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Main results of the Council

*The Council reached agreement at second reading on the draft general budget of the EU for the **2009 financial year**, which will be formalised at the meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 27 November 2008.*

*Following an agreement with the European Parliament, this reading includes the funding of the **food facility** for 2009.*

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ITEMS DEBATED**CONCILIATION MEETING WITH THE PARLIAMENT ON THE 2009 BUDGET**

Before proceeding with the second reading of the draft budget for 2009, the Council held a conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament under the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management. The European Parliament's delegation was headed by Mr Reimer BÖGE, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, and was made up as follows:

Ms Jutta HAUG, rapporteur for the 2009 budget (Commission), Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI rapporteur for the 2009 budget (other institutions), Mr Salvador GARRIGA POLLEDO, Ms Ingeborg GRÄSSLE, Mr Laszlo SURJAN, Mr Alain LAMASSOURE, Mr Margaritis SCHINAS, Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Ms Esther DE LANGE, Mr Gay MITCHELL, Ms Catherine GUY-QUINT, Mr Thijs BERMAN, Ms Brigitte DOUAY, Mr Vicente Miguel GARCÉS RAMÓN, Ms Anne JENSEN, Mr Kyösti VIRRANKOSKI, Mr Jan MULDER, Ms Helga TRÜPEL, and Mr Esko SEPPÄNEN.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to:

- accept preliminary draft amending budget No 10/2008 as amended by the Commission, and to include in that preliminary draft amending budget the budgetary aspects concerning the financing of the food facility in 2008, as agreed in a joint statement;
- accept preliminary draft amending budget No 11/2008 as proposed by the Commission concerning the mobilisation of EUR 7,6 million from the European Union Solidarity Fund, to respond to the severe drought in Cyprus;
- accept amending letter No 2/2009 ("agricultural amending letter"), except for the creation of the new item relating to the programme to promote the consumption of fruit at school, and to include in that amending letter the budgetary aspects concerning the financing of the food facility in 2009, as agreed in a joint statement;
- accept amending letter No 3/2009 ensuring the funding of the reflection group set up by the European Council on 14 December 2007;
- set the total amount of payment appropriations (in absolute figures) for the 2009 budget at EUR 116 096 million, including the payment appropriations allotted for the food facility;

- adopt six statements concerning:
 - the financing of the food facility;
 - the coordination of Community assistance between the Food Facility and the European Development Fund;
 - improving the visibility of the EU's external assistance;
 - the implementation of the cohesion policy;
 - the creation of an interinstitutional working group on agencies;
 - payment appropriations.

The statements are as follows¹:

JOINT DECLARATION

ON THE FINANCING OF A FACILITY FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO SOARING FOOD PRICES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

"The European Parliament and the Council:

- have taken note of the proposal made by the Commission² to establish a Facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries (hereafter "Food Facility");
- have taken note of the Commission's request of EUR 1 billion for the Food Facility;
- have agreed to finance the Food Facility over a 3-year period within heading 4 of the multiannual financial framework.

¹ The French version of these statements is not yet available.

² COM(2008) 450 of 18 July 2008.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree to the financing of the Food Facility in the following way:

- The total amount of EUR 1 billion available in commitments for the Food Facility will be shared out over the years as follows: EUR 262 million in 2008, EUR 568 million in 2009 and EUR 170 million in 2010.

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- EUR 240 million in commitment appropriations will be redeployed within heading 4 from the Instrument for Stability (budget article 19 06 01 01) of which EUR 70 million in 2009. Regarding the redeployments for 2010, the Commission is invited to present a revised financial programming in order to ensure an orderly progression of the amounts planned over the period 2010-2013, while keeping the annual level of the margin unchanged. The food prices crisis is a new and objective circumstance under the terms of Point 37 of the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) which justifies the redeployment from a non-programmed crisis instrument.
- EUR 420 million in commitment appropriations will be made available through the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for the 2009 budget.
- EUR 340 million in commitment appropriations will be made available through the Emergency Aid Reserve in the following manner:
 - EUR 22 million from appropriations still available in the 2008 budget;
 - EUR 78 million from the appropriations budgeted for the year 2009;
 - EUR 240 million through a one-off increase in the amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve to be budgeted in 2008.

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- The Commission will propose an amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (IIA) of 17 May 2006 as regards Point 25 to provide the additional funding required for the proposed Food Facility. The one-off increase in the commitment appropriations for the Emergency Aid Reserve for the year 2008 will be formalised by a joint decision of the three institutions amending the IIA of 17 May 2006.

- The budgetary authority will integrate the necessary amendments in the 2008 and 2009 budgets. For 2008, an additional amount of EUR 240 million in commitments will be entered into the budget for the Emergency Aid Reserve and the budget line for the Food Facility will be inserted. For 2009, an amount of EUR 490 million in commitments and of EUR 450 million in payments will be entered into the budget for the Food Facility. The budget line for the Instrument for Stability (budget line 19 06 01 01) will be reduced by EUR 70 million in commitments for 2009 to EUR 134.769 million.
- The Commission will present the corresponding requests for transfers from the Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 and in 2009.
- The redeployments agreed for 2010 within heading 4 will be integrated by the Commission into the financial programming 2010-2013 to be presented in January 2009 in accordance with Point 46 of the IIA.
- The payment schedule for the Food Facility is expected to be EUR 450 million in 2009, EUR 350 million in 2010 and EUR 200 million in 2011 and the following years, subject to authorisation of the budgetary authority in each annual budgetary procedure.

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The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree to amend, in this exceptional case and only for the year 2008, Point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, in order to increase the amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve at EUR 479.218 million for 2008. They affirm that this selective amendment of Point 25 of the IIA will in no way set a precedent.

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The three institutions agree that the amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) for the Emergency Aid Reserve will take the form of adding the following sentence to the end of the first subparagraph of Point 25 of the IIA:

"This amount shall be exceptionally increased to EUR 479.218 million for the year 2008 in current prices."

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The agreement contained in this joint declaration will be translated in the Food Facility Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council by amending the relevant sections referring to budgetary implications, with a view to finalising the text in the first reading. The Commission will provide the appropriate technical assistance."

COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (FOOD FACILITY AND EDF)

"The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission reaffirm the importance of coherence and consistency in the area of development assistance, in particular regarding the use of funds.

Taking into account that ACP countries could benefit from EU assistance from both the general budget of the European Union and the European Development Fund, the three Institutions declare that, when implementing the Facility for rapid response to soaring prices in developing countries (hereinafter "Food Facility"), special attention should be paid to the coordination of aid originating from these various sources in order to maximise the synergy and the possible results.

In this context, the concerned ACP partner countries should also be encouraged to adapt, if necessary, the objectives and priorities of their programming regarding future cooperation under the EDF, ensuring consistency and complementarity with the objectives as foreseen by the Food Facility.

The Commission is invited to present a list of programmes financed by the EDF which could include elements related to food security."

