



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**FIN 634
PE-L 84**

NOTE

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| From: | Presidency |
| To: | Council |
| No. prev. doc.: | 14531/13 FIN 608 |
| No. Cion doc.: | 14093/13 FIN 571 - COM(2013) 669 final |
| Subject: | Draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2013 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission |

1. On 26 September 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 8/2013. It concerns an increase in payment appropriations for a total amount of EUR 3.94 billion across (sub-)headings 1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b and 4 of the multiannual financial framework. This DAB concerns the remaining balance of DAB No 2/2013 adopted by the Council on 9 July 2013.
2. On 14 October 2013, as part of the compromise proposal presented by the Presidency, including DABs No 6/2013, No 8/2013 and No 9/2013, and transfer of appropriations No DEC 26/2013, the Permanent Representatives Committee reached an agreement, by a qualified majority¹, on DAB No 8/2013 on the basis of document 14531/13.

¹ DK, FI, NL, SE and UK voting against.

Accordingly, reductions on the following budget lines have been agreed:

(in EUR million)

| <i>MFH heading</i> | <i>Budget line</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>DAB 2/2013</i> | <i>AB 2/2013 as adopted</i> | <i>Balance of DAB 2/2013</i> | <i>DAB 8/2013</i> | <i>Reductions</i> |
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| sub-heading 1a | 02 04 01 01 | Space research | 34 500 | 22 436 | 12 064 | 18 064 | -4 776 |
| sub-heading 1a | 08 02 01 | Cooperation - Health | 200 000 | 130 066 | 69 934 | 75 065 | -3 000 |
| heading 2 | 07 03 07 | LIFE+ (Financial Instrument for the Environment-2007 to 2013) | 10 000 | 6 503 | 3 497 | 13 497 | -7 000 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | -14 776 |

3. The Council is invited to:

- confirm the agreement on DAB No 8/2013 and consequently adopt the Council's position on DAB No 8/2013 as set out above;
- instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
- have the Council's position, as set out in Annex 1, published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
- enter into the Council's minutes the Commission statement recorded in Annex 3.

COUNCIL DECISION

adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 8 of the European Union for the financial year 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2013 was definitively adopted on 12 December 2012²,
- on 26 September 2013, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for the financial year 2013,
- the Council's position is taken in conjunction with the adoption of its position on draft amending budget No 9/2013 and is subject to the European Parliament's approval of the agreement on the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 66, 8.3.2013, p. 1, with Corrigendum in OJ L 134, 18.5.2013, p. 21.

- given the fact that draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2013 needs to be adopted without delay, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments, as well as the ten-day period foreseen for placing the item on the Council's provisional agenda laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 8 of the European Union for the financial year 2013 was adopted on 30 October 2013.

This Decision shall apply from the date of the European Parliament's approval of the agreement on the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 and of the Council's position on draft amending budget No 9/2013.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done in Brussels, on 30 October 2013.

For the Council

The President

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council

to : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

I am forwarding under separate cover the Council's position on draft amending budget No 8 for the financial year 2013¹, adopted by the Council on 30 October 2013.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Doc. 14871/13 + ADD 1.

COMMISSION STATEMENT TO BE RECORDED IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES

Amending budget No 8/2013

"The Commission will issue the call for funds for January 2014 shortly after 15 December 2013. In accordance with Regulation No 1150/2000, the due date for the payment of this call is the first working day of January 2014. The respect of the dates foreseen in that Regulation is justified notably in order to ensure an appropriate Commission's treasury planning and the effective management of its accounts.

However, taking into consideration the very exceptional situation prevailing at the end of 2013 and the delay in the adoption of draft amending budget No 8/2013, Member States may make total or partial payments after the call for funds but in advance of the above mentioned regulatory due date.

The Commission confirms that Member States' contributions corresponding to the GNI-based own resources required to finance amending budget No 8/2013 will be booked by Eurostat to the 2013 national budgets and accounts, even if the actual disbursement was to take place in January 2014, in accordance with the relevant accounting rules as applied by Eurostat."
