

Procedure file

Basic information	
ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	2008/2320(ACI)
Procedure completed	
Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)	
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8.40.10 Interinstitutional relations, subsidiarity, proportionality, comitology	
8.70.03 Budgetary control and discharge, implementation of the budget	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFCO Constitutional Affairs		16/12/2008
		PSE LEINEN Jo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs2916		16/12/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	GRYBAUSKAITĖ Dalia	

Key events			
02/12/2008	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2008)0834	Summary
15/12/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/12/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
16/12/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0509/2008	
18/12/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/12/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0617/2008	Summary
18/12/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/2320(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Interinstitutional agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/6/70517

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2008)0834	02/12/2008	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0509/2008	16/12/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0617/2008	18/12/2008	EP	Summary

Final act	
Interinstitutional agreement 2008/1220 OJ C 326 20.12.2008, p. 0003 Summary	

Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)

PURPOSE: to amend Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management in order to increase the amount provided under in this Agreement as regards the Emergency Aid Reserve.

PROPOSED ACT: Interinstitutional Agreement.

CONTENT: the recent developments in food and commodity prices have raised concerns especially as regards their impact for developing countries. The Commission proposed to create a new facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries ([COD/2008/0149](#)).

Having examined the scope for reallocating expenditure within Heading 4 as well as the possible use of all other available instruments (the Instrument for Stability, the Flexibility instrument), the Emergency Aid Reserve was identified as one of the suitable instruments for financing the facility.

Since the remaining amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve for the year 2008 is insufficient to cover the needs of the food facility, an increase is necessary in order to enable the Reserve to contribute to the food facility financing.

The annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve is fixed at EUR 221 million in constant prices for the duration of the financial framework.

The Council and the European Parliament agreed that it shall be increased to EUR 479.218 million (in current prices), uniquely and exceptionally for the year 2008.

Therefore, the Interinstitutional Agreement setting the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be amended accordingly.

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The Committee on Constitutional Affairs adopted, according to the simplified procedure (Rule 43(1) of the Rules of Procedure), the report drafted by Jo LEINEN (PES, DE) on a draft amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 ([IIA](#)) between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management approving the amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement as agreed upon at the conciliation meeting of 21 November 2008 (refer to the summary of the amended draft budget [BUD/2008/2026](#)).

The amendment aims to include a sentence in the IIA stipulating that the amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be exceptionally increased to EUR 479.218 million for the year 2008 in current prices. This amount will cover the needs of the new [Food Facility](#) for rapid response to soaring prices in developing countries.

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The European Parliament adopted, by 516 votes to 17 with 8 abstentions, a resolution approving the draft amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 ([IIA](#)) between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management approving the amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement as agreed upon at the conciliation meeting of 21 November 2008 (refer to the summary of the amended draft budget [BUD/2008/2026](#)).

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Jo LEINEN (PES, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

The amendment aims to include a sentence in the IIA stipulating that the amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be exceptionally increased to EUR 479.218 million for the year 2008 in current prices. This amount will cover the needs of the new [Food Facility](#) for rapid response to soaring prices in developing countries.

Financial framework 2007-2013: Emergency Aid Reserve in 2008 (amend. Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management)

PURPOSE: to amend Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management in order to increase the amount provided under in this Agreement as regards the Emergency Aid Reserve.

ACT: Amendment 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: this amendment to the [Institutional Agreement](#) provides that the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve shall be increased to EUR 479.218 million (in current prices), uniquely and exceptionally for the year 2008.

The increase is due to the fact that the recent developments in food and commodity prices have raised concerns especially as regards their impact for developing countries. The Commission had proposed the creation of a [new facility for rapid response to soaring food prices](#) in developing countries and the two arms of budgetary authority, at the conciliation meeting of 21 November 2008, agreed to provide part of the financing for this facility from the Emergency Aid Reserve. However, the remaining amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve for the year 2008 was insufficient to cover the needs of the food facility. Accordingly, an increase was necessary in order to enable the Reserve to contribute to the food facility financing. Previously, the annual amount of the Emergency Aid Reserve was fixed at EUR 221 million in constant prices for the duration of the financial framework.

It should be noted that this modification has been directly integrated into the 2008 budget (see [BUD/2007/2019](#)).