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Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2015/2253(BUD)	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration See also 2015/2252(BUD) Subject 7.10.08 Migration policy 8.70.55 2015 budget 8.70.70 Flexibility instrument		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Budgets	 GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL Eider Shadow rapporteur  MUREŞAN Siegfried  ASHWORTH Richard  DEPREZ Gérard  MARAGALL Ernest  ZANNI Marco  ŻÓŁTEK Stanisław	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	Budget	GEORGIEVA Kristalina	

Key events			
30/09/2015	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2015)0486	Summary
08/10/2015	Committee referral announced in		

	Parliament		
12/10/2015	Vote in committee		
12/10/2015	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A8-0290/2015	Summary
14/10/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/10/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0354/2015	Summary
28/10/2015	Draft budget approved by Council		
28/10/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/12/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/2253(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
	See also 2015/2252(BUD)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/8/04659

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	COM(2015)0486	30/09/2015	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE569.618	05/10/2015	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE569.674	08/10/2015	EP	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0290/2015	12/10/2015	EP	Summary
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament	T8-0354/2015	14/10/2015	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2015/2248](#)
[OJ L 318 04.12.2015, p. 0036](#) Summary

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration.

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

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the [multiannual financial framework](#) for the years 2014-2020 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.

Article 11 of Council Regulation 1311/2013 has established a Flexibility Instrument of up to EUR 471 million (2011 prices) per year.

After having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations and exhausted any unallocated margin under the expenditure heading Security and Citizenship (heading 3), the Commission proposes to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument. This mobilisation concerns an amount of EUR 66.1 million beyond the ceiling of heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework, and is intended to finance support for measures for managing the refugee crisis.

The payment appropriations corresponding to the proposed mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument are EUR 52.9 million in 2016 and EUR 13.2 million in 2017.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration, in accordance with point 12 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 the Commission proposed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument, over and above the MFF ceilings, to complement the financing in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2015 by EUR 66.1 million in commitment appropriations to finance measures for managing the refugee and migration crisis.

The 2015 ceiling for heading 3 does not allow for an adequate financing of important and urgent political priorities of the Union. Members called on the European Parliament to agree to the proposed allocation of the corresponding payment appropriations of EUR 52.9 million in 2016 and EUR 13.2 million in 2017.

Flexibility Instrument: Members reiterated that the mobilisation of this instrument shows, once more, the crucial need for the Union budget to be more flexible.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

The European Parliament adopted by 573 votes to 66, with 10 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration, in accordance with point 12 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 the Commission proposed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument, over and above the MFF ceilings, to complement the financing in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2015 by EUR 66.1 million in commitment appropriations to finance measures for managing the refugee and migration crisis. The 2015 ceiling for heading 3 does not allow for an adequate financing of important and urgent political priorities of the Union.

Therefore, the European Parliament agreed to the proposed allocation of the corresponding payment appropriations of EUR 52.9 million in 2016 and EUR 13.2 million in 2017.

Flexibility Instrument: Parliament reiterated that the mobilisation of this instrument shows, once more, the crucial need for the Union budget to be more flexible.

It reiterated its long-standing view that, without prejudice to the possibility for payment appropriations to be mobilised for specific budget lines through the Flexibility Instrument without prior mobilisations in commitments, the payments stemming from commitments previously mobilised through the Flexibility Instrument can only be counted over and above the ceilings.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: immediate budgetary measures under the European agenda on migration

PURPOSE: to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/2248 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the [multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020](#) 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.

Article 11 of Council Regulation 1311/2013 has established a Flexibility Instrument of up to EUR 471 million (2011 prices) per year.

After having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations and exhausted any unallocated margin under the expenditure heading Security and Citizenship (heading 3), it is necessary to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument. This mobilisation concerns an amount of EUR 66.1 million beyond the ceiling of heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework, and is intended to finance support for measures for managing the refugee crisis.

The payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument are EUR 52.9 million in 2016 and EUR 13.2 million in 2017.