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**DRAFT AMENDING BUDGET No 1
TO THE GENERAL BUDGET 2018**

**Accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund
to provide assistance to Greece, Spain, France and Portugal**

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,
- Regulation (EU, 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 Union¹, and in particular Article 41 thereof,
- the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, as adopted on 30 November 2017².

The European Commission hereby presents draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget 2018 to the European Parliament and to the Council.

CHANGES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BY SECTION

The changes to the statement of revenue and expenditure by section are available on EUR-Lex (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/budget/www/index-en.htm>). An English version of the changes to this statement is attached for information as a budgetary annex.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L XX, XX.2.2018.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 1 for the year 2018 accompanies the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for an amount of EUR 104 166 951 to provide assistance to Greece for the earthquakes in Lesbos, to France for the hurricanes in Saint Martin and Guadeloupe, as well as to Portugal and Spain for the forest fires that occurred in Centro and in Galicia in the course of 2017³.

DAB No 1/2018 proposes to enter the necessary appropriations in the general budget 2018, both in commitments and payments, after having deducted the advances already paid out to Greece, France and Portugal (EUR 6 520 846).

2. FINANCING FROM THE EUSF ALLOCATIONS 2017 AND 2018

In accordance with Article 10(1) of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) regulation⁴ (hereafter "the MFF regulation"), the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2018 was EUR 421 142 057, being the sum of the remaining 2018 allocation of EUR 280 371 754 (i.e. EUR 574 342 834 minus EUR 293 971 080 already mobilised in 2017⁵), plus the remaining 2017 allocation of EUR 140 770 303 that remained unspent and was carried over to 2018.

The amount that may be mobilised at this stage of the year 2018 is EUR 277 556 348. This corresponds to the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2018 (EUR 421 142 057), minus the retained amount of EUR 143 585 709 in order to respect the obligation of keeping aside 25 % of the 2018 annual allocation until 1 October 2018 as stipulated by Article 10(1) of the MFF regulation.

3. APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET OF 2018

Considering the amount of EUR 6 520 846 that was already paid for these EUSF cases as advance, the Commission proposes to amend the budget 2018 by increasing budget line *13 06 01 'Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy'* by EUR 97 646 105 both in commitment and payment appropriations (see table below).

Amounts in EUR

Budget line	Name	Commitment appropriations	Payment appropriations
13 06 01	Assistance to Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy	97 646 105	97 646 105
Total		97 646 105	97 646 105

³ COM(2018) 150, 22.2.2018.

⁴ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

⁵ Decision (EU) 2017/1599 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy.

4. SUMMARY TABLE BY MFF HEADING

Heading	Budget 2018		Draft Amending Budget 1/2018		Budget 2018 (incl. DAB 1/2018)	
	CA	PA	CA	PA	CA	PA
1. Smart and inclusive growth	77 533 697 652	66 624 486 101			77 533 697 652	66 624 486 101
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	<i>1 113 697 652</i>				<i>1 113 697 652</i>	
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>76 420 000 000</i>				<i>76 420 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>						
1a Competitiveness for growth and jobs	22 001 452 724	20 097 167 844			22 001 452 724	20 097 167 844
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	<i>762 452 724</i>				<i>762 452 724</i>	
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>21 239 000 000</i>				<i>21 239 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>						
1b Economic social and territorial cohesion	55 532 244 928	46 527 318 257			55 532 244 928	46 527 318 257
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	<i>351 244 928</i>				<i>351 244 928</i>	
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>55 181 000 000</i>				<i>55 181 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>						
2. Sustainable growth: natural resources	59 285 323 122	56 083 793 633			59 285 323 122	56 083 793 633
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>60 267 000 000</i>				<i>60 267 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>	<i>981 676 878</i>				<i>981 676 878</i>	
Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments	43 234 516 899	43 188 677 466			43 234 516 899	43 188 677 466
<i> Sub-ceiling</i>	<i>44 163 000 000</i>				<i>44 163 000 000</i>	
<i> EAGF Margin</i>	<i>927 833 101</i>				<i>927 833 101</i>	
3. Security and citizenship	3 493 241 199	2 980 707 175			3 493 241 199	2 980 707 175
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	<i>837 241 199</i>				<i>837 241 199</i>	
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>2 656 000 000</i>				<i>2 656 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>						
4. Global Europe	9 568 842 411	8 906 075 154			9 568 842 411	8 906 075 154
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>9 825 000 000</i>				<i>9 825 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>	<i>256 157 589</i>				<i>256 157 589</i>	
5. Administration	9 665 513 627	9 666 318 627			9 665 513 627	9 666 318 627
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>10 346 000 000</i>				<i>10 346 000 000</i>	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	<i>- 318 000 000</i>				<i>- 318 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>	<i>362 486 373</i>				<i>362 486 373</i>	
Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	7 579 920 627	7 580 725 627			7 579 920 627	7 580 725 627
<i> Sub-ceiling</i>	<i>8 360 000 000</i>				<i>8 360 000 000</i>	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	<i>- 318 000 000</i>				<i>- 318 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>	<i>462 079 373</i>				<i>462 079 373</i>	
6. Compensations						
<i> Ceiling</i>						
<i> Margin</i>						
Negative reserve						
Total	159 546 618 011	144 261 380 690			159 546 618 011	144 261 380 690
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	<i>837 241 199</i>	<i>678 340 197</i>			<i>837 241 199</i>	<i>678 340 197</i>
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	<i>1 113 697 652</i>				<i>1 113 697 652</i>	
<i>Of which under Contingency margin</i>						
<i> Ceiling</i>	<i>159 514 000 000</i>	<i>154 565 000 000</i>			<i>159 514 000 000</i>	<i>154 565 000 000</i>
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	<i>- 318 000 000</i>				<i>- 318 000 000</i>	
<i> Margin</i>	<i>1 600 320 840</i>	<i>10 981 959 507</i>			<i>1 600 320 840</i>	<i>10 981 959 507</i>
Other special Instruments	566 902 000	419 600 000	97 646 105	97 646 105	664 548 105	517 246 105
Grand Total	160 113 520 011	144 680 980 690	97 646 105	97 646 105	160 211 166 116	144 778 626 795