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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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**From:** Budget Committee  
**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
**Subject:** Draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2015 accompanying the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013

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1. On 15 January 2015, the Commission submitted draft amending budget (DAB) No 1/2015 accompanying the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI Regulation) and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013.

The aim of this DAB is to create a budgetary structure in the EU budget for the provisioning of the guarantee fund in 2015. In terms of appropriations, DAB No 1/2015 proposes to redeploy EUR 1 360 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) to the newly created guarantee fund and to transfer EUR 10 million in payment appropriations (p/a) for the financing of the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal.

In order to enable the above-mentioned redeployments, the following reductions are proposed: EUR 790 million in c/a from the Connecting Europe Facility, EUR 70 million in c/a from Horizon 2020 and EUR 500 million in c/a from ITER. EUR 10 million in p/a are redeployed from the ITER programme.

2. The Budget Committee examined DAB No 1/2015 at its meeting on 20 January 2015.

Following the political agreement on the EFSI Regulation reached between the European Parliament and the Council, the Presidency proposed to modify this DAB as follows:

- add a reference to the "European Investment Project Portal (IPP)" in the title of Article 01 04 06 — European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH)
- change the *Remarks* and *Reference acts* of this Article as follows:

*"Remarks*

*New Article*

This appropriation covers:

- financial support to the European Investment Bank for EIAH's set-up and implementation in accordance with the relevant article under the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments providing, inter alia, advisory support to project promoters including technical advice on the use and set-up of financial instruments; and
- costs related to the set-up and development, management, support and maintenance and hosting of the European Investment Project Portal, as well as branding and communication costs.

Any revenue from fees charged to project promoters in connection to the European Investment Project Portal may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation.

*Reference acts*

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank of 26 November 2014 — An Investment Plan for Europe (COM(2014) 903).

Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council of [...], on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013."

The Budget Committee examined this Presidency proposal at its meeting on 12 June 2015 and was able to accept it unanimously.

3. At the close of its examination, the **Budget Committee** agreed to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee:
- advises the Council to:
    - adopt the Council's position on DAB No 1/2015 as set out in point 2;
    - instruct the Presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament and to approve the draft letter in Annex 2 to that effect;
    - have the Council's position published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as set out in Annex 1.
  - agrees, by unanimity, to use the written procedure for this purpose.
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**COUNCIL DECISION**

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 1 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 accompanying the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI Regulation) and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013**

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 1605/2002<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014<sup>2</sup>,
- on 15 January 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 1 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 26 June 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>.

Done at Brussels, on 26 June 2015.

*For the Council  
The President*

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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 1 for the financial year 2015<sup>1</sup>, adopted by the Council on 26 June 2015.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 9876/15 BUDGET 19