IMPROVING THE VISIBILITY OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

"The European Parliament and the Council stress that the visibility of Community assistance in third countries is a legitimate concern for the European Union and should be fully taken into account for donorship in a multi-annual context. With a view to maintaining public and political support for the EU external action, they call on the Commission to present together with the PDB for the year 2010 a report with a list of initiatives taken to improve the visibility of EU external aid, without compromising its efficiency and effectiveness, especially when implemented through international organisations."

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COHESION POLICY

"Without prejudging the upcoming proposals from the Commission in the context of the economic downturn, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission:

- Recognise that, in view of the challenges posed by the current economic downturn, the economy may benefit from accelerating the implementation of structural and cohesion funds within the ceilings of the agreed multiannual financial framework 2007-2013;

- Recognise that, under the established control framework, interim payments cannot take place until management and control systems in Member States have been judged to be compliant with the requirements and, as concerns major projects, until such projects have been adopted by the Commission;
- Encourage the Member States to submit the description of their management and control systems and the compliance assessments as soon as possible so as to allow the Commission to rapidly start their analysis;

Within this framework, the European Parliament and the Council:

- Invite the Commission to take the necessary measures, within the existing legal framework, to rapidly assess the most critical aspects of the management and control systems (MCS), enabling starting the interim payments;
- Invite the Commission to accelerate the examination of applications for major projects so as to facilitate their start and related interim payments;
- Invite the Commission to cooperate closely together with the Member States in order to have a rapid agreement of all aspects of compliance of the MCS;
- Welcome the Commission's regular information to the budgetary authority through updated summary tables on MCS and major projects;
- Invite the Commission to submit a monthly report to the budgetary authority on the approval of the MCS and the major projects as well as the level of execution of interim payments for each Member State;
- Invite the Commission to present a report on the implementation together with the PDB for the purpose of the budgetary and discharge procedures;
- Invite the Court of Auditors and the discharge authority to take this issue into account, as well as the multi-annual character of the Commission's control activity, when assessing the management of EU funds.

The European Parliament acknowledges that structural improvements and simplification measures are needed to avoid recurrent under-implementation and to ensure that payment appropriations develop in an orderly manner compared to commitment appropriations, as recalled by the Court of Auditors reports."

AGENCIES

"The European Parliament and the Council have agreed on the Commission proposal for the creation of an Interinstitutional working group on agencies and ask for the first meeting to take place as soon as possible."

PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS

"The European Parliament and the Council ask the Commission to submit an amending budget if the appropriations entered in the 2009 budget are insufficient to cover expenditure under sub-Heading 1a (Competitiveness for growth and employment), sub-Heading 1b (Cohesion for growth and employment) as it could be justified within the current legal framework in the light of a possible acceleration of the implementation of structural policies, Heading 2 (Preservation and management of natural resources) and Heading 4 (EU as a global partner).

The European Parliament and the Council will consider in that context the appropriate financing of any possible proposal that the Commission could make for new initiatives, particularly regarding the economic crisis."

EVALUATION OF HEADING 4

1. "Considering the absence of any margin under the expenditure ceiling of heading 4 in 2009, the Commission acknowledges that the capacity to respond to unforeseen crises is quite restrained and therefore commits to present to the budgetary authority an assessment of the situation within heading 4 accompanied, if necessary, by relevant proposals, in the course of 2009, taking into account the political evolution as well as budget execution."
2. "The European Parliament asks the Commission to present in the context of phase 2 of the budget review an evaluation of the situation of heading 4, in order to examine and to review the role of the EU as a global partner in a multiannual context."

- enter the following statement by the Parliament on the implementation of the cohesion policy in the Council minutes¹:

PARLIAMENT STATEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COHESION POLICY

"The European Parliament expresses its deepest concern as to the extremely low level of payments, far below the MFF, which does not correspond to the real challenges of the EU in a situation of economic crisis.

In particular, it expresses its deepest concern as to the unacceptably low level of implementation of the appropriations for cohesion policy, although this constitutes one of the fundamental policies of the Union.

It calls on the Commission and the Member States responsible for the implementation of these appropriations to adopt all measures possible to ensure its adequate implementation."

¹ The French version of the declarations will be updated in a later version of this press release.

COUNCIL'S SECOND READING OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2009

Following its meeting with the European Parliament, and on the basis of the preparatory work by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council reached an agreement on the second reading of the draft general budget for 2009, which overall confirms its first reading as amended by amending letters Nos 1 to 3, and includes an additional reduction of EUR 180 million for the clearance of agricultural accounts ([15612/08](#) + [ADD 1](#) + [ADD 2](#)).

Amending letter No 2 was adopted as proposed by the Commission, with the exception of the creation of the new item relating to the programme to promote the consumption of fruit in schools. The Council included in that letter the budgetary aspects of the financing of the Food Facility in 2009, as agreed at the conciliation meeting and set out in the statement below.

The Council agreed to enter the following statement in its minutes:

"The Council declares that its agreement to the Commission's proposal in relation to programmes in favour of the most deprived persons, appearing in Amending Letter No 2/2009, does not prejudge the outcome of the examination of the legal basis currently under discussion.

The deletion of the line concerning the programme to promote the consumption of fruit in schools is in accordance with the Council's traditional position of not creating a new budget line before the adoption of the relevant legal basis. This does not prejudge the outcome of the examination of the legal basis currently under discussion."

The Council also agreed on preliminary draft amending budget No 10 to the general budget for 2008, as agreed with the European Parliament at the conciliation meeting, and also on preliminary draft amending budget No 11, as proposed by the Commission.

The detailed amounts for each heading and policy area are set out in the following tables.

