


# Procedure file

Basic information	
ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	2008/2317(ACI)
EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Cyprus following drought in 2008	
Subject 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund	
Geographical area Cyprus	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		20/09/2004
Council of the European Union European Commission	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Commission DG <u>Budget</u>	Commissioner GRYBAUSKAITĖ Dalia	

Key events			
07/11/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">COM(2008)0732</a>	Summary
17/11/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
04/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A6-0474/2008</a>	
18/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0619/2008</a>	Summary
18/12/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/01/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/2317(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/6/69601

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Non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">COM(2008)0732</a>	07/11/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE416.255</a>	18/11/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A6-0474/2008</a>	04/12/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0619/2008</a>	18/12/2008	EP	Summary

## Final act

[Decision 2009/80](#)  
[OJ L 026 30.01.2009, p. 0003](#) Summary

## EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Cyprus following drought in 2008

**PURPOSE:** [to mobilise the Solidarity Fund to assist](#) Cyprus affected by severe drought in 2008.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT:** the Interinstitutional Agreement ([IIA](#)) of 17 May 2006 allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund through a flexibility mechanism, within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion, over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 (please refer to [CNS/2002/0228](#)).

On the basis of application for assistance from the Fund by Cyprus following drought which culminated in April 2008, total estimates of the damage caused are as follows:

- Direct damage: EUR 176 150 000;
- Aid requested (Cyprus): EUR 7 605 445.

In the light of the examination of the application, and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations under the heading requiring additional expenditure, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 7 605 445, to be allocated under heading 3b of the financial framework.

By presenting this proposal to deploy the Fund, the Commission initiates the simplified trilogue procedure, as required by Point 26 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, in view of securing the agreement of the two arms of the Budgetary Authority on the need to use the Fund and the amount required. The Commission invites the first of the two arms of the Budgetary Authority that reaches agreement on the draft mobilisation proposal, at appropriate political level, to inform the other arm and the Commission of its intentions.

In case of disagreement by either of the two arms of the budgetary authority, a formal trilogue meeting will be convened.

The Commission will present a preliminary draft amending budget (PDAB) in order to enter in the 2008 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, broken down by beneficiary country, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see [BUD/2008/2316](#)).

## EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Cyprus following drought in 2008

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drafted by Reimer BÖGE (EPP-ED, DE) and approved the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to assist Cyprus affected by a severe drought in 2008.

According to the draft decision, an amount of EUR 7 605 445 in commitment and payment appropriations shall be mobilised for this cause through an amending budget (AB No 10/2008) (see [BUD/2008/2316](#)).

## EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Cyprus following drought in 2008

**PURPOSE:** to conclude an interinstitutional agreement in order to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to assist Cyprus affected by a severe drought in 2008.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision 2009/80/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, in accordance with point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management.

**CONTENT:** the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund through a flexibility mechanism, within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion, over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

On the basis of application for assistance from the Fund by Cyprus following drought which culminated in April 2008, total estimates of the damage caused amount to EUR 176 150 000.

In the light of the examination of the application, and considering the maximum possible grant from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations under the heading requiring additional expenditure, the Commission decided to mobilise the European Union

Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 7 605 445, to be allocated under heading 3 of the financial framework.

At the same time, an amending budget has been adopted in order to enter in the 2008 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see [BUD/2008/2316](#)).

## EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Cyprus following drought in 2008

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[The European Parliament adopted by 559 votes to 14 with 10 abstentions, a resolution approving the Commission's proposal to mobilise European Union Solidarity Fund to assist Cyprus affected by a severe drought in 2008.](#)

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Reimer BÖGE (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Budgets.

According to the draft decision, an amount of EUR 7 605 445 in commitment and payment appropriations shall be mobilised for this cause through an amending budget (AB No 10/2008) (see [BUD/2008/2316](#)).