

# Procedure file

Basic information	
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Procedure completed	
European Union Solidarity Fund: financing and conditions to resort to it. Interinstitutional agreement	
Subject	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		26/09/2002
		PSE <a href="#">COLOM I NAVAL Joan</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	<a href="#">2461</a>	11/11/2002
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2460</a>	05/11/2002
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2459</a>	22/10/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Budget</a>		

Key events			
11/09/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">SEC(2002)0960</a>	Summary
26/09/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/10/2002	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2459</a>	
06/11/2002	Vote in committee		
06/11/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0379/2002</a>	
07/11/2002	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0526/2002</a>	Summary
07/11/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/11/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/11/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

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Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/16757

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">SEC(2002)0960</a>	11/09/2002	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	<a href="#">A5-0379/2002</a>	06/11/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	<a href="#">T5-0526/2002</a> OJ C 016 22.01.2004, p. 0015-0058 E	07/11/2002	EP	Summary

### Final act

Interinstitutional agreement 2002/1120  
[OJ C 283 20.11.2002, p. 0001-0002](#) Summary

## European Union Solidarity Fund: financing and conditions to resort to it. Interinstitutional agreement

**PURPOSE** : to present the draft for an Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund and the conditions governing the resort to it. **CONTENT** : in the event of a major disaster occurring in the European Union or in the candidate countries with which accession negotiations are underway, the EU should have the means to contribute to emergency relief and the rapid return to normal of essential living conditions in the disaster-stricken areas. Therefore, the Commission has proposed the creation of a European Union Solidarity Fund to face disasters. The maximum annual amount which could be mobilised by the Fund is EUR 1 billion. In order to ensure the necessary financial flexibility and speed of intervention, the Fund's appropriations should be made available over and above the annual ceilings of the relevant financial perspective headings and their mobilisation should be able to rely on a fast procedure.?

## European Union Solidarity Fund: financing and conditions to resort to it. Interinstitutional agreement

**PURPOSE** : Interinstitutional Agreement on the flexibility mechanism and financing concerning the European Union Solidarity Fund ("the Fund"). **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure. **CONTENT** : The Fund was established by Council Regulation 2012/2002/EC. This Agreement sets a ceiling on the annual amount available for expenditure by the Fund of EUR 1 thousand million. On 1 October each year, at least one-quarter of the annual amount must remain available in order to cover needs arising until the end of the year. No non-budgetised portion of the annual amount may be carried over. In exceptional cases and if the remaining financial resources are deemed insufficient by the budgetary authority, the Commission may propose that the difference be financed through the next year's Fund. The annual budgetary ceiling of the Fund in the year of occurrence of the disaster and the following year will under all circumstances be respected. When the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met (see CNS/2002/0228) the Commission will make a proposal to deploy the flexibility mechanism. It will at the same time, initiate a tripartite procedure on the need to resort to the flexibility mechanism and on the amount to be allocated over and above each heading in the financial perspective. Following the agreement reached in the tripartite dialogue and the adoption of the joint decision, the two arms of the budgetary authority will undertake to adopt the relevant amending budget as soon as possible and preferably in a single reading by each of the institutions concerned.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joan COLOM I NAVAL (PES, Spain) approving the interinstitutional agreement on financing the Solidarity Fund.?