Procedure file

Basic information

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Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2015 Subject 3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund 8.70.55 2015 budget		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		14/10/2014
		epp MUREŞAN Siegfried	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Budget	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	

Key events

11/06/2014	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2014)0348	Summary
03/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/12/2014	Draft budget approved by Council		
15/12/2014	Vote in committee		
15/12/2014	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A8-0077/2014	Summary
17/12/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/12/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0098/2014	Summary
17/12/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(2014)0348	11/06/2014	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE539.678	10/12/2014	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A8-0077/2014	15/12/2014	EP	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T8-0098/2014	17/12/2014	EP	Summary

Final act

Decision 2015/422
OJ L 068 13.03.2015, p. 0047 Summary

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2015

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide the sum of EUR 50 000 000 in commitment and payment appropriations which shall be included in the 2015 budget for the payment of advances in order to meet the most urgent needs.

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

CONTENT: the European Union created the European Union Solidarity Fund to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.

Article 10 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 1311/2013 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, which foresees that an amount of up to a maximum of EUR 50 000 000 in both commitment and payment appropriations shall be included in the budget for the payment of advances.

It is proposed that the Commission should include these amounts in the Draft Budget 2015.

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2015

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Siegfried MURE?AN (EPP, RO) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, in accordance with point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management.

Members recalled that, in line with Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 which amended Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, an amount of EUR 50 million is made available for the payment of advances through appropriations in the general budget of the Union.

Members also recalled that the current Decision annexed is not linked to a specific case of a natural disaster. Instead, it aims at entering in the Budget 2015 the amount of EUR 50 million in commitments and payments, which corresponds to advances that will need to be paid out in a speedier and more efficient way in the event of a natural disaster next year.

This is the direct result of the new provision of the new EU Solidarity Fund Regulation, acknowledging the need for Member States to receive financial support to respond to a natural disaster more rapidly than is possible through the normal procedure. This position prevailed in the relevant negotiations and an amount of up to a maximum EUR 50 million should be budgeted annually for this purpose.

Therefore, the committee called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to this motion for a resolution and to include the amounts in the Budget 2015.

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2015

The European Parliament adopted by 669 votes to 32, with 6 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European

Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, in accordance with point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management.

Parliament recalled that, in line with Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 which amended Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, an amount of EUR 50 million is made available for the payment of advances through appropriations in the general budget of the Union.

It is recalled that the European Union has created a European Union Solidarity Fund to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters. Therefore, Parliament approved the proposed decision and to include the amounts in the Budget 2015.

Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund for the financial year 2015

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide the sum of EUR 50 million in commitment and payment appropriations which shall be included in the 2015 budget for the payment of advances in order to meet the most urgent needs.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/422 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund.

CONTENT: the European Union created the European Union Solidarity Fund to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.

Article 10 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 1311/2013 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, which foresees that an amount of up to a maximum of EUR 50 000 000 in both commitment and payment appropriations shall be included in the budget for the payment of advances.

The aim of this Decision is to formalise this principle.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17.12.2014.