

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2009/2083(BUD)	Procedure completed
EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Italy following the Abruzzo earthquake in 2009		
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Geographical area Italy		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PPE-DE BÖGE Reimer	20/09/2004
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2964	09/10/2009
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	ŠEMETA Algirdas	

Key events			
27/08/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2009)0445	Summary
14/09/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/10/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
07/10/2009	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0021/2009	
08/10/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0026/2009	Summary
09/10/2009	Draft budget approved by Council		
09/10/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/11/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/2083(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/7/00810

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	COM(2009)0445	28/08/2009	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE428.033	07/09/2009	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0021/2009	07/10/2009	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	T7-0026/2009	08/10/2009	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2009/844](#)
[OJ L 304 19.11.2009, p. 0005](#) Summary

EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Italy following the Abruzzo earthquake in 2009

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Italy following the earthquake in 2009.

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

CONTENT: the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 ([IIA](#)) allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund through a flexibility mechanism, within an 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 Italy following an earthquake in April 2009, total estimates of the damage caused are as follows:

- Direct damages: EUR 10 212 036 560;
- Aid proposed (Italy): EUR 493 771 159.

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 493 771 159, 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 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 2009 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 ([BUD/2009/2087](#)).

EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Italy following the Abruzzo earthquake in 2009

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drawn up by Reimer BÖGE (EPP, DE) calling on the European Parliament to approve, unamended, the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Under this proposal, the Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 493 771 159 in commitment and payment appropriations in 2009 to assist Italy following an earthquake in April 2009.

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The European Parliament adopted by 620 votes to 4 with 14 abstentions, a resolution approving the proposal for a decision on the mobilisation

of the European Union Solidarity Fund.

The Fund is mobilised in favour of Italy. The resolution states that, for the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009, the Solidarity Fund will be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 493 771 159 in commitment and payment appropriations.

In parallel with this proposal, the Commission has presented a preliminary amending budget (PDAB No 9/2009) in order to enter in the 2009 budget (see [BUD/2009/2087](#)).

EU Solidarity Fund: mobilisation for Italy following the Abruzzo earthquake in 2009

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Italy following the earthquake in 2009.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2009/844/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 ([IIA](#)) allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund through a flexibility mechanism, within an 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 Italy following an earthquake in April 2009 in the Italian region of Abruzzo, the European Parliament and the Council decided to mobilise the EUSF to provide the sum of EUR 493 771 159 in commitment and payment appropriations for the year 2009.

An amending budget was adopted in parallel in order to enter in the 2009 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 ([BUD/2009/2087](#)).