BREAKDOWN BY HEADING FOR "TOTAL EXPENDITURE" IN THE FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

BUDGETARY PROCEDURE 2009	1		2		3		4		4-3		4/1	
	BUDGET 2008 (including AB 1 to 7)		BUDGET 2009 Council 1st reading		BUDGET 2009 EP 1st reading		BUDGET 2009 Council 2nd reading		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH												
Competitiveness for growth and employment	10.582.000.000	9.765.239.600	11.111.656.000	9.813.880.500	11.268.997.000	11.383.773.350	11.111.656.000	9.813.880.500	-157.341.000	-1.569.892.850	+5,0%	+0,5%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>160.344.000</i>		<i>3.003.000</i>		<i>160.344.000</i>					
- 7th Research framework programme (incl. Completion of 6th Research framework programme)	6.090.262.000	6.188.283.000	6.683.263.000	6.423.845.000	6.751.882.600	7.082.627.600	6.683.263.000	6.423.845.000	-68.619.600	-658.782.600	+9,7%	+3,8%
02 - Enterprise	220.709.000	160.931.000	254.130.000	187.219.000	266.033.600	222.157.000	254.130.000	187.219.000	-11.903.600	-34.938.000	+15,1%	+16,3%
06 - Energy and transport	283.582.000	358.032.000	262.680.000	259.430.000	280.875.000	337.965.750	262.680.000	259.430.000	-18.195.000	-78.535.750	-7,4%	-27,5%
08 - Research	4.037.873.000	4.050.194.000	4.613.082.000	4.542.212.000	4.648.153.000	5.078.670.850	4.613.082.000	4.542.212.000	-35.071.000	-536.458.850	+14,2%	+12,1%
09 - Information society and media	1.214.176.000	1.275.601.000	1.214.396.000	1.093.129.000	1.217.546.000	1.096.279.000	1.214.396.000	1.093.129.000	-3.150.000	-3.150.000	0,0%	-14,3%
10 - Direct research	332.722.000	335.325.000	338.240.000	339.520.000	338.240.000	339.520.000	338.240.000	339.520.000	0	0	+1,7%	+1,3%
11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs	1.200.000	8.200.000	735.000	2.335.000	1.035.000	8.035.000	735.000	2.335.000	-300.000	-5.700.000	-38,8%	-71,5%
- Decommissioning (10 - Direct research)	28.700.000	37.092.000	32.600.000	26.200.000	32.600.000	26.200.000	32.600.000	26.200.000	0	0	+13,6%	-29,4%
- TEN (06 - Energy and transport)	992.925.200	709.712.600	949.920.000	791.374.000	954.920.000	966.534.000	949.920.000	791.374.000	-5.000.000	-175.160.000	-4,3%	+11,5%
- Galileo (06 - Energy and transport)	890.000.000	300.000.000	829.600.000	343.600.000	829.600.000	788.200.000	829.600.000	343.600.000	0	-444.600.000	-6,8%	+14,5%

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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
- Marco Polo (06 - Energy and transport)	59.000.000	30.278.000	61.980.000	24.330.000	61.980.000	64.962.500	61.980.000	24.330.000	0	-40.632.500	+5,1%	-19,6%
- Lifelong learning (15 - Education and culture)	997.278.000	1.005.830.000	1.055.658.000	1.003.655.000	1.061.658.000	1.039.445.000	1.055.658.000	1.003.655.000	-6.000.000	-35.790.000	+5,9%	-0,2%
- Competitiveness and innovation framework programme (CIP)	415.745.800	455.369.000	479.330.000	373.491.000	508.176.400	498.217.250	479.330.000	373.491.000	-28.846.400	-124.726.250	+15,3%	-18,0%
- CIP Entrepreneurship and innovation	287.200.000	320.385.000	286.500.000	264.935.000	300.279.000	329.220.950	286.500.000	264.935.000	-13.779.000	-64.285.950	-0,2%	-17,3%
01 - Economic and financial affairs	146.900.000	199.185.000	143.000.000	171.600.000	150.150.000	189.850.000	143.000.000	171.600.000	-7.150.000	-18.250.000	-2,7%	-13,8%
02 - Enterprise	140.300.000	121.200.000	143.500.000	93.335.000	150.129.000	139.370.950	143.500.000	93.335.000	-6.629.000	-46.035.950	+2,3%	-23,0%
- CIP - ICT policy support	52.000.000	58.500.000	104.710.000	51.910.000	111.710.000	57.910.000	104.710.000	51.910.000	-7.000.000	-6.000.000	+101,4%	-11,3%
09 - Information society and media	52.000.000	58.500.000	104.710.000	51.910.000	111.710.000	57.910.000	104.710.000	51.910.000	-7.000.000	-6.000.000	+101,4%	-11,3%
- CIP Intelligent energy (06 - Energy and transport)	76.545.800	76.484.000	88.120.000	56.646.000	96.187.400	111.086.300	88.120.000	56.646.000	-8.067.400	-54.440.300	+15,1%	-25,9%
- Social policy agenda (04 - Employment and social affairs)	168.220.000	149.300.000	176.390.000	125.110.000	177.416.000	160.585.500	176.390.000	125.110.000	-1.026.000	-35.475.500	+4,9%	-16,2%
- Customs 2013 & Fiscalis 2013 (14 - Taxation and customs union)	69.100.000	53.132.000	71.600.000	37.202.000	71.600.000	46.702.000	71.600.000	37.202.000	0	-9.500.000	+3,6%	-30,0%
- Nuclear Decommissioning (06 - Energy and transport)	248.000.000	150.000.000	253.000.000	110.000.000	255.000.000	112.000.000	253.000.000	110.000.000	-2.000.000	-2.000.000	+2,0%	-26,7%

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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
- Other actions and programmes	353.240.000	414.124.000	266.140.000	297.933.500	294.690.000	323.860.500	266.140.000	297.933.500	-28.550.000	-25.927.000	-24,7%	-28,1%
01 - Economic and financial affairs	35.200.000	35.000.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	35.000.000	33.000.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	-5.500.000	-3.500.000	-16,2%	-15,7%
02 - Enterprise	48.100.000	61.500.000	36.510.000	39.963.000	54.310.000	56.536.000	36.510.000	39.963.000	-17.800.000	-16.573.000	-24,1%	-35,0%
03 - Competition	0	400.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-100,0%
04 - Employment and social affairs	0	0	0	0	3.000.000	3.000.000	0	0	-3.000.000	-3.000.000		
06 - Energy and transport	56.050.000	80.065.000	45.660.000	55.370.500	50.410.000	55.600.500	45.660.000	55.370.500	-4.750.000	-230.000	-18,5%	-30,8%
08 - Research	0	55.221.000	0	21.525.000	0	21.525.000	0	21.525.000	0	0		-61,0%
09 - Information society and media	67.074.000	56.764.000	13.920.000	47.530.000	13.920.000	48.110.000	13.920.000	47.530.000	0	-580.000	-79,2%	-16,3%
11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs	0	1.500.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-100,0%
12 - Internal market	8.300.000	8.000.000	6.900.000	7.120.000	9.200.000	9.184.000	6.900.000	7.120.000	-2.300.000	-2.064.000	-16,9%	-11,0%
13 - Regional Policy	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	0	0	0,0%	0,0%
14 - Taxation and customs union	3.200.000	2.100.000	2.075.000	1.075.000	3.075.000	2.775.000	2.075.000	1.075.000	-1.000.000	-1.700.000	-35,2%	-48,8%
15 - Education and culture	2.900.000	2.900.000	5.800.000	5.800.000	0	0	5.800.000	5.800.000	5.800.000	5.800.000	+100,0%	+100,0%
20 - Trade	0	100.000	0	30.000	0	30.000	0	30.000	0	0		-70,0%
24 - Fight against fraud	21.300.000	16.250.000	20.500.000	12.220.000	20.500.000	16.300.000	20.500.000	12.220.000	0	-4.080.000	-3,8%	-24,8%
26 - Commission's administration	42.300.000	44.800.000	32.700.000	37.400.000	32.700.000	37.400.000	32.700.000	37.400.000	0	0	-22,7%	-16,5%
29 - Statistics	53.816.000	34.524.000	57.575.000	25.400.000	57.575.000	25.400.000	57.575.000	25.400.000	0	0	+7,0%	-26,4%

