



# Procedure file

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Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: European neighbourhood policy	Procedure completed
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	PPE <a href="#">BÖGE Reimer</a>	06/07/2011
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">3129</a>	30/11/2011
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Budget</a>	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
17/06/2011	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">COM(2011)0373</a>	Summary
23/06/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/10/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
17/10/2011	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A7-0353/2011</a>	
26/10/2011	Debate in Parliament		
30/11/2011	Draft budget approved by Council		
01/12/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/12/2011	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0520/2011</a>	Summary
01/12/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/01/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2011/2126(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/7/06302

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">COM(2011)0373</a>	17/06/2011	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE473.732</a>	04/10/2011	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A7-0353/2011</a>	17/10/2011	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0520/2011</a>	01/12/2011	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2012/3](#)  
[OJ L 004 07.01.2012, p. 0010](#) Summary

## Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: European neighbourhood policy

**PURPOSE:** to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012.

**BACKGROUND:** Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT:** the [Interinstitutional Agreement](#) of 17 May 2006 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.

In accordance with point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement, and after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under heading 4, the Commission proposes to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy, for an amount of EUR 153.3 million beyond the ceiling of heading 4.

It is recalled that the two arms of the budgetary authority are reminded that the publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union shall not intervene later than the publication for the General Budget for the year 2012.

## Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: European neighbourhood policy

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report drafted by Reimer BÖGE (EPP, DE) in which it calls on the European Parliament to approve the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, beyond the ceilings of heading 1a and 4, of:

- EUR 30.75 million for the EU 2020 Strategy under heading 1a;
- EUR 208.67 million for the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument under heading 4.

Members recall that the ceilings of the Multiannual Financial Framework, especially for subheading 1a and heading 4, do not allow the financing of EU priorities without jeopardising the existing instruments and policies. The Commission has therefore proposed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to offset the reinforcement for the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument under heading 4 for an amount of EUR 153 343 576.

Members note that, despite contained reinforcements in commitments on a limited number of budget items and several decreases on other budget items, the ceilings of subheading 1a and heading 4 do not allow for an adequate financing of selected priorities carried by the Parliament and the Council. It is for this reason that they approve the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for the financing of the EU 2020 Strategy under subheading 1a, and the financing of European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument under heading 4 for a total amount of EUR 239.42 million.

To conclude, Members highlight once more the crucial need for the EU budget to be increasingly flexible.

## Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: European neighbourhood policy

The European Parliament adopted by 524 votes to 59, with 10 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in favour of the EU 2020 Strategy and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The ceilings of the Multiannual Financial Framework, especially for subheading 1a and heading 4, do not allow the financing of Union priorities without jeopardising the existing instruments and policies.

Initially, the Commission had proposed in Amending letter No 1/2012 to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to offset the reinforcement for the European Neighbourhood Policy under heading 4 for an amount of EUR 153 343 576. The conciliation committee convened for the 2012 budget agreed to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for a total amount of EUR 200 million beyond the ceilings of subheading 1a and heading 4.

Parliament agrees, therefore, to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for the financing of the EU 2020 Strategy under subheading 1a, and the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy under heading 4 for a total amount of EUR 200 million. This amount shall be used to complement the financing of:

- EUR 50 million for the Europe 2020 Strategy under subheading 1a;
- EUR 150 million for the European Neighbourhood Policy under heading 4.

To conclude, Parliament highlights once more the crucial need for the EU budget to be increasingly flexible.

## Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: European neighbourhood policy

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**PURPOSE:** to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, beyond the MFF ceilings.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision 2012/3/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument.

**CONTENT:** after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under sub-heading 1a and heading 4, the two arms of the budgetary authority agreed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the 2012 budget,

- beyond the ceiling of sub-heading 1a, of EUR 50 million towards the financing of the "Europe 2020" Strategy, and
- beyond the ceiling of heading 4, of EUR 150 million towards the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy.