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## Council adopts position on 2014 EU budget

The Council today<sup>1</sup> adopted<sup>2</sup> its position on the 2014 EU draft budget ([12222/13](#) + [ADD 1](#) + [ADD 2](#) + [ADD 3](#) + [ADD 4](#) + [ADD 5](#)), the first annual budget relating to the period of the new multiannual financial framework (MFF) covering the years 2014-2020 on which a political agreement was reached by the Council and the European Parliament at the end of June.

The Council's position thoroughly respects the expenditure ceilings of the new MFF while keeping appropriate margins in order to meet possible unforeseen expenditure needs.

The Council's position amounts to

- **EUR 142.23 billion in commitments<sup>3</sup>** (EUR 141.77 billion if specific instruments outside the multiannual financial framework are excluded; this would leave a margin of EUR 769.25 million);
- **EUR 135.00 billion in payments<sup>4</sup>** (EUR 134.80 billion if specific instruments outside the multiannual financial framework are excluded; this would leave a margin of EUR 1.06 billion).

Compared to the 2013 EU budget as amended by amending budget no 1, commitments decrease by EUR 9.33 billion or 6.15% and payments increase by EUR 1.79 billion or 1.35%.

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- <sup>1</sup> The decision was taken by written procedure.  
<sup>2</sup> The Belgian, Danish and United Kingdom delegations abstained.  
<sup>3</sup> Commitments are legal promises to spend money for activities whose implementation might extend over several financial years.  
<sup>4</sup> This corresponds to 1.00% of the EU's gross national income.

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Compared to the amounts proposed by the Commission, the Council's position provides for a reduction by EUR 240.68 million in commitments and EUR 1.06 billion in payments.

New programmes and actions, such as the youth employment initiative, are exempted from reductions which have been targeted on the basis of past and current budget implementation and realistic absorption capacities.

The Council's position serves as a mandate to the Lithuanian presidency to negotiate next year's EU budget with the European Parliament, which is expected to adopt its amendments to the Council's position in the week starting on 21 October. If the Council's and the Parliament's positions diverge, a three-week conciliation period will start on 24 October (until 13 November included) (*see flow-chart in the [annex](#)*).

A summary of the draft Council's position is set out in the tables below:

### Multiannual Financial Framework

		Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
1	<b>Smart and inclusive growth</b>	70 707 677 960	59 275 929 632	63 761 450 281	62 159 951 818	-6 946 227 679	+2 884 022 186	-9,82%	+4,87%
	<i>total ceiling available</i>			63 973 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			211 549 719					
1.a	Competitiveness for growth and jobs	15 749 628 923	11 927 534 896	16 204 170 281	11 268 479 258	+ 454 541 358	- 659 055 638	+2,89%	-5,53%
	<i>ceiling</i>			16 390 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			185 829 719					
1.b	Economic, social and territorial cohesion	54 958 049 037	47 348 394 736	47 557 280 000	50 891 472 560	-7 400 769 037	+3 543 077 824	-13,47%	+7,48%
	<i>ceiling</i>			47 583 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			25 720 000					
2	<b>Sustainable growth: natural resources</b>	59 885 141 416	57 240 268 759	59 246 121 423	56 419 898 785	- 639 019 993	- 820 369 974	-1,07%	-1,43%
	<i>ceiling</i>			59 303 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			56 878 577					
	Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments	43 654 926 842	43 660 236 872	43 778 100 000	43 776 956 403	+ 123 173 158	+ 116 719 531	+0,28%	+0,27%
	<i>ceiling</i>			44 130 000 000					
	<i>net transfer between eagf and eafrd</i>			- 351 900 000					
	<i>margin</i>			0					
3	<b>Security and citizenship</b>	2 361 737 568	1 750 224 766	2 134 222 376	1 657 999 647	- 227 515 192	- 92 225 119	-9,63%	-5,27%
	<i>ceiling</i>			2 179 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			44 777 624					
4	<b>Global Europe</b>	9 341 336 711	6 321 456 958	8 158 521 694	6 094 707 648	-1 182 815 017	- 226 749 310	-12,66%	-3,59%
	<i>ceiling</i>			8 335 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			176 478 306					
5	<b>Administration</b>	8 418 432 740	8 418 107 740	8 441 831 853	8 443 454 653	+ 23 399 113	+ 25 346 913	+0,28%	+0,30%
	<i>ceiling</i>			8 721 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			279 168 147					
	Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	6 850 228 657	6 849 903 657	6 835 090 210	6 836 713 010	- 15 138 447	- 13 190 647	-0,22%	-0,19%
	<i>ceiling</i>			7 056 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			220 909 790					
6	<b>Compensations</b>	75 000 000	75 000 000	28 600 000	28 600 000	- 46 400 000	- 46 400 000	-61,87%	-61,87%
	<i>ceiling</i>			29 000 000					
	<i>margin</i>			400 000					
<b>Multiannual Financial Framework</b>		150 789 326 395	133 080 987 855	141 770 747 627	134 804 612 551	-9 018 578 768	+1 723 624 696	-5,98%	+1,30%
	<i>total ceiling available</i>			142 540 000 000	135 866 000 000				
	<i>margin</i>			769 252 373	1 061 387 449				
<b>Appropriations as % of GNI</b>		1,15%	1,01%	1,05%	1,00%				