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- Decentralised agencies	269.529.000	272.119.000	252.175.000	257.140.000	269.474.000	274.439.000	252.175.000	257.140.000	-17.299.000	-17.299.000	-6,4%	-5,5%
02 - Enterprise	100.619.000	100.619.000	96.620.000	96.620.000	106.419.000	106.419.000	96.620.000	96.620.000	-9.799.000	-9.799.000	-4,0%	-4,0%
04 - Employment and social affairs	40.830.000	40.830.000	40.110.000	40.110.000	40.110.000	40.110.000	40.110.000	40.110.000	0	0	-1,8%	-1,8%
06 - Energy and transport	102.860.000	105.450.000	91.835.000	96.800.000	99.235.000	104.200.000	91.835.000	96.800.000	-7.400.000	-7.400.000	-10,7%	-8,2%
09 - Information society and media	8.160.000	8.160.000	7.800.000	7.800.000	7.800.000	7.800.000	7.800.000	7.800.000	0	0	-4,4%	-4,4%
15 - Education and culture	17.060.000	17.060.000	15.810.000	15.810.000	15.910.000	15.910.000	15.810.000	15.810.000	-100.000	-100.000	-7,3%	-7,3%
1b Cohesion for growth and employment	47.255.948.720	40.538.785.026	48.413.884.669	34.664.134.166	48.422.884.669	39.005.885.182	48.413.884.669	34.664.134.166	-9.000.000	-4.341.751.016	+2,5%	-14,5%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>14.115.331</i>		<i>5.115.331</i>		<i>14.115.331</i>					
- Structural funds	39.100.896.742	33.823.233.022	39.117.250.470	27.381.730.888	39.126.250.470	31.046.481.904	39.117.250.470	27.381.730.888	-9.000.000	-3.664.751.016	0,0%	-19,0%
- Convergence objective	29.208.316.245	24.154.316.541	29.723.163.608	19.354.375.119	29.723.163.608	21.209.185.584	29.723.163.608	19.354.375.119	0	-1.854.810.465	+1,8%	-19,9%
04 - Employment and social affairs	7.614.779.048	6.574.677.518	7.305.903.755	6.826.100.000	7.305.903.755	7.808.520.000	7.305.903.755	6.826.100.000	0	-982.420.000	-4,1%	+3,8%
13 - Regional Policy	21.593.537.197	17.579.639.023	22.417.259.853	12.528.275.119	22.417.259.853	13.400.665.584	22.417.259.853	12.528.275.119	0	-872.390.465	+3,8%	-28,7%
- Regional competitiveness and employment objective	8.592.457.050	8.112.389.189	8.110.786.401	7.121.346.922	8.110.786.401	7.957.466.922	8.110.786.401	7.121.346.922	0	-836.120.000	-5,6%	-12,2%
04 - Employment and social affairs	3.483.764.883	4.185.879.246	3.477.243.743	3.825.000.000	3.477.243.743	4.194.720.000	3.477.243.743	3.825.000.000	0	-369.720.000	-0,2%	-8,6%
13 - Regional Policy	5.108.692.167	3.926.509.943	4.633.542.658	3.296.346.922	4.633.542.658	3.762.746.922	4.633.542.658	3.296.346.922	0	-466.400.000	-9,3%	-16,0%

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- European territorial cooperation objective	1.213.969.228	1.444.107.419	1.198.700.461	791.108.847	1.207.700.461	1.747.179.398	1.198.700.461	791.108.847	-9.000.000	-956.070.551	-1,3%	-45,2%
13 - Regional Policy	1.132.679.866	1.399.107.419	1.109.845.122	746.108.847	1.109.845.122	1.693.179.398	1.109.845.122	746.108.847	0	-947.070.551	-2,0%	-46,7%
19 - External Relations	81.289.362	45.000.000	88.855.339	45.000.000	88.855.339	45.000.000	88.855.339	45.000.000	0	0	+9,3%	0,0%
- Other actions and programmes	0	0	0	0	9.000.000	9.000.000	0	0	-9.000.000	-9.000.000		
- Technical assistance	86.154.219	112.419.873	84.600.000	114.900.000	84.600.000	132.650.000	84.600.000	114.900.000	0	-17.750.000	-1,8%	+2,2%
04 - Employment and social affairs	28.054.219	44.228.411	26.500.000	41.800.000	26.500.000	41.800.000	26.500.000	41.800.000	0	0	-5,5%	-5,5%
13 - Regional Policy	58.100.000	68.191.462	58.100.000	73.100.000	58.100.000	90.850.000	58.100.000	73.100.000	0	-17.750.000	0,0%	+7,2%
- Cohesion fund (13 - Regional Policy)	8.155.051.978	6.715.552.004	9.296.634.199	7.282.403.278	9.296.634.199	7.959.403.278	9.296.634.199	7.282.403.278	0	-677.000.000	+14,0%	+8,4%
TOTAL HEADING 1	57.837.948.720	50.304.024.626	59.525.540.669	44.478.014.666	59.691.881.669	50.389.658.532	59.525.540.669	44.478.014.666	-166.341.000	-5.911.643.866	+2,9%	-11,6%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>174.459.331</i>		<i>8.118.331</i>		<i>174.459.331</i>					
- European Global Adjustment Funds (04 - Employment and social affairs)	500.000.000	0	500.000.000	0	500.000.000	0	500.000.000	0	0	0	0,0%	
GRAND TOTAL HEADING 1	58.337.948.720	50.304.024.626	60.025.540.669	44.478.014.666	60.191.881.669	50.389.658.532	60.025.540.669	44.478.014.666	-166.341.000	-5.911.643.866	+2,9%	-11,6%

