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**NOTE**

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From : General Secretariat of the Council  
To : Working Party on Information  
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1. The GSC makes the voting results of the Council on legislative acts public, in implementation of Article 15 of the TFEU and in conformity with Article 7 of the Council Rules of Procedure. Accordingly, voting records are available in three different locations at the Council's website: The Council Minutes,<sup>1</sup> the *fiches de vote*<sup>2</sup>, and the Monthly Summaries of Council Acts<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The minutes related to the "Legislative Deliberations" part of the Agenda are published in public addenda (labelled "ADD") to the "ST documents" containing the main body of the Council minutes. See <http://consilium.europa.eu> under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Council Minutes".

<sup>2</sup> The *fiches de vote* visually displaying voting results are required by art. 7 of the Council Rules of Procedure. They are shown in the Council's meeting room and then annexed to a ST document. See <http://consilium.europa.eu> under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Public Votes"

<sup>3</sup> Each month the GSC publishes a list of acts adopted by the Council, containing details on the adoption of these acts. See <http://consilium.europa.eu> under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Summary of Council Acts".

2. The GSC regularly receives requests for compilations of voting records by Member State, sector (i.e., agriculture, transport, environment), time period, voting rule and/or procedure. The applicants belong to the following categories:
  - The academic community;
  - Permanent Representations, in particular for those Member States whose Governments report regularly to national assemblies;
  - MEPs;
  - Other members of the public.
3. To answer requests rapidly and efficiently, voting records on legislative items have been compiled and organised - by Member State, sector, date, voting rule, procedure, etc - in a searchable database<sup>1</sup>, which currently covers voting records from January 2007 to the present day.
4. The database is being completed with voting records dating back to December 1993, when the Council Rules of Procedure<sup>2</sup> introduced the obligation of the publicity of votes in accordance the Conclusions of the Edinburgh European Council on transparency of 1992 and following the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty with its introduction of the "codecision procedure". The database does not contain any information which is not already public.
5. Currently the database on voting records is only accessible to the members of the Legislative Transparency team (Transparency Directorate of DG F). The GSC plans to make the database available on *Domus* for all *Domus* users before the end of 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> See Annex for a visual image.

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 93/662/EC adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 304, 10.12.1993, p. 1).

View of the database on voting records



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Act no.: 1049/2001 Doc. no.: 10747/11 Interinst. no.: - Act date: 16/06/2011  
**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT and of the COUNCIL establishing amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2011**  
 Council: 3098 - Transport, Telecommunications and Energy  
 Policy area:  
 Voting procedure: -  
 Voting rule: qualified majority  
 Action by Council: -

27 votes in favour: BE, BG, CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, EL, ES, FR, IT, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, NL, AT, PL, PT, RO, SI, SK, FI, SE, UK  
 0 votes against:  
 0 abstentions:  
 0 not participating:

Act no.: 1049/2001 Doc. no.: 9613/11 Interinst. no.: - Act date: 23/05/2011  
**Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2011 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III Commission - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund**  
 Council: 3092 - General Affairs  
 Policy area:  
 Voting procedure: Ordinary legislative procedure / Codecision  
 Voting rule: qualified majority  
 Action by Council: -

24 votes in favour: BE, BG, CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, EL, FR, IT, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, NL, AT, RO, SI, SK, FI, SE, UK  
 0 votes against:  
 3 abstentions:  
 0 not participating:  
 ES, PL, PT

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 Council: 3092 - General Affairs  
 Policy area:  
 Voting procedure: Special legislative procedure  
 Voting rule: qualified majority  
 Action by Council: -

24 votes in favour: BE, BG, CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, EL, FR, IT, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, NL, AT, RO, SI, SK, FI, SE, UK  
 0 votes against:  
 3 abstentions:  
 0 not participating:  
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