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## **Council agrees position on 2014 EU budget**

The Permanent Representatives Committee<sup>1</sup> today endorsed the Council's position on the 2014 EU draft budget ([12222/13](#) + [ADD 1](#) + [ADD 2](#) + [ADD 3](#) + [ADD 4](#) + [ADD 5](#)). This is the first annual budget relating to the period of the new multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2014-2020 on which a political agreement was reached by the Council and the European Parliament at the end of June.

It herewith confirmed the agreement reached in the Council's budget committee on the basis of a compromise text of the Lithuanian presidency.

The Council's position, which still needs to be formally adopted by the Council (at the beginning of September), thoroughly respects the expenditure ceilings of the new MFF while keeping appropriate margins in order to meet possible unforeseen expenditure needs.

The Council's position amounts to

- **EUR 142.23 billion in commitments<sup>2</sup>** (EUR 141.77 billion if specific instruments outside the multiannual financial framework are excluded; this would leave a margin of EUR 769.25 million);
- **EUR 135.00 billion in payments<sup>1</sup>** (EUR 134.80 billion if specific instruments outside the multiannual financial framework are excluded; this would leave a margin of EUR 1.06 billion).

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<sup>1</sup> The Permanent Representatives Committee is composed of the ambassadors of the 28 EU member states. Its role is to prepare decisions of the Council.

<sup>2</sup> Commitments are legal promises to spend money for activities whose implementation might extend over several financial years.

# **P R E S S**

Compared to the 2013 EU budget as amended by amending budget no 1, commitments decrease by EUR 9.33 billion or 6.15% and payments increase by EUR 1.79 billion or 1.35%.

Compared to the amounts proposed by the Commission, the Council's position provides for a reduction by EUR 240.68 million in commitments and EUR 1.06 billion in payments.

New programmes and actions, such as the youth employment initiative, are exempted from reductions which have been targeted on the basis of past and current budget implementation and realistic absorption capacities.

Once it has been formally adopted, the Council's position will serve as a mandate to the Lithuanian presidency to negotiate next year's EU budget with the European Parliament, which is expected to adopt its amendments to the Council's position in the week starting on 21 October. If the Council's and the Parliament's positions diverge, a three-week conciliation period will start on 24 October (until 13 November included) (*see [flow-chart in the annex](#)*).

A summary of the draft Council's position is set out in the tables below:

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<sup>1</sup> This corresponds to 1.00% of the EU's gross national income.