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2. PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES												
- Market-related expenditure and direct aids	41.006.490.000	40.889.550.500	42.480.252.000	42.434.219.000	43.737.502.000	43.688.869.000	41.125.356.325	41.081.823.325	-2.430.845.675	-2.425.745.675	+0,3%	+0,5%
- Agriculture markets (05 - Agriculture and rural development)	40.562.340.000	40.568.450.500	42.136.077.000	42.135.644.000	43.384.827.000	43.384.394.000	40.781.181.325	40.780.748.325	-2.422.345.675	-2.422.345.675	+0,5%	+0,5%
- Fisheries market (11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs)	32.500.000	31.500.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	29.500.000	32.000.000	0	2.500.000	-9,2%	+1,6%
- Animal and plant health (17 - Health and consumer protection)	411.650.000	289.600.000	314.675.000	269.075.000	323.175.000	274.975.000	314.675.000	269.075.000	-8.500.000	-5.900.000	-23,6%	-7,1%
- Rural development (05 - Agriculture and rural development)	13.303.108.653	11.382.880.000	13.401.618.209	10.811.100.000	13.651.618.209	11.709.290.465	13.401.778.209	10.926.260.000	-249.840.000	-783.030.465	+0,7%	-4,0%
- European fisheries fund (11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs)	612.477.885	450.822.736	631.701.477	561.102.000	631.701.477	561.102.000	631.701.477	561.102.000	0	0	+3,1%	+24,5%
- Fisheries governance and international agreements (11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs)	317.573.000	303.523.000	298.047.000	269.597.000	300.747.000	277.297.000	298.047.000	269.597.000	-2.700.000	-7.700.000	-6,1%	-11,2%
- LIFE+ (07 - Environment)	266.944.000	155.650.000	287.847.000	216.850.000	317.150.000	348.012.150	287.847.000	216.850.000	-29.303.000	-131.162.150	+7,8%	+39,3%
- Other actions and programmes	14.150.000	15.631.817	6.000.000	6.800.000	48.600.000	43.900.000	6.000.000	6.800.000	-42.600.000	-37.100.000	-57,6%	-56,5%
05 - Agriculture and Rural Development	150.000	431.817	0	0	1.500.000	1.500.000	0	0	-1.500.000	-1.500.000	-100,0%	-100,0%
07 - Environment	2.000.000	3.200.000	0	800.000	33.000.000	28.300.000	0	800.000	-33.000.000	-27.500.000	-100,0%	-75,0%

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11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs	10.500.000	10.500.000	6.000.000	6.000.000	10.100.000	10.100.000	6.000.000	6.000.000	-4.100.000	-4.100.000	-42,9%	-42,9%
15 - Education and culture	1.500.000	1.500.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100,0%	-100,0%
17 - Health and consumer protection	0	0	0	0	4.000.000	4.000.000	0	0	-4.000.000	-4.000.000		
- Decentralised agency	38.972.000	39.712.000	38.154.000	38.154.000	40.264.000	40.264.000	38.154.000	38.154.000	-2.110.000	-2.110.000	-2,1%	-3,9%
07 - Environment	31.672.000	32.412.000	32.490.000	32.490.000	34.560.000	34.560.000	32.490.000	32.490.000	-2.070.000	-2.070.000	+2,6%	+0,2%
11 - Fisheries and maritime affairs	7.300.000	7.300.000	5.664.000	5.664.000	5.704.000	5.704.000	5.664.000	5.664.000	-40.000	-40.000	-22,4%	-22,4%
TOTAL HEADING 2	55.559.715.538	53.237.770.053	57.143.619.686	54.337.822.000	58.727.582.686	56.668.734.615	55.788.884.011	53.100.586.325	-2.757.398.675	-3.386.848.290	+0,4%	-0,3%
<i>Margin</i>			2.495.380.314		911.417.314		3.850.115.989					
<i>of which: market-related expenditure and direct aids</i>			2.406.548.000		1.149.298.000		3.761.443.675					

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3. CITIZENSHIP, FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE												
3a Freedom, security and justice	731.774.000	534.196.000	832.725.000	572.940.000	863.925.000	664.142.000	832.725.000	572.940.000	-31.200.000	-91.202.000	+13,8%	+7,3%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>39.275.000</i>		<i>8.075.000</i>		<i>39.275.000</i>					
- Solidarity and management of migration flows (18 - Area of freedom, security and justice)	392.500.000	247.590.000	457.590.000	282.050.000	467.590.000	338.442.000	457.590.000	282.050.000	-10.000.000	-56.392.000	+16,6%	+13,9%
- Security and safeguarding liberties (18 - Area of freedom, security and justice)	68.330.000	51.550.000	90.150.000	63.200.000	91.920.000	69.550.000	90.150.000	63.200.000	-1.770.000	-6.350.000	+31,9%	+22,6%
- Fundamental rights and justice (18 - Area of freedom, security and justice)	78.670.000	63.196.000	78.560.000	52.580.000	82.090.000	61.400.000	78.560.000	52.580.000	-3.530.000	-8.820.000	-0,1%	-16,8%
- Other actions and programmes	64.934.000	44.520.000	79.125.000	47.810.000	82.875.000	55.300.000	79.125.000	47.810.000	-3.750.000	-7.490.000	+21,9%	+7,4%
18 - Area of freedom, security and justice	64.934.000	44.520.000	79.125.000	47.810.000	82.875.000	55.300.000	79.125.000	47.810.000	-3.750.000	-7.490.000	+21,9%	+7,4%
- Decentralised agency (18 - Area of freedom, security and justice)	127.340.000	127.340.000	127.300.000	127.300.000	139.450.000	139.450.000	127.300.000	127.300.000	-12.150.000	-12.150.000	0,0%	0,0%

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3b Citizenship	895.534.197	987.444.203	614.723.000	634.770.000	650.963.000	698.565.000	614.723.000	634.770.000	-36.240.000	-63.795.000	-31,4%	-35,7%
<i>Margin</i>			36.277.000		37.000		36.277.000					
- Public health and consumer protection programme (17 - Health and consumer protection)	71.800.000	74.500.000	74.870.000	76.570.000	76.870.000	82.250.000	74.870.000	76.570.000	-2.000.000	-5.680.000	+4,3%	+2,8%
- Culture 2007 (15 - Education and culture)	46.809.000	54.870.000	51.872.000	45.146.000	53.872.000	47.146.000	51.872.000	45.146.000	-2.000.000	-2.000.000	+10,8%	-17,7%
- Youth in action (15 - Education and culture)	121.763.000	119.581.000	121.886.000	120.630.000	124.886.000	133.280.000	121.886.000	120.630.000	-3.000.000	-12.650.000	+0,1%	+0,9%
- Media 2007 (09 - Information society and media)	104.180.000	102.386.000	107.880.000	93.130.000	107.940.000	95.610.000	107.880.000	93.130.000	-60.000	-2.480.000	+3,6%	-9,0%
- Citizens for Europe	30.454.000	27.754.335	28.414.000	23.664.000	31.414.000	29.894.000	28.414.000	23.664.000	-3.000.000	-6.230.000	-6,7%	-14,7%
04 - Employment and social affairs	680.000	680.000	680.000	680.000	680.000	680.000	680.000	680.000	0	0	0,0%	0,0%
15 - Education and culture	29.774.000	27.074.335	27.734.000	22.984.000	30.734.000	29.214.000	27.734.000	22.984.000	-3.000.000	-6.230.000	-6,9%	-15,1%
- Rapid response and preparedness instrument for major emergencies (07 - Environment)	20.700.000	20.100.000	17.830.000	11.840.000	19.090.000	18.815.000	17.830.000	11.840.000	-1.260.000	-6.975.000	-13,9%	-41,1%
- Communication actions	94.130.000	84.750.000	88.370.000	81.370.000	98.000.000	95.290.000	88.370.000	81.370.000	-9.630.000	-13.920.000	-6,1%	-4,0%
16 - Press and communication	94.130.000	84.750.000	88.370.000	81.370.000	98.000.000	95.290.000	88.370.000	81.370.000	-9.630.000	-13.920.000	-6,1%	-4,0%
- European Solidarity Fund (13 - Regional policy)	273.191.197	273.191.197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100,0%	-100,0%

