

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2004/2023(BUD)	Procedure completed
Amending budget 3/2004: section III Solidarity Fund, natural disasters in the Member States from the South		
Subject 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		
Geographical area Spain France Malta		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	ELDR MULDER Jan	02/12/2002
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2574	30/03/2004
European Commission	Commission DG Budget	Commissioner	

Key events			
09/03/2004	Commission preliminary draft budget published	SEC(2004)0269	Summary
17/03/2004	Vote in committee		
17/03/2004	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A5-0203/2004	
26/03/2004	Council draft budget published	07684/2004	Summary
29/03/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/03/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0197/2004	Summary
30/03/2004	Draft budget approved by Council		
30/03/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/2023(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Budget
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/20805

Documentation gateway

Commission preliminary draft budget	SEC(2004)0269	09/03/2004	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0203/2004	17/03/2004	EP	
Council draft budget	07684/2004	26/03/2004	CSL	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	T5-0197/2004 OJ C 103 29.04.2004, p. 0030-0138 E	30/03/2004	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2004/348](#)
[OJ L 128 29.04.2004, p. 0075-0080](#) Summary

Amending budget 3/2004: section III Solidarity Fund, natural disasters in the Member States from the South

PURPOSE: To present a preliminary draft amending budget No 5 to the budget for 2004 offering EU Solidarity funds for France, Spain and Malta following natural disasters in these countries. **CONTENT:** On 1 October 2003, 10 November 2003 and 26 January 2004 the Commission received applications from Spain, Malta and France for financial aid based on the EU's Solidarity Funds. (See ACI/2004/2025). In response to this request the European Commission undertook an extensive investigation of the files based on Regulation 2012/2002/EC, setting up the Solidarity Fund. On the basis of this investigation, the Commission came to the following conclusions: - In the case of France and Spain their applications do not qualify as "major disasters" as the estimated damage remains below the threshold of EUR 3 billion in 2002 prices applicable to these two countries. The French application has thus been examined under the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2, last subparagraph of the EUSF regulation setting out the conditions for exceptionally mobilising the Solidarity Fund if certain criteria are met, such as "extraordinary regional disaster" - The Spanish application, in its revised version (received on 14 November) was examined under the "neighbouring country" criterion set out in Article 2 (2) second subparagraph. - In the case of Malta there is clear evidence that its application qualifies as a major disaster and thus falls within the main parameters of the Solidarity Fund. The total EU Solidarity Fund amounts to EUR 1 billion. The 2004 budget provisions for the Solidarity Fund remain unused. As a result the Commission proposes awarding the following sums to the applicants: Malta for flooding: EUR 961.000 Spain/fires: EUR 1,331 million France/flooding: EUR 19,625 million Total: EUR 21,917 million?

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On 26 March 2004, the Council established draft amending budget 5 for the financial year 2004, entering a total amount of EUR 21,917 million in commitment appropriations in the European Union Solidarity Fund. Following this draft amending budget, total commitment appropriations amount to EUR 111.407.240.892, with payment appropriations remaining unchanged.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Jan MULDER (ELDR, NL) welcoming amending budget No 5/2004, the purpose of which is to enter without delay the budgetary resources mobilised as part of the European Union Solidarity Fund in the 2004 budget so that those affected by these natural disasters can be assisted. (please see ACI/2004/2025.) It emphasised the fact that the adoption of amending budget No 5/2004 in one single reading has ensured the most rapid assistance possible from the EU budget to the countries and regions concerned, and accordingly approved Draft Amending Budget No 5/2004.?

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PURPOSE : the final adoption of the amending budget 3/2004 of the European Union. LEGISLATIVE ACT : 2004/348/EC, Euratom.

CONTENT : the European Parliament has adopted the amending budget 3/2004 in accordance with its resolution of 30 March 2004 (refer to the summary of the resolution). This amending budget aims to mobilise the Solidarity Fund in the European Union in view of offering assistance to France, Spain and Malta following natural disasters in these countries. (Please also refer to ACI/2004/2025). The total amount of EUR 21 917 has been allocated for this purpose. It should be noted that this amending budget 3/2004 was formerly referred to as amending budget 5/2004 when it was presented as the preliminary draft budget and the Council's draft budget.?