**Multiannual Financial Framework**

	Description	1		4		4-1		4/1	
		Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
1	<b>Smart and inclusive growth</b>	<b>70 707 677</b>	<b>59 275 929</b>	<b>63 761 450</b>	<b>62 159 951</b>	<b>-6 946 227</b>	<b>+2 884 022</b>	<b>-9,82%</b>	<b>+4,87%</b>
	<i>total ceiling available</i>	<b>960</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>186</b>		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>63 973 000</i>	<i>62 159 951</i>				
1.a	Competitiveness for growth and jobs	15 749 628	11 927 534	16 204 170	11 268 479	+ 454 541	- 659 055	+2,89%	-5,53%
	<i>ceiling</i>	923	896	281	258	358	638		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>16 390 000</i>	<i>11 268 479</i>				
1.b	Economic, social and territorial cohesion	54 958 049	47 348 394	47 557 280	50 891 472	-7 400 769	+3 543 077	-13,47%	+7,48%
	<i>ceiling</i>	037	736	000	560	037	824		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>47 583 000</i>	<i>50 891 472</i>				
				<i>25 720 000</i>					
2	<b>Sustainable growth: natural resources</b>	<b>59 885 141</b>	<b>57 240 268</b>	<b>59 246 121</b>	<b>56 419 898</b>	<b>- 639 019</b>	<b>- 820 369</b>	<b>-1,07%</b>	<b>-1,43%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>416</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>974</b>		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>59 303 000</i>	<i>56 419 898</i>				
	<b>Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments</b>	<b>43 654 926</b>	<b>43 660 236</b>	<b>43 778 100</b>	<b>43 776 956</b>	<b>+ 123 173</b>	<b>+ 116 719</b>	<b>+0,28%</b>	<b>+0,27%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>842</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>531</b>		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>44 130 000</i>	<i>43 776 956</i>				
	<i>net transfer between eagf and eafnd</i>			<i>- 351 900</i>					
	<i>margin</i>			<i>0</i>					
3	<b>Security and citizenship</b>	<b>2 361 737</b>	<b>1 750 224</b>	<b>2 134 222</b>	<b>1 657 999</b>	<b>- 227 515</b>	<b>- 92 225 119</b>	<b>-9,63%</b>	<b>-5,27%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>568</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>192</b>			
	<i>margin</i>			<i>2 179 000</i>	<i>1 657 999</i>				
				<i>44 777 624</i>					
4	<b>Global Europe</b>	<b>9 341 336</b>	<b>6 321 456</b>	<b>8 158 521</b>	<b>6 094 707</b>	<b>-1 182 815</b>	<b>- 226 749</b>	<b>-12,66%</b>	<b>-3,59%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>711</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>017</b>	<b>310</b>		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>8 335 000</i>	<i>6 094 707</i>				
				<i>176 478</i>					
				<i>306</i>					
5	<b>Administration</b>	<b>8 418 432</b>	<b>8 418 107</b>	<b>8 441 831</b>	<b>8 443 454</b>	<b>+ 23 399 113</b>	<b>+ 25 346 913</b>	<b>+0,28%</b>	<b>+0,30%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>740</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>653</b>				
	<i>margin</i>			<i>8 721 000</i>	<i>8 443 454</i>				
	<b>Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions</b>	<b>6 850 228</b>	<b>6 849 903</b>	<b>6 835 090</b>	<b>6 836 713</b>	<b>- 15 138 447</b>	<b>- 13 190 647</b>	<b>-0,22%</b>	<b>-0,19%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>	<b>657</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>010</b>				
	<i>margin</i>			<i>7 056 000</i>	<i>6 836 713</i>				
				<i>220 909</i>					
				<i>790</i>					
6	<b>Compensations</b>	<b>75 000 000</b>	<b>75 000 000</b>	<b>28 600 000</b>	<b>28 600 000</b>	<b>- 46 400 000</b>	<b>- 46 400 000</b>	<b>-61,87%</b>	<b>-61,87%</b>
	<i>ceiling</i>			<b>29 000 000</b>					
	<i>margin</i>			<b>400 000</b>					
	<b>Multiannual Financial Framework</b>	<b>150 789 326</b>	<b>133 080 987</b>	<b>141 770 747</b>	<b>134 804 612</b>	<b>-9 018 578</b>	<b>+1 723 624</b>	<b>-5,98%</b>	<b>+1,30%</b>
	<i>total ceiling available</i>	<b>395</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>696</b>		
	<i>margin</i>			<i>142 540 000</i>	<i>134 804 612</i>				
				<i>000</i>	<i>000</i>				
				<i>769 252</i>	<i>1 061 387</i>				
				<i>373</i>	<i>449</i>				
	<b>Appropriations as % of GNI</b>	<b>1,15%</b>	<b>1,01%</b>	<b>1,05%</b>	<b>1,00%</b>				

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### Outside MFF

Description	1		4		4-1		4/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR)	264 115 000	80 000 000	297 000 000	150 000 000	+ 32 885 000	+ 70 000 000	+12,45%	+87,50%
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)	500 000 000	50 000 000	159 181 000	50 000 000	- 340 819 000		-68,16%	
European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.				
<b>Outside the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)</b>	<b>764 115 000</b>	<b>130 000 000</b>	<b>456 181 000</b>	<b>200 000 000</b>	<b>- 307 934 000</b>	<b>+ 70 000 000</b>	<b>-40,30%</b>	<b>+53,85%</b>
<b>Appropriations as % of GNI</b>	<b>0,01%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>				