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- Other actions and programmes	29.907.000	127.711.671	12.591.000	68.810.000	20.091.000	74.880.000	12.591.000	66.310.000	-7.500.000	-8.570.000	-57,9%	-48,1%
07 - Environment	7.500.000	6.000.000	0	2.500.000	0	800.000	0	2.500.000	0	1.700.000	-100,0%	-58,3%
15 - Education and culture	22.407.000	21.675.857	12.591.000	15.831.000	20.091.000	23.331.000	12.591.000	15.831.000	-7.500.000	-7.500.000	-43,8%	-27,0%
17 - Health and consumer protection	0	546.814	0	277.000	0	547.000	0	277.000	0	-270.000		-49,3%
22 - Enlargement	0	99.489.000	0	50.202.000	0	50.202.000	0	50.202.000	0	0		-49,5%
- Decentralised agencies (17 - Health and consumer protection)	102.600.000	102.600.000	111.010.000	113.610.000	118.800.000	121.400.000	111.010.000	113.610.000	-7.790.000	-7.790.000	+8,2%	+10,7%
TOTAL HEADING 3	1.627.308.197	1.521.640.203	1.447.448.000	1.207.710.000	1.514.888.000	1.362.707.000	1.447.448.000	1.207.710.000	-67.440.000	-154.997.000	-11,1%	-20,6%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>75.552.000</i>		<i>8.112.000</i>		<i>75.552.000</i>					

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4. THE EU AS A GLOBAL PARTNER												
- Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA)	1.440.233.000	2.934.413.400	1.518.103.000	2.175.888.850	1.521.103.000	2.332.057.485	1.498.103.000	2.175.888.850	-23.000.000	-156.168.635	+4,0%	-25,8%
04 - Employment and social affairs	74.100.000	66.500.000	74.800.000	38.700.000	78.800.000	71.155.000	74.800.000	38.700.000	-4.000.000	-32.455.000	+0,9%	-41,8%
05 - Agriculture and Rural Development	85.800.000	385.500.000	121.700.000	279.100.000	121.700.000	341.025.000	121.700.000	279.100.000	0	-61.925.000	+41,8%	-27,6%
06 - Energy and transport	0	0	2.940.000	2.940.000	2.940.000	2.940.000	2.940.000	2.940.000	0	0		
13 - Regional Policy	237.550.000	873.850.000	284.610.765	421.795.000	291.610.765	440.679.977	284.610.765	421.795.000	-7.000.000	-18.884.977	+19,8%	-51,7%
22 - Enlargement	1.042.783.000	1.608.563.400	1.034.052.235	1.433.353.850	1.026.052.235	1.476.257.508	1.014.052.235	1.433.353.850	-12.000.000	-42.903.658	-2,8%	-10,9%
- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)	1.562.619.000	1.197.513.000	1.580.977.000	1.172.795.000	1.621.450.000	1.543.067.900	1.617.950.000	1.350.768.000	-3.500.000	-192.299.900	+3,5%	+12,8%
19 - External Relations	1.562.619.000	1.197.513.000	1.580.977.000	1.172.795.000	1.621.450.000	1.543.067.900	1.617.950.000	1.350.768.000	-3.500.000	-192.299.900	+3,5%	+12,8%
- Development, Cooperation and Economic Cooperation Instrument (DCECI)	2.253.190.000	2.036.372.000	2.355.439.160	1.961.808.160	2.377.086.160	2.093.762.010	2.354.606.160	1.960.975.160	-22.480.000	-132.786.850	+4,5%	-3,7%
06 - Energy and transport	0	2.800.000	0	2.300.000	0	2.300.000	0	2.300.000	0	0		-17,9%
07 - Environment	250.000	3.450.000	0	2.500.000	0	2.500.000	0	2.500.000	0	0	-100,0%	-27,5%
19 - External Relations	1.269.963.000	1.182.206.000	1.297.185.960	1.137.434.960	1.298.352.960	1.223.019.760	1.296.352.960	1.136.601.960	-2.000.000	-86.417.800	+2,1%	-3,9%
21 - Development and Relations with ACP States	982.977.000	847.916.000	1.058.253.200	819.573.200	1.078.733.200	865.942.250	1.058.253.200	819.573.200	-20.480.000	-46.369.050	+7,7%	-3,3%

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- Instrument for Stability	180.596.000	115.025.000	258.083.000	176.150.269	258.083.000	186.150.269	188.083.000	176.150.269	-70.000.0000	-10.000.000	+4,1%	+53,1%
19 - External Relations	180.596.000	115.025.000	258.083.000	176.150.269	258.083.000	186.150.269	188.083.000	176.150.269	-70.000.0000	-10.000.000	+4,1%	+53,1%
- Humanitarian aid	751.271.000	754.271.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	0	0	+3,4%	+3,0%
23 - Humanitarian aid	751.271.000	754.271.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	777.051.000	0	0	+3,4%	+3,0%
- Macro-financial assistance (01 - Economic and financial affairs)	152.000.000	112.000.000	99.000.000	110.000.000	99.000.000	110.000.000	99.000.000	110.000.000	0	0	-34,9%	-1,8%
- Common and Foreign Security Policy (CSFP) (19 - External relations)	285.250.000	179.720.000	242.900.000	234.150.000	242.900.000	234.150.000	242.900.000	234.150.000	0	0	-14,8%	+30,3%
- EC guarantees for lending operations (01 - Economic and financial affairs)	0	0	92.460.000	92.460.000	92.460.000	92.460.000	92.460.000	92.460.000	0	0		
- Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI) (19 - External Relations)	25.170.000	20.300.000	23.490.000	15.280.000	25.287.000	18.877.000	23.287.000	15.077.000	-2.000.000	-3.800.000	-7,5%	-25,7%
- Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)	147.211.000	172.789.000	151.361.200	147.886.200	157.361.200	147.886.200	151.361.200	147.886.200	-6.000.000	0	+2,8%	-14,4%
- Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC) (19 - External Relations)	72.523.000	78.268.000	73.973.000	66.290.000	73.973.000	66.290.000	73.973.000	66.290.000	0	0	+2,0%	-15,3%
- Other actions and programmes	183.953.000	234.855.000	124.091.000	243.800.900	179.404.000	296.637.500	617.154.000	696.863.900	437.750.000	400.226.400	235,5%	+196,7%
01 - Economic and financial affairs	0	2.025.000	0	1.012.500	0	1.012.500	0	1.012.500	0	0		-50,0%
05 - Agriculture and Rural Development	6.230.000	6.230.000	6.260.000	6.260.000	6.260.000	6.260.000	6.260.000	6.260.000	0	0	+0,5%	+0,5%
07 - Environment	4.412.000	7.800.000	3.250.000	4.250.000	4.250.000	4.250.000	3.250.000	4.250.000	-1.000.000	0	-26,3%	-45,5%