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## Outside MFF

Description	1		4		4-1		4/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR)	264 115 000	80 000 000	297 000 000	150 000 000	+ 32 885 000	+ 70 000 000	+12,45%	+87,50%
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)	500 000 000	50 000 000	159 181 000	50 000 000	- 340 819 000		-68,16%	
European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.				
Outside the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)	764 115 000	130 000 000	456 181 000	200 000 000	- 307 934 000	+ 70 000 000	-40,30%	+53,85%
Appropriations as % of GNI	0,01%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%				

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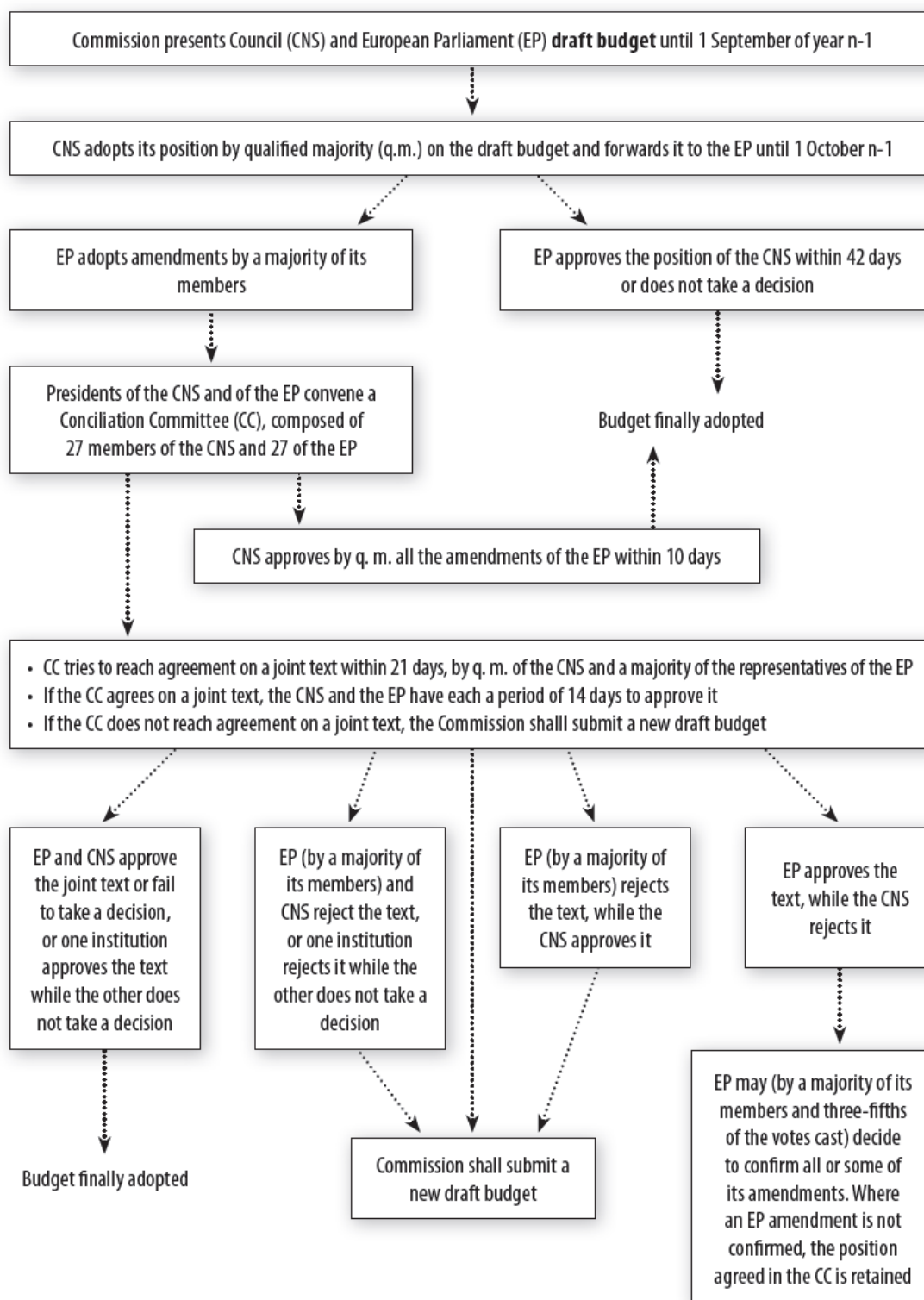
## Multiannual Financial Framework + outside MFF

Description	1		4		4-1		4/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Multiannual Financial Framework	150 789 326 395	133 080 987 855	141 770 747 627	134 804 612 551	-9 018 578 768	+1 723 624 696	-5,98%	+1,30%
Outside the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)	764 115 000	130 000 000	456 181 000	200 000 000	- 307 934 000	+ 70 000 000	-40,30%	+53,85%
Grand total	151 553 441 395	133 210 987 855	142 226 928 627	135 004 612 551	-9 326 512 768	+1 793 624 696	-6,15%	+1,35%
Appropriations as % of GNI	1,15%	1,01%	1,05%	1,00%				

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## Budget procedure Lisbon Treaty (Art. 314)



CC = Conciliation Committee

CNS = Council

EP = European Parliament

q.m. = qualified majority