,
 - having regard to Draft amending budget No 2/2019, which the Commission adopted on 15 May 2019 (COM(2019)0320),
 - having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 2/2019 which the Council adopted on ... and forwarded to Parliament on ... (00000/2019 – C9-0000/2019),
 - having regard to Rules 94 and 96 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0000/2019),
- A. whereas, at the insistence of Parliament, the budgetary authority decided, within the context of the budgetary procedure 2019, to “budget EUR 100 million in an amending budget in 2019 to reinforce H2020 and Erasmus”; Parliament and the Council invited

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 67, 7.3.2019.

³ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

⁴ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105.

the Commission to “present this amending budget, which will not contain any other elements, as soon as the technical adjustment of the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2020 including the calculation of the Global margin for commitments is completed in the spring of 2019”;

- B. whereas the Commission has accordingly proposed to amend the budget 2019 to reflect this agreement;
 - C. whereas the Commission has proposed to allocate an additional EUR 80 million to reinforce Horizon 2020 and an additional EUR 20 million to Erasmus+ budget; whereas no indication on the share of each instrument in the global reinforcement was specified in the agreement on the budget 2019;
 - D. whereas, within the Horizon 2020 reinforcement, the Commission has proposed to allocate an additional EUR 34,6 million to Horizon 2020 budget item *08 02 03 04 — Achieving a European transport system that is resource-efficient, environmentally friendly, safe and seamless* to reinforce the 2019 actions against climate change, in particular batteries, Green Vehicles and Greening Aviation, and additional EUR 45,4 million to Horizon 2020 budget item *08 02 01 02 — Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies* to increase the amount for the “Breakthrough zero-emissions energy generation for full decarbonisation” and “Energy and climate change related technologies” topics;
 - E. whereas the Commission has proposed that the Erasmus+ be reinforced for its core mobility activities in particular in the field of higher education and vocational education and training, as well as for centres of vocational excellence; whereas it has also proposed that part of the reinforcement go to *European Universities*, a recent action developed in the framework of the *European Education Area by 2025*;
1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 2/2019 as submitted by the Commission, which is devoted to providing an additional EUR 100 million of commitment appropriations to Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+, to reflect the agreement reached between Parliament and the Council in the framework of the budget 2019 negotiations; notes that no reinforcement in payment appropriations has been proposed at this stage;
 2. Notes that, given the programmes’ profiles, while there might be no need to reinforce payment appropriations for Horizon 2020 by the end of year 2019, the reinforced commitment appropriations for Erasmus+ will most probably need to be matched by increased payment appropriations still this year; asks the Commission to inform the budgetary authority about how it intends to cover these increased payment needs;
 3. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 2/2019;
 4. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 2/2019 has been definitively adopted and 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, the other institutions and bodies concerned and the national parliaments.