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09 - Information society and media	2.000.000	2.000.000	0	800.000	5.000.000	5.000.000	0	800.000	-5.000.000	-4.200.000	-100,0%	-60,0%
14 - Taxation and customs union	1.200.000	1.900.000	1.700.000	2.000.000	1.700.000	2.000.000	1.700.000	2.000.000	0	0	+41,7%	+5,3%
15 - Education and culture	7.423.000	6.270.000	7.797.000	6.025.000	8.797.000	6.955.000	7.797.000	6.025.000	-1.000.000	-930.000	+5,0%	-3,9%
17 - Health and consumer protection	600.000	600.000	276.000	276.000	276.000	276.000	276.000	276.000	0	0	-54,0%	-54,0%
19 - External Relations	52.085.000	49.185.000	36.231.000	39.780.000	64.294.000	57.223.000	39.294.000	42.843.000	-25.000.000	-14.380.000	-24,6%	-12,9%
20 - Trade	16.144.000	14.900.000	12.187.000	10.650.000	14.437.000	12.900.000	12.187.000	10.650.000	-2.250.000	-2.250.000	-24,5%	-28,5%
21 - Development and Relations with ACP States	88.859.000	85.445.000	51.390.000	98.435.000	67.390.000	106.135.000	541.390.000	548.435.000	474.000.000	442.300.000	509,3%	+541,9%
22 - Enlargement	5.000.000	58.500.000	5.000.000	74.312.400	7.000.000	94.626.000	5.000.000	74.312.400	-2.000.000	-20.313.600	0,0%	+27,0%
- Decentralised agencies	17.984.000	37.984.000	13.242.000	13.242.000	14.772.000	14.772.000	13.242.000	13.242.000	-1.530.000	-1.530.000	-26,4%	-65,1%
15 - Education and culture	17.984.000	17.984.000	13.242.000	13.242.000	14.772.000	14.772.000	13.242.000	13.242.000	-1.530.000	-1.530.000	-26,4%	-26,4%
22 - Enlargement	0	20.000.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-100,0%
TOTAL HEADING 4	7.072.000.000	7.873.510.400	7.310.170.360	7.186.802.379	7.439.930.360	7.913.161.364	7.749.170.360	7.816.802.379	309.240.000	-96.358.985	+9,6%	-0,7%
<i>Margin</i>			129.829.640		69.640		-309.170.360					
- Emergency aid reserve (40 - Reserve)	239.218.000	239.218.000	244.000.000	0	244.000.000	244.000.000	244.000.000	0	0	-244.000.000	+2,0%	-100,0%
GRAND TOTAL HEADING 4	7.311.218.000	8.112.728.400	7.554.170.360	7.186.802.379	7.683.930.360	8.157.161.364	7.993.170.360	7.816.802.379	309.240.000	-340.358.985	+9,3%	-3,6%

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5. ADMINISTRATION												
- Commission (excluding pensions)	3.410.705.220	3.411.265.220	3.480.812.898	3.480.812.898	3.568.945.000	3.568.945.000	3.480.812.898	3.480.812.898	-88.132.102	-88.132.102	+2,1%	+2,0%
- Pensions (all institutions)	1.050.769.000	1.050.769.000	1.135.090.000	1.135.090.000	1.135.090.000	1.135.090.000	1.135.090.000	1.135.090.000	0	0	+8,0%	+8,0%
- European schools	144.209.836	144.209.836	148.541.807	148.541.807	148.541.807	148.541.807	148.541.807	148.541.807	0	0	+3,0%	+3,0%
Total Commission (incl. pensions) (Section III)	4.605.684.056	4.606.244.056	4.764.444.705	4.764.444.705	4.852.576.807	4.852.576.807	4.764.444.705	4.764.444.705	-88.132.102	-88.132.102	+3,4%	+3,4%
- European Parliament (Section I)	1.452.517.167	1.452.517.167	1.530.840.023	1.530.840.023	1.529.970.929	1.529.970.929	1.529.970.929	1.529.970.929	0	0	+5,3%	+5,3%
- Council (Section II)	594.715.268	594.715.268	602.852.000	602.852.000	602.852.000	602.852.000	602.852.000	602.852.000	0	0	+1,4%	+1,4%
- Court of Justice (Section IV)	294.077.591	294.077.591	312.784.433	312.784.433	314.954.433	314.954.433	312.784.433	312.784.433	-2.170.000	-2.170.000	+6,4%	+6,4%
- Court of Auditors (Section V)	132.769.183	132.769.183	132.309.000	132.309.000	187.644.296	187.644.296	132.309.000	132.309.000	-55.335.296	-55.335.296	-0,3%	-0,3%
- European Economic and Social Committee (Section VI)	114.744.176	114.744.176	118.443.957	118.443.957	120.710.809	120.710.809	118.443.957	118.443.957	-2.266.852	-2.266.852	+3,2%	+3,2%
- Committee of the Regions (Section VII)	71.204.491	71.204.491	75.771.721	75.771.721	76.451.720	76.451.720	75.771.721	75.771.721	-679.999	-679.999	+6,4%	+6,4%
- European Ombudsman (Section VIII)	8.505.770	8.505.770	8.828.747	8.828.747	8.906.880	8.906.880	8.828.747	8.828.747	-78.133	-78.133	+3,8%	+3,8%
- European Data Protection Supervisor (Section IX)	5.307.753	5.307.753	6.591.700	6.591.700	6.663.026	6.663.026	6.591.700	6.591.700	-71.326	-71.326	+24,2%	+24,2%
Total Other institutions	2.673.841.399	2.673.841.399	2.788.421.581	2.788.421.581	2.848.154.093	2.848.154.093	2.787.552.487	2.787.552.487	-60.601.606	-60.601.606	+4,3%	+4,3%
TOTAL HEADING 5	7.279.525.455	7.280.085.455	7.552.866.286	7.552.866.286	7.700.730.900	7.700.730.900	7.551.997.192	7.551.997.192	-148.733.708	-148.733.708	+3,7%	+3,7%
<i>Margin</i>			224.133.714		76.269.100		225.002.808					

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6. COMPENSATION												
- Compensations	206.636.292	206.636.292	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	0	0	+1,2%	+1,2%
TOTAL HEADING 6	206.636.292	206.636.292	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	209.112.912	0	0	+1,2%	+1,2%
<i>Margin</i>			887.088		887.088		887.088					

