



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 20 July 2012**

**12762/12**

---

**Interinstitutional File:**  
**2011/0404 (COD)**  
**2011/0405 (COD)**  
**2011/0412 (COD)**

---

**CADREFIN 361**  
**DEVGEN 215**  
**ACP 143**  
**RELEX 709**  
**COMAG 83**  
**COHOM 188**  
**COEST 269**  
**COWEB 124**  
**ELARG 82**  
**CODEC 1949**  
**FIN 574**

**"I" ITEM NOTE**

---

from : General Secretariat of the Council  
to : Permanent Representatives Committee

---

No. Cion prop : 18520/11 ELARG 151 PESC 1650 RELEX 1336 FIN 1053 CADREFIN 197  
COWEB 284 CODEC 2409;  
18602/11 COEST 498 COMAG 136 PESC 1657 RELEX 1341 FIN 1060  
CADREFIN 203 DEVGEN 350 CODEC 2438;  
18621/11 COHOM 298 DEVGEN 351 PESC 1660 ACP 252 RELEX 1344 FIN  
1061 NIS 158 CADREFIN 206 CODEC 2444+ COR 1.

---

Subject : Proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 of the Multiannual  
Financial Framework 2014-2020  
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the  
Committee of Regions<sup>1</sup>

---

1. On 7 December 2011, the European Commission submitted a number of proposals for new external financing instruments under Heading 4 of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, including:<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions, and does not concern the substance of the proposals.

<sup>2</sup> The current instruments expire on 31 December 2013.

- an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) <sup>3</sup>;
  - a European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) <sup>4</sup>;
  - a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (EIDHR) <sup>5</sup>.
2. When submitting the above proposals, the Commission recommended consulting the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, such consultations being optional.
  3. According to the partial general approach for the external financing instruments under Heading 4 of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, as confirmed by the Council on 25 June 2012, the two above mentioned Committees should be consulted on these proposals.
  4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Articles 304 and 307 TFEU respectively and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure<sup>6</sup>, to ask the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of Regions, to give their respective opinions on the proposals as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of December 2012.

---

---

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 18520/11 ELARG 151 PESC 1650 RELEX 1336 FIN 1053 CADREFIN 197 COWEB 284 CODEC 2409

<sup>4</sup> Doc. 18602/11 COEST 498 COMAG 136 PESC 1657 RELEX 1341 FIN 1060 CADREFIN 203 DEVGEN 350 CODEC 2438

<sup>5</sup> Doc. 18621/11 COHOM 298 DEVGEN 351 PESC 1660 ACP 252 RELEX 1344 FIN 1061 NIS 158 CADREFIN 206 CODEC 2444+ COR 1

<sup>6</sup> Council Decision 2006/683/EC, EURATOM, of 15 September 2006 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 285, 16.10.2006, pp. 47-71).