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Subject: Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014 - 2020 Review/Revision :
- Draft statements of the European Parliament and the Council

Delegations will hereby find the above-mentioned draft statements.

Statement of the European Parliament and the Council on reinforcements (top-ups) for the remaining period of the MFF

In the context of the MFF mid-term review/revision, the European Parliament and the Council have agreed on the top-ups as proposed by the Commission for the amounts indicated in the table below, to be implemented in the years 2017 to 2020¹ in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure, without prejudice to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority:

	Commitment appropriations, mil. EUR
Heading 1a	
Horizon 2020	200
CEF Transport	300
Erasmus+	100
COSME	100
Wifi4EU*	25
EFSI*	150
Total Heading 1a	875
Heading 1b (YEI)	1200**
Heading 3	2549
Heading 4*	1385
Total H1a, 1b, 3, 4	6009

* *This does not prejudice the outcome of ongoing discussions on draft legislative proposals within H1a and H4.*

** *Spread over four years (2017-2020).*

Redeployments of an overall amount of EUR 945 million will be identified in the annual budget procedure, out of which EUR 875 million in H1a and EUR 70 million in H4.

¹ A part of the overall top-ups have already been agreed in the context of the 2017 budgetary procedure. The 2017 budget thus includes EUR 200 million in Heading 1a and EUR 725 million in Heading 4. Moreover, the European Parliament and the Council agreed to provide EUR 500 million in Heading 1b for the Youth Employment Initiative in 2017 to be financed by the Global margin for commitments and which will be implemented via an amending budget in 2017. Finally, the European Parliament and the Council also invited the Commission to request the necessary appropriations in an amending budget in 2017 in order to provide the financing of the EFSD from the EU budget as soon as the legal base is adopted.

Statement of the European Parliament and the Council on avoiding accumulation of an excessive amount of unpaid bills

The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely scrutinising the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes in order to ensure an orderly progression of payment appropriations consistent with the authorised commitment appropriations. To that end, they invite the Commission to present in a timely manner, throughout the remaining period of the current MFF, updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding payment appropriations. The European Parliament and the Council will take any necessary decisions in due time for duly justified needs to prevent the accumulation of an excessive amount of unpaid bills and to ensure that payment claims are duly reimbursed.

Statement of the European Parliament and the Council on payments for Special Instruments

The European Parliament and the Council agreed to adapt the proposal for amending Decision (EU) 2015/435 so as not to prejudice in any way the nature of payments for other special instruments in a general way.

Statement of the European Parliament and the Council concerning an independent evaluation of the results of the target of progressive reduction of staff by 5% between 2013 and 2017

The European Parliament and the Council propose that an independent evaluation of the results of the target of progressive reduction of staff by 5% between 2013 and 2017 is undertaken, covering all institutions, bodies and agencies as agreed in the IIA of 2013 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management. Based on the conclusion of the evaluation, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present an appropriate follow-up proposal.