

Procedure file

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BUD - Budgetary procedure	2020/2053(BUD)
<p>Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: migration, refugee inflows and security threats; immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak; reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office</p> <p>Amending Decision 2020/265 2019/2026(BUD)</p> <p>See also 2020/2052(BUD)</p> <p>See also 2020/2056(BUD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>4.20 Public health</p> <p>4.20.01 Medicine, diseases</p> <p>4.20.06 Health services, medical institutions</p> <p>7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)</p> <p>8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU</p> <p>8.70.70 Flexibility instrument</p> <p>Legislative priorities</p> <p>The EU's response to the Covid-19 pandemic</p>	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	 HOHLMEIER Monika	30/03/2020
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		

Key events			
27/03/2020	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2020)0140	Summary
14/04/2020	Decision by committee, without report		
16/04/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/04/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0047/2020	
17/04/2020	Draft budget approved by Council		
21/04/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		
23/04/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/2053(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
	Amending Decision 2020/265 2019/2026(BUD) See also 2020/2052(BUD) See also 2020/2056(BUD)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/9/02716

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		COM(2020)0140	27/03/2020	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE648.643	01/04/2020	EP	
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Final act	
Decision 2020/545 OJ L 125 21.04.2020, p. 0001	Summary

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: migration, refugee inflows and security threats; immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak; reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office

PURPOSE: to amend Decision (EU) 2020/265 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2020 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats, for immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and for reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

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

BACKGROUND: the Flexibility Instrument is intended to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more other headings of the general budget of the Union.

The ceiling on the annual amount available for the Flexibility Instrument is EUR 600 million (2011 prices), as laid down in [Council Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 1311/2013](#), increased, where applicable, by lapsed amounts made available.

On 27 November 2019, the European Parliament and the Council adopted [Decision \(EU\) 2020/265](#) mobilising the Flexibility Instrument to provide the amount of EUR 778 074 489 in commitment appropriations in heading 3 (Security and citizenship) for the financial year 2020 to finance measures in the field of migration, refugees and security.

The [draft amending budget No 1/2020](#) includes an increase of the commitment appropriations for heading 3 by EUR 423.3 million. Of those, EUR 350.0 million for additional expenditure to cope with migration pressures in Greece are covered by the use of the Global Margin for Commitments laid down in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013. The remaining amount of EUR 73.3 million is not covered by the scope of the Global Margin for Commitments and therefore requires additional mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for 2020. It is also necessary to adjust the indicative payment profile.

CONTENT: this present proposal accompanies DAB No 1/2020 in order to increase accordingly the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument and to extend the purpose of the mobilisation.

The Commission sets out the indicative payment appropriations corresponding to the updated mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in 2020 as follows:

- 2020: EUR 450.7 million;
- 2021: EUR 342.2 million;
- 2022: EUR 42.4 million;
- 2023: EUR 16.1 million;

Total: EUR 851.4 million.

This proposed mobilisation decision shall amend Decision (EU) 2020/265 of 27 November 2019.

The amounts shall be used to finance measures to address the ongoing challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats as well as the current sanitary crisis in the European Union resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak and increased needs of the European Public Prosecutors Office (the Commission proposes an increase of EUR 3.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations to cover the increased costs of staff as well as other IT and security related expenditure not initially foreseen in the budget 2020).

This mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument should be adopted simultaneously with the amendment of the 2020 budget as the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument allows financing of some actions over and above a ceiling in the Multiannual Financial Framework.

In order to ensure coherence with that amendment of the 2020 budget, this Decision should enter into force on the day of its publication.

Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument: migration, refugee inflows and security threats; immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak; reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office

PURPOSE: to adopt the Decision to amend Decision (EU) 2020/265 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2020 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats, for immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and for reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2020/545 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and a reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutors Office.

CONTENT: following the agreement between the European Parliament and the Council, this Decision to adjust the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument has been adopted. The Flexibility Instrument is intended to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more other headings.

The ceiling on the annual amount available for the Flexibility Instrument is EUR 600 million (2011 prices), as laid down in [Council Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 1311/2013](#), increased, where applicable, by lapsed amounts made available.

In order to address the challenges in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, the mobilisation of the appropriate amounts is a matter of urgency.

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the Flexibility Instrument shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 73.3 million in commitment appropriations in heading 3 (Security and citizenship).

This amount shall be used to finance immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and for reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutors Office.

Based on the expected payment profile, the payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument shall be estimated as follows:

- EUR 43 300 000 in 2020;
- EUR 30 000 000 in 2021.

The specific amounts of payment appropriations for each financial year shall be authorised in accordance with the annual budgetary procedure.

This Decision is linked to financing included in [Amending budget No 1](#) to the general budget of the European Union for 2020. In order to ensure coherence with that amending budget, this Decision shall apply from the date of its adoption.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 21.4.2020. It shall apply from 17.4.2020.