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Deputy Minister for Finance

# **P R E S S**

## **Main results of the Council**

*The Council endorsed an agreement reached with the European Parliament in the Conciliation Committee on the 2014 EU budget and the financing of EUR 400.5 million to remediate flood and drought damages in four member states.*

*The Council meeting, as well as the press conference given by Mr Algimantas RIMKUNAS, Deputy Minister for Finance of Lithuania, and Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner in charge of Budget and Financial Programming can be watched by video streaming:*

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## **ITEMS DEBATED**

### **2014 EU budget and draft amending budget no 9 for 2013**

The Council provided guidance to the Lithuanian presidency for the negotiations with the European Parliament on the 2014 EU budget and draft amending budget no 9 for 2013 which took place the same day in the Conciliation Committee<sup>1</sup>. Draft amending budget no 9 concerns the remediation of damages caused by floods in Germany (EUR 360.5 million), Austria (EUR 21.7 million) and the Czech Republic (EUR 15.9 million) and drought in Romania (EUR 2.5 million).

After the meeting of the Conciliation Committee the Council endorsed the compromise reached. The agreement is expected to be formally adopted by the Council on 19 November and by the European Parliament on 20 November.

For the results of the Conciliation Committee, see [16005/13](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The Conciliation Committee is composed of the 28 members of the Council and an equal number of members of the European Parliament.

**OTHER ITEMS APPROVED**

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