



# Procedure file

| Basic information  |                |
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| BUD - Budgetary procedure  | 2017/2017(BUD) |
| Procedure completed  |                |
| Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016 |                |
| See also <a href="#">2017/2018(BUD)</a>  |                |
| Subject<br>3.70.11 Natural disasters, Solidarity Fund<br>8.70.57 2017 budget   |                |
| Geographical area<br>Cyprus<br>Portugal<br>United Kingdom  |                |

| Key players                   |   |  |            |
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| European Parliament           | Committee responsible                     | Rapporteur   | Appointed  |
|                               | <b>BUDG</b> Budgets                       |  <a href="#">FERNANDES José Manuel</a> | 27/01/2017 |
| Council of the European Union | Committee for opinion                     | Rapporteur for opinion   | Appointed  |
|                               | <b>REGI</b> Regional Development          | The committee decided not to give an opinion.  |            |
|                               | Council configuration                     | Meeting  | Date       |
|                               | <a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a> | <a href="#">3529</a>   | 05/04/2017 |

| Key events |  |   |         |
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| 26/01/2017 | Non-legislative basic document published   | <a href="#">COM(2017)0045</a>   | Summary |
| 13/02/2017 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |   |         |
| 03/04/2017 | Vote in committee                          |   |         |
| 03/04/2017 | Budgetary report tabled for plenary        | <a href="#">A8-0154/2017</a>  | Summary |
| 05/04/2017 | Results of vote in Parliament              |  |         |
| 05/04/2017 | Decision by Parliament                     | <a href="#">T8-0117/2017</a>  | Summary |
| 05/04/2017 | Draft budget approved by Council           |   |         |
| 05/04/2017 | End of procedure in Parliament             |   |         |
| 28/04/2017 | Final act published in Official Journal    |   |         |

| Technical information |                           |
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| Procedure reference   | 2017/2017(BUD)            |
| Procedure type        | BUD - Budgetary procedure |

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| Procedure subtype          | Mobilisation of funds                   |
|                            | See also <a href="#">2017/2018(BUD)</a> |
| Other legal basis          | Rules of Procedure EP 159               |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed                     |
| Committee dossier          | BUDG/8/09134                            |

### Documentation gateway

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| Non-legislative basic document                   | <a href="#">COM(2017)0045</a> | 26/01/2017 | EC | Summary |
| Committee draft report                           | <a href="#">PE599.595</a>     | 03/02/2017 | EP |         |
| Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | <a href="#">A8-0154/2017</a>  | 03/04/2017 | EP | Summary |
| Budgetary text adopted by Parliament             | <a href="#">T8-0117/2017</a>  | 05/04/2017 | EP | Summary |

### Final act

[Decision 2017/741](#)  
[OJ L 111 28.04.2017, p. 0006](#) Summary

## Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016

**PURPOSE:** to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal hit by climatic disasters.

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

**CONTENT:** [Council Regulation \(EU, EURATOM\) No 1311/2013](#) laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an 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 [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002](#) as amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 661/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Total direct damage:

- United Kingdom - floods in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 2 412,042 million;
- Cyprus - drought and fires in 2016 (major disaster): EUR 180.803 million;
- Portugal - Madeira fires in 2016 (regional disaster): EUR 157 million.

In the light of the examination of the above applications and considering the maximum possible contribution from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of EUR 71 524 810.

The Commission will present a [draft amending budget](#) (DAB) in order to enter in the 2017 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations.

In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated 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.

## Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

Members recalled that:

- on 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016;

- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
- on 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

They stated that the applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Members called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

## Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016

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**PURPOSE:** to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal hit by climatic disasters.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Decision (EU) 2017/741 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

**CONTENT:** [Council Regulation \(EU, EURATOM\) No 1311/2013](#) laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, and in particular the Article 10 thereof allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002](#) as amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 661/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

On 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016. In their application the authorities of the United Kingdom stressed that the damage assessment was incomplete and that the relevant figures were only provisional.

On 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 of June 2016.

On 21 September 2016, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following wild fires in the island of Madeira between 8 and 13 August 2016.

The applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

Accordingly, a financial contribution is foreseen for the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal. Therefore, within the framework of the general budget of the Union for 2017, the following amounts shall be granted:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Decision shall enter into force on 28.4.2017. It shall apply from 5.4.2017.

## Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in the United Kingdom, drought and fires in Cyprus and fires in Madeira, Portugal in 2016

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The European Parliament adopted 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 to provide assistance to the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal.

This Fund shall enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.

In this respect, Parliament recalled that:

- on 26 February 2016, the United Kingdom submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following floods that affected 11 regions during the period of December 2015 to January 2016;
- on 5 September 2016, Cyprus submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following the consequences of severe drought built up since October 2015 and wild fires on 18 and 19 June 2016;
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It stated that the applications by the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Portugal meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the

Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 and that the Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to these three countries.

Parliament approved the decision annexed to this resolution and recalled the amounts to be mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund:

- EUR 60 301 050 shall be provided to the United Kingdom;
- EUR 7 298 760 shall be provided to Cyprus;
- EUR 3 925 000 shall be provided to Portugal.