


Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2010/2237(BUD)	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Madeira, Portugal, and storm Xynthia in France in 2010		
Subject 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets		
Geographical area France Portugal		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		20/10/2010
		PPE BÖGE Reimer Shadow rapporteur S&D GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL Eider ALDE GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3032	10/12/2010
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
13/10/2010	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2010)0578	Summary
19/10/2010	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/11/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
22/11/2010	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0335/2010	
10/12/2010	Draft budget approved by Council		
14/12/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/12/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0453/2010	Summary
14/12/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2010/2237(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/7/04289

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2010)0578	13/10/2010	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE450.930	19/10/2010	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A7-0335/2010	22/11/2010	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T7-0453/2010	14/12/2010	EP	Summary

Final act	
Decision 2010/804 OJ L 342 28.12.2010, p. 0016	Summary

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Madeira, Portugal, and storm Xynthia in France in 2010

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Portugal and France hit by severe flooding in 2010.

PROPOSED ACT: the [Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006](#) allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, 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.

On the basis of application for assistance from the Fund by Portugal and France relating to landslides and flooding on Madeira island (Portugal) and storm Xynthia (France) in February 2010, total estimates of the damage caused are as follows:

- Direct damages (Madeira flooding):EUR 1 080 000 000;
- Direct damages (France Xynthia storm):EUR 1 425 430 000.
- Total aid proposed: EUR 66 891 540.

In the light of the examination of the applications, 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 66 891 540, 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 each arm of the budgetary authority to inform the other arm and the Commission on 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 draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2010 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see [BUD/2010/2238](#)).

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Madeira, Portugal, and storm Xynthia in France in 2010

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drafted by Reimer BÖGE (EPP, DE) calling on the European Parliament to approve, unamended, the proposal for a decision to mobilise the European Solidarity Funds. Under the proposal, these funds shall be mobilised for a total amount of EUR 66 891 540 in commitment and payment appropriations in 2010 to assist Madeira (PT) following landslides and flooding and France following 'Xynthia' storm.

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The European Parliament adopted by 476 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions, a resolution approving the proposal to mobilise the European Solidarity Funds.

These funds shall be mobilised for a total amount of EUR 66 891 540 in commitment and payment appropriations in 2010 to assist both Madeira (PT) following landslides and severe flooding and France following storm Xynthia.

It should be noted that the Parliament adopted a drafted amending budget (No 9/2010) in order to formally enter in the 2010 budget the corresponding commitment and payment appropriations (see [BUD/2010/2238](#)).

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Madeira, Portugal, and storm Xynthia in France in 2010

PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to assist Portugal and France hit by severe flooding in 2010.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/804/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the 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 (EUSF), 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 Portugal and France relating to landslides and flooding on Madeira island (Portugal) and storm Xynthia (France) in February 2010, the European Parliament and the Council have decided to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide the sum of EUR 66 891 540 in commitment and payment appropriations.

An amending budget has been adopted in parallel in order to formally enter the appropriations in the 2010 budget, as requested in Point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 (see [BUD/2010/2238](#)).