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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
GRAND TOTAL												
GRAND TOTAL	130.322.352.202	120.662.885.029	133.932.757.913	114.972.328.243	136.028.126.527	124.488.105.323	133.016.153.144	114.364.223.474	-3.011.973.383	-10.123.881.849	+2,1%	-5,2%
<i>Margin</i>			<i>3.100.242.087</i>	<i>9.207.671.757</i>	<i>1.004.873.473</i>	<i>-308.105.323</i>	<i>4.016.846.856</i>	<i>9.815.776.526</i>				
of which compulsory expenditure	42.509.175.666	42.451.350.666	44.153.914.612	44.135.927.112	45.405.844.612	45.387.257.112	42.799.698.937	42.784.211.437	-2.606.145.675	-2.603.045.675	+0,6%	+0,7%
of which non-compulsory expenditure	87.813.176.536	78.211.534.363	89.778.843.301	70.836.401.131	90.622.281.915	79.100.848.211	90.216.454.207	71.580.012.037	-405.827.708	-7.520.836.174	+2,8%	-8,5%
Appropriations for payment as % of GNI			1,03%	0,89%	1,05%	0,96%	1,02%	0,88%				

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED**BUDGET****European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - Italy**

The Council adopted a decision concerning the mobilisation of the European globalisation adjustment fund in favour of Italy, for a total amount of EUR 35,2 million ([13881/08](#)). This decision is in response to redundancies in the textile sector caused by the relocation of textile production to third countries. EUR 11 million is to be provided for Sardinia, EUR 8 million for Piedmont, EUR 12,5 million for Lombardy and EUR 3,9 million for Tuscany.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana - Partnership agreement - ACP countries**

The Council adopted decisions authorising the signature and provisional application of stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreements with Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana ([12129/08](#) + [12130/08](#)).

These stepping stone agreements establish an initial framework comprising commitments and negotiations, with the aim of incorporating additional elements in order to arrive at a full Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) in accordance with the Cotonou Agreement.

The general objectives of the stepping stone agreements are to:

- contribute to the reduction and eradication of poverty by establishing a consistent trade partnership;
- promote a regional economy that is more competitive and diversified, and stronger growth;
- foster regional integration, economic cooperation and good governance;
- promote the gradual integration of West Africa into the global economy;

- improve capacities in terms of trade policy and trade-related issues;
- establish and implement an effective, predictable and transparent regulatory framework for trade and investment in the region;
- strengthen existing relations between the parties on the basis of solidarity and mutual interest;
- promote private-sector development and employment growth.

COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

EU police mission in Afghanistan

The Council adopted a decision setting at EUR 64 million the financial reference amount intended to cover expenditure relating to the EU police mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN) for the period from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2009 (14935/08).

EUPOL AFGHANISTAN, which was launched on 15 June 2007, aims to make a significant contribution to the establishment under Afghan ownership of sustainable and effective policing arrangements that will ensure appropriate interaction with the wider criminal justice system.

HEALTH PROTECTION

Response to the EFSA strategic plan

The Council adopted a reply to the Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concerning the EFSA strategic plan for 2009-2013 ([15429/1/08](#)). In its letter, the Council endorses the major initiatives identified by EFSA. At the same time, it invites the Authority to pay particular attention to the need to respond to the increasing number of requests for scientific opinions, to maintaining an appropriate degree of capacity for the Authority to act on its own initiative, to the need to identify new risks at an early stage, and to the need to coordinate, at European level, systems to monitor emerging risks in Member States. The Council supports EFSA's action to bring about EU-wide harmonisation of risk assessment methodologies, and encourages it to cooperate closely with European and international bodies.

AGRICULTURE**Revision of the plant health regime - *Council conclusions***

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

RECOGNISING

1. that the Community legislation relating to phytosanitary requirements for plants, plant products and other objects ensures the protection of the European Community territory and a phytosanitary secure trade of plants and plants products,
2. the necessity of taking into account the increase in international trade and the continuing enlargement of the European Union,
3. the necessity of updating, in the light of experience and of new requirements linked to sustainable development, the existing regime to develop a regime dealing with imports, movements within the Community, measures on the territory of the Community, global concepts for exports and the necessity of providing the means to implement the regime.

UNDERLINES

4. the importance of reasserting that the global aim of the Community plant health regime is to protect plant resources, food security, sustainable production, environment and to contribute to the protection of human health, taking into account trade concerns;
5. the importance of defining priorities and of categorizing phytosanitary risks, by choosing management measures in accordance with defined priorities and adapting the level of control to phytosanitary risks;
6. the importance of having global monitoring of the phytosanitary status of the EC territory, for example via plant health monitoring networks, phytosanitary precautionary surveillance, ...;

7. the importance of having a robust and effective network of scientific expertise and facilities to underpin phytosanitary activities;
8. the importance of ensuring the efficacy of controls to prevent the entry of harmful organisms into the EC territory, for example via qualification of inspectors, facilities at points of entry, harmonized management of emerging risks, cooperation with the customs authorities, ...;
9. the importance of ensuring collective control to prevent the spread and establishment of harmful organisms within the EC territory, for example via Community phytosanitary control measures on the territory, effective measures against outbreaks, including emergency measures, phytosanitary risks covered by the International Plant Protection Convention which includes inter alia invasive alien species, ...;
10. the importance of putting prevention at the core of the Community plant health regime by involving professional stakeholders, for example via systems of prevention and management of phytosanitary risks within companies, phytosanitary security at different levels (approvals, phytosanitary documents), ...;
11. the importance of considering financial participation in risk management relating to outbreaks, taking into account the relevant outcomes of the current Health Check of the Common Agricultural Policy;
12. the importance of continuously adapting phytosanitary legislation in order to reflect the real phytosanitary situation in the European Union, for example via harmonized monitoring analysis, alert systems, pest risk analyses, ...;
13. the importance of ensuring commonly accepted and effective control practices, for example via comparative inspection practices, training of inspectors, updated inspection reference, qualified and validated diagnostic protocols, research and development programmes, ...;
14. the importance of having a simple legislative framework by exploring the links with other Community regimes, such as that for marketing seeds and propagating material, elements from food law, ...;
15. the importance of having a Community strategy for involvement at international level;

16. the importance of ensuring communication and transparency between authorities responsible for plant health, for example via Community performance indicators for critical points of activity and results, harmonization of phytosanitary documents, sharing of information within a Community IT network, ...;
17. the importance of communicating with the stakeholders, whether the citizens or the professionals, in order to prevent risky behaviour;
18. the importance of ensuring phytosanitary protection while taking into account administrative burdens and costs involved;
19. the importance of considering, in the implementation of the Community plant health regime, the roles and responsibilities of the Member States and of the European Community and its institutions and bodies, such as the European Commission (DG Sanco, FVO), the Standing Committee on Plant Health, EFSA and how they connect to and interact with non-Community organisations (e.g. IPPC, EPPO, CBD, ...);

The Council therefore INVITES

20. the Commission to proceed to an evaluation of the current Community plant health regime and to consider possible modifications to the existing legal framework and the impact of such modifications, taking into account the issues underlined in paragraphs 4 to 19;
21. the Commission to present, based on the outcome of such evaluations, a proposal for a Community plant health strategy, putting prevention at the core of the Community plant health system;
22. the Commission to inform the Council regularly of the progress achieved."