

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2009/2207(BUD)	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: projects in the field of energy; decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant		
Subject		
3.60 Energy policy		
3.60.04 Nuclear energy, industry and safety		
8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		
8.70.70 Flexibility instrument		
Geographical area		
Bulgaria		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PPE BÖGE Reimer	30/11/2009
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL Eider	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2984	07/12/2009

Key events			
30/11/2009	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2009)0660	Summary
02/12/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
04/12/2009	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0080/2009	
07/12/2009	Draft budget approved by Council		
14/12/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/12/2009	Debate in Parliament		
17/12/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/12/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0113/2009	Summary

17/12/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/12/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2207(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/7/01680

Documentation gateway					
Committee draft report		PE430.877	30/11/2009	EP	
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2009)0660	30/11/2009	EC	Summary
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A7-0080/2009	04/12/2009	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T7-0113/2009	17/12/2009	EP	Summary

Final act	
Decision 2009/1007 OJ L 347 24.12.2009, p. 0029	Summary

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: projects in the field of energy; decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant

PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in order to finance part of the European Economic Recovery Plan as well as the decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria.

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 Flexibility Instrument to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more headings of the multiannual financial framework.

For budget 2010, additional expenditure, beyond the ceilings of heading 1a is required.

It is therefore proposed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in accordance with point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement.

The amounts to be mobilised are as follows:

- EUR 120 million towards the financing of projects in the field of energy in the context of the [European Economic Recovery Plan](#);
- EUR 75 million for the [decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant](#).

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: projects in the field of energy; decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drawn up by Reimer BÖGE (EPP, ED) approving the proposal for a decision to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in order to finance part of the European Economic Recovery Plan as well as the [decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria](#).

In concrete terms, the decommissioning of the Kozloduy will continue after 2009 and require financing of EUR 300 million for the period 2010-2013. The two arms of the budgetary authority decided at the conciliation meeting of 18 November 2009 to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to cover the necessary amount (see [BUD 2009/2002](#)).

The two arms of the budgetary authority agreed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the 2010 budget in the

field of energy in the context of the [European Economic Recovery Plan](#), beyond the ceiling of subheading 1a, of:

- EUR 120 million towards the financing of projects in the field of energy;
- EUR 75 million for the decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant.

MEPs welcome the agreement reached during the conciliation meeting on the use of the Flexibility Instrument but deplore the fact that the Commission presented the financing needs for Kozloduy only in Letter of amendment No 2/2010 (i.e. after Parliament's first reading). They consider that the late arrival of the proposal, which created an additional pressure on subheading 1a, considerably affected the dynamics of the negotiations on the 2010 budget and Parliament's ability to pursue its political priorities. However, they consider it essential to stick to the political commitments and thus to continue financing the decommissioning of Kozloduy in 2010.

MEPs point out that further financing of Kozloduy in 2011-2013 should be without prejudice to the financing of the existing multi-annual programmes and actions.

They approve the decision annexed to this resolution with the aim of mobilising the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 195 million for 2010.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: projects in the field of energy; decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant

PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in order to finance part of the European Economic Recovery Plan as well as the decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council 2009/1007/EU of 17 December 2009 on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in accordance with point 27 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: in accordance with the budgetary conciliation meeting of 18 November 2009 between the two arms of the budgetary authority (see [BUD 2009/2002](#)), the European Parliament and the Council have decided to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in 2010 for amount of EUR 195 million in commitment appropriations, beyond the ceiling of subheading 1a of the Financial Perspectives.

This amount shall be used to complement the financing of:

- EUR 120 million towards the financing of projects in the field of energy in the context of the European Economic Recovery Plan,
- EUR 75 million for the decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: projects in the field of energy; decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant

The European Parliament adopted by 544 votes to 18, with 14 abstentions, a resolution approving, unamended, the proposal for a decision to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in order to finance part of the European Economic Recovery Plan as well as the [decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria](#).

In concrete terms, the decommissioning of the Kozloduy will continue after 2009 and require financing of EUR 300 million for the period 2010-2013. The two arms of the budgetary authority decided at the conciliation meeting of 18 November 2009 to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to cover the necessary amount (see [BUD 2009/2002](#)).

The two arms of the budgetary authority agreed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the 2010 budget in the field of energy in the context of the [European Economic Recovery Plan](#), beyond the ceiling of subheading 1a, of:

- EUR 120 million towards the financing of projects in the field of energy;
- EUR 75 million for the decommissioning of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant.

Parliament notes that, despite the redeployment of funds from the 2009 and the 2010 margins, the ceiling of sub-heading 1a did not allow for an adequate financing of the EERP and the decommissioning of the Kozloduy power plant. It welcomes, therefore, the agreement reached during the conciliation on the use of the Flexibility Instrument for these purposes for a total amount of EUR 195 million.

Parliament, nevertheless, deplores the fact that the Commission presented the financing needs for Kozloduy only in Letter of amendment No 2/2010 (i.e. after Parliament's first reading). It considers that the late arrival of the proposal, which created an additional pressure on subheading 1a, considerably affected the dynamics of the negotiations on the 2010 budget and Parliament's ability to pursue its political priorities. However, it considers it essential to stick to the political commitments and thus to continue financing the decommissioning of Kozloduy in 2010.

MEPs point out that further financing of Kozloduy in 2011-2013 should be without prejudice to the financing of the existing multi-annual programmes and actions.

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