



TEXTS ADOPTED

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Draft Amending Budget No 4/2018: mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland

European Parliament resolution of 11 September 2018 on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2018 of the European Union for the financial year 2018 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Poland (11738/2018 – C8-0395/2018 – 2018/2082(BUD))

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 Article 41 thereof,
- 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 966/2012², and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, as definitively adopted on 30 November 2017³,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020⁴ (MFF

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

³ OJ L 57, 28.02.2018.

⁴ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

Regulation),

- 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 management¹,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union²,
 - having regard to Draft amending budget No 4/2018, which the Commission adopted on 31 May 2018 (COM(2018)0361),
 - having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 4/2018 which the Council adopted on 4 September 2018 and forwarded to Parliament on the same day (11738/2018 – C8-0395/2018),
 - having regard to Rules 88 and 91 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0273/2018),
- A. whereas Draft amending budget No 4/2018 covers the proposed mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Bulgaria and Lithuania for the floodings, to Greece for the earthquakes in Kos, as well as to Poland for the storms that occurred in the course of 2017,
- B. whereas the Commission consequently proposes to amend the 2018 budget and to increase budget line 13 06 01 'Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy' by EUR 33 992 206 both in commitment and payment appropriations;
- C. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund is a special instrument as defined in the MFF Regulation, and the corresponding commitment and payments appropriations are to be budgeted over and above the MFF ceilings;
1. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 4/2018;
 2. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 4/2018 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the national parliaments.

¹ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

² OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105.