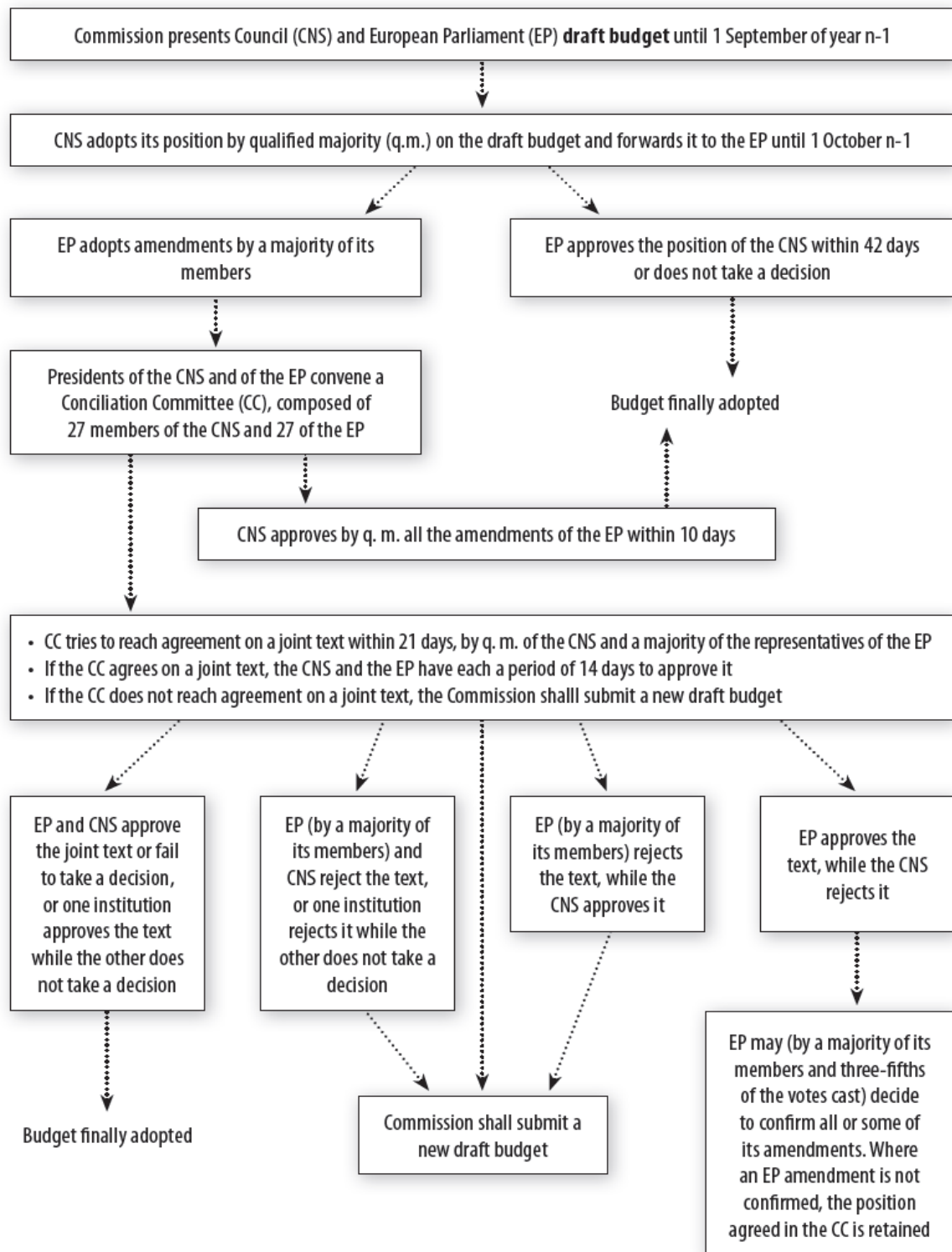
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### Multiannual Financial Framework + outside MFF

Description	1		4		4-1		4/1	
	Budget 2013 (AB No 1/2013 incl.)		Council's Position on DB 2014		Difference (amount)		Difference (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Multiannual Financial Framework	150 789 326 395	133 080 987 855	141 770 747 627	134 804 612 551	-9 018 578 768	+1 723 624 696	-5,98%	+1,30%
Outside the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)	764 115 000	130 000 000	456 181 000	200 000 000	- 307 934 000	+ 70 000 000	-40,30%	+53,85%
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>151 553 441 395</b>	<b>133 210 987 855</b>	<b>142 226 928 627</b>	<b>135 004 612 551</b>	<b>-9 326 512 768</b>	<b>+1 793 624 696</b>	<b>-6,15%</b>	<b>+1,35%</b>
<b>Appropriations as % of GNI</b>	<b>1,15%</b>	<b>1,01%</b>	<b>1,05%</b>	<b>1,00%</b>				

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## Budget procedure Lisbon Treaty (Art. 314)



CC = Conciliation Committee

CNS = Council

EP = European Parliament

q.m. = qualified majority