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Council approves agreement on 2014 EU budget

The Council today formally approved¹ the agreement with the European Parliament on the 2014 EU budget and the financing of EUR 400.5 million to redress flood and drought damages in four member states, confirming herewith the deal reached in the Conciliation Committee on 12 November ([16106/13](#) + [ADD 1](#) + [ADD 2](#) + [ADD 3](#) + [ADD 4](#) + [ADD 5](#) [16107/13](#)).

The 2014 EU budget puts strong emphasis on priority areas such as growth, jobs and innovation while reflecting member states' consolidation efforts at national level.

Next year's budget includes EUR 6.3 billion in payments and EUR 9.3 billion in commitments for the research framework programme Horizon 2020, and EUR 900 million in payments and EUR 3.6 billion in commitments to kick-start the Youth Employment Initiative.

Overall payments amount to **EUR 135.50 billion**, which is EUR 8.9 billion or 6.2% below the 2013 EU budget (including all additional funds agreed by the Council and the European Parliament in the course of this year). **Overall commitments** have been set at **EUR 142.64 billion**, which is a decrease of EUR 9.5 billion or 6.2% compared to the 2013 EU budget. This leaves a margin of EUR 711.39 billion in payments (if the funds for the special instruments are not taken into account), allowing the EU to cope with unforeseen events. The European Parliament is expected to approve next year's EU budget tomorrow, which is then considered to be adopted.

¹ The decision was taken at the General Affairs Council.

P R E S S

The 2014 EU budget is in line with the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2014-2020 which is expected to be approved by the European Parliament today and formally adopted by the Council on 2 December. The next MFF provides for a reduction of the expenditure ceiling by 3.7% in payments and by 3.5% in commitments compared to the current MFF (2007-2013).

The Council today also formally approved the agreement reached in the Conciliation Committee on the financing of EUR 400.5 million out of the EU's Solidarity fund for the remediation of damages caused by floods in Germany (EUR 360.5 million), Austria (EUR 21.7 million) and the Czech Republic (EUR 15.9 million) and drought in Romania (EUR 2.5 million). An amount of EUR 250.5 million is financed by redeployments in the 2013 budget and the remaining EUR 150 million in 2014.

2014 EU budget – Multiannual financial framework

	Description	1		2		2/1	
		Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 to DAB No 9/2013 incl.)		Joint Text 2014		Difference (%)	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
1	Smart and inclusive growth	70 830 682 960	69 127 255 205	63 986 340 779	62 392 787 050	-9,66%	-9,74%
	<i>total ceiling available</i>			64 062 330 000			
	<i>margin</i>			75 989 221			
1.a	Competitiveness for growth and jobs	15 722 633 923	12 777 710 469	16 484 010 779	11 441 322 326	+4,84%	-10,46%
	<i>ceiling</i>			16 560 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			75 989 221			
1.b	Economic, social and territorial cohesion	55 108 049 037	56 349 544 736	47 502 330 000	50 951 464 724	-13,80%	-9,58%
	<i>ceiling</i>			47 413 000 000			
	<i>flexibility instrument</i>			89 330 000			
	<i>margin</i>			0			
2	Sustainable growth: natural resources	59 885 141 416	57 814 298 094	59 267 214 684	56 458 930 369	-1,03%	-2,34%
	<i>ceiling</i>			59 303 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			35 785 316			
3	Security and citizenship	2 362 164 568	1 894 151 766	2 171 998 732	1 677 039 976	-8,05%	-11,46%
	<i>ceiling</i>			2 179 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			7 001 268			
4	Global Europe	9 341 336 711	6 731 869 945	8 325 000 000	6 191 238 421	-10,88%	-8,03%
	<i>ceiling</i>			8 335 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			10 000 000			
5	Administration	8 417 416 740	8 417 091 740	8 405 144 376	8 406 017 176	-0,15%	-0,13%
	<i>ceiling</i>			8 721 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			315 855 624			
	Pensions and European Schools	1 568 204 083	1 568 204 083	1 607 124 643	1 607 124 643	+2,48%	+2,48%
	Administrative expenditure of the institutions	6 849 212 657	6 848 887 657	6 798 019 733	6 798 892 533	-0,75%	-0,73%
	<i>ceiling</i>			7 056 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			257 980 267			
6	Compensations	75 000 000	75 000 000	28 600 000	28 600 000	-61,87%	-61,87%
	<i>ceiling</i>			29 000 000			
	<i>margin</i>			400 000			
	Multiannual Financial Framework	150 911 742 395	144 059 666 750	142 184 298 571	135 154 612 992	-5,78%	-6,18%
	<i>total ceiling available</i>			142 629 330 000	135 866 000 000		
	<i>margin</i>			445 031 429	711 387 008		
	Appropriations as % of GNI	1,15%	1,10%	1,05%	1,00%		

2014 EU budget – Special instruments

Description	1		2		2/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 to DAB No 9/2013 incl.)		Joint Text 2014		Difference (%)	
	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	112,45%	187,50%
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)	500 000 000	45 338 161	159 181 000	50 000 000	31,84%	110,28%
European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)	415 127 031	265 127 031	p.m.	150 000 000		56,58%
Special instruments	1 179 242 031	390 465 192	456 181 000	350 000 000	38,68%	89,64%
Appropriations as % of GNI	0,01%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%		

2014 EU budget – Grand total

Description	1		2		2/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 to DAB No 9/2013 incl.)		Joint Text 2014		Difference (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Multiannual Financial Framework	150 911 742 395	144 059 666 750	142 184 298 571	135 154 612 992	-5,78%	-6,18%
Special instruments	1 179 242 031	390 465 192	456 181 000	350 000 000	-61,32%	-10,36%
Grand total	152 090 984 426	144 450 131 942	142 640 479 571	135 504 612 992	-6,21%	-6,19%
Appropriations as % of GNI	1,16%	1,10%	1,06%	1,00%		