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**DRAFT AMENDING BUDGET No 4
TO THE GENERAL BUDGET 2020**

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

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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (...) ¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as adopted on 27 November 2019 ²,
- amending budget No°1/2020 ³, adopted on 17 April 2020,
- amending budget No°2/2020 ⁴, adopted on 17 April 2020,
- draft amending budget No°3/2020 ⁵, adopted on 15 April 2020

The European Commission hereby presents to the European Parliament and to the Council Draft Amending Budget No 4 to the 2020 budget.

CHANGES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BY SECTION

The changes to the general statement of revenue and to the statement of expenditure and revenue of section III are available on EUR-Lex (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/budget/www/index-en.htm>).

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018.

² OJ L 57, 27.2.2020.

³ OJ L 126, 21.4.2020.

⁴ OJ L 126, 21.4.2020.

⁵ COM(2020) 180, 15.4.2020.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. INTRODUCTION

Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 4 for the year 2020 accompanies the proposal⁶ to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for an amount of EUR 278 993 814 to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria following natural disasters that took place in these Member States in the course of 2019:

- *Portugal*: damage resulting from the hurricane Lorenzo in the Azores in October 2019;
- *Spain*: flooding in the regions of Valencia, Murcia, Castilla-La Mancha and Andalucia in September 2019;
- *Italy and Austria*: extreme weather events resulting in flooding and landslides that affected most of the Italian territory (culminating in Venice flooding) as well as Carylthia and Eastern Tyrol in Austria in the autumn of 2019.

DAB No 4/2020 proposes to enter the necessary appropriations in the general budget 2020, both in commitments and payments, after having deducted the advances already paid out to Portugal and Spain (EUR 6 495 606).

2. FINANCING

In accordance with Article 10(1) of the Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020⁷ (hereafter "the MFF regulation"), the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2020 was EUR 1 150 524 045, being the sum of the 2020 allocation of EUR 597 546 284, plus the 2019 allocation of EUR 552 977 761 that remained unspent and was carried over to 2020.

The amount that may be mobilised at this stage of the year 2020 is EUR 1 001 137 474. This corresponds to the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2020 (EUR 1 150 524 045), minus the retained amount of EUR 149 386 571 in order to respect the obligation of keeping aside 25 % of the 2020 annual allocation until 1 October 2020 as stipulated by Article 10(1) of the MFF regulation.

EUSF financing summary table	Amount EUR
2019 allocation carried forward to 2020	552 977 761
2020 allocation	597 546 284

Total available at the beginning of 2020	1 150 524 045
Minus 25% of the 2020 allocation retained	-149 386 571

Maximum amount currently available (2019+2020 allocations)	1 001 137 474
Total amount of aid proposed to be mobilised for Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria	- 278 993 814

Remaining availabilities until 1 October 2020	722 143 660

3. APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET OF 2020

On the basis of the applications from Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria, the calculation of the financial contribution from the EUSF, based on the estimate of total direct damages, is set at EUR 278 993 814.

⁶ COM(2020) 200, 30.4.2020.

⁷ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

Considering the amount of EUR 6 495 606 that was already paid for these EUSF cases as advance, the Commission proposes to amend the budget 2020 by increasing budget line 13 06 01 by EUR 272 498 208 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	272 498 208	272 498 208
Total		272 498 208	272 498 208

4. SUMMARY TABLE BY MFF HEADING

In EUR

Heading	Budget 2020 (incl. AB 1-2 & DAB3/2020)		Draft Amending Budget 4/2020		Budget 2020 (incl. AB 1-2 & DAB3&4/2020)	
	CA	PA	CA	PA	CA	PA
1. Smart and inclusive growth	83 930 597 837	72 353 828 442			83 930 597 837	72 353 828 442
<i>Ceiling</i>	83 661 000 000				83 661 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
1a Competitiveness for growth and jobs	25 284 773 982	22 308 071 592			25 284 773 982	22 308 071 592
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	93 773 982				93 773 982	
<i>Ceiling</i>	25 191 000 000				25 191 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
1b Economic social and territorial cohesion	58 645 823 855	50 045 756 850			58 645 823 855	50 045 756 850
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	175 823 855				175 823 855	
<i>Ceiling</i>	58 470 000 000				58 470 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
2. Sustainable growth: natural resources	59 907 021 051	57 904 492 439			59 907 021 051	57 904 492 439
<i>Ceiling</i>	60 421 000 000				60 421 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>	513 978 949				513 978 949	
Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments	43 410 105 687	43 380 031 798			43 410 105 687	43 380 031 798
<i>Sub-ceiling</i>	43 888 000 000				43 888 000 000	
<i>Rounding difference excluded from margin calculation</i>	888 000				888 000	
<i>EAGF Margin</i>	477 006 313				477 006 313	
3. Security and citizenship	7 152 374 489	5 278 527 141			7 152 374 489	5 278 527 141
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	1 094 414 188				1 094 414 188	
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	2 392 402 163				2 392 402 163	
<i>Of which under Contingency margin</i>	714 558 138				714 558 138	
<i>Ceiling</i>	2 951 000 000				2 951 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
4. Global Europe	10 406 572 239	8 944 061 191			10 406 572 239	8 944 061 191
<i>Ceiling</i>	10 510 000 000				10 510 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>	103 427 761				103 427 761	
5. Administration	10 271 193 494	10 274 196 704			10 271 193 494	10 274 196 704
<i>Ceiling</i>	11 254 000 000				11 254 000 000	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 966 558 138				- 966 558 138	
<i>Margin</i>	16 248 368				16 248 368	
Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	7 955 303 132	7 958 306 342			7 955 303 132	7 958 306 342
<i>Sub-ceiling</i>	9 071 000 000				9 071 000 000	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 966 558 138				- 966 558 138	
<i>Margin</i>	149 138 730				149 138 730	
Total	171 667 759 110	154 755 105 917			171 667 759 110	154 755 105 917
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	1 094 414 188	1 017 029 444			1 094 414 188	1 017 029 444
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	2 662 000 000				2 662 000 000	
<i>Of which under Contingency margin</i>	714 558 138				714 558 138	
<i>Ceiling</i>	168 797 000 000	172 420 000 000			168 797 000 000	172 420 000 000
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 966 558 138				- 966 558 138	
<i>Margin</i>	633 655 078	18 681 923 527			633 655 078	18 681 923 527
Other special Instruments	587 763 000	418 500 000	272 498 208	272 498 208	860 261 208	690 998 208
Grand Total	172 255 522 110	155 173 605 917	272 498 208	272 498 208	172 528 020 318	155 446 104 125