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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 25/10/2024

GENERAL BUDGET - 2024  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 16, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 14/2024**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER - 3004** Solidarity mechanisms (special instruments)

ITEM - 30 04 01 01 European Solidarity Reserve

Commitments	-116 031 553,00
Payments	-116 031 553,00

**TO**

**CHAPTER - 1602** Mobilisation of solidarity mechanisms (special instruments)

ITEM - 16 02 01 01 Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible  
under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

Commitments	116 031 553,00
Payments	116 031 553,00

The proposed transfer will accompany the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the EUSF, to provide assistance to two applicant countries (Germany and Italy) relating to floods that took place in May and June 2024. Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/765 allows the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) to finance the assistance under the EUSF. Point 10 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on 'MFF 2021-2027' lays down the modalities for the mobilisation of the EUSF in the context of the SEAR.

## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**30 04 01 01 - European Solidarity Reserve**

#### **b) Figures at 14/10/2024**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 094 181 018,00	1 094 181 018,00
2 Transfers	-796 760 300,00	-796 760 300,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	297 420 718,00	297 420 718,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>297 420 718,00</b>	<b>297 420 718,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>116 031 553,00</b>	<b>116 031 553,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>181 389 165,00</b>	<b>181 389 165,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	10,60 %	10,60 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/10/2024	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the decrease**

According to article 9 of the Multiannual Financial Framework Regulation, the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve shall be constituted of two instruments which may be used to finance, respectively:

(a) assistance to respond to emergency situations resulting from major disasters that are covered by the European Union Solidarity Fund, the objectives and scope of which are set out in Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 (the "European Solidarity Reserve"); and

(b) rapid responses to specific emergency needs within the Union or in third countries following events which could not be foreseen when the budget was established, in particular for emergency responses and support operations following natural disasters not covered by point (a), man-made disasters, humanitarian crises in cases of large-scale public health, veterinary or phytosanitary threats, as well as in situations of particular pressure at the Union's external borders resulting from migratory flows, where circumstances so require (the "Emergency Aid Reserve")

Point 10 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation on budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (IIA), lays down the modalities for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in the context of the SEAR.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**16 02 01 01 - Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)**

#### **b) Figures at 14/10/2024**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
2 Transfers	796 760 300,00	796 760 300,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	846 760 300,00	846 760 300,00
4 Appropriations already used	37 073 004,00	37 073 004,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	809 687 296,00	809 687 296,00
6 Increase requested	116 031 553,00	116 031 553,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	925 718 849,00	925 718 849,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	232,06 %	232,06 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 14/10/2024	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the increase**

The transfer of EUR 116 031 553 is necessary in order to cover the payment needs arising from the Commission's proposal to mobilise financial contributions from the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for the applications in response to natural disasters which occurred in May and June 2024, as presented by Germany (widespread flooding in Southern Germany) and Italy (floods in the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta).

## ANNEX

### COMMISSION TRANSFER PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY RESERVE IN 2024

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2024, which relate to the European Solidarity Reserve (ESR), and the remaining amount under the ESR reserve following the approval of these proposals.

Content	TOTAL	European Solidarity Reserve	General Budget 2024 - <b>EUSF advances</b> (Article 4a EUSF Regulation)
<b>(1) General Budget 2024 - Initial appropriations</b>	<b>1.144.181.018</b>	1.094.181.018	50.000.000
<i>(2) Out of which, end of year cushion (until 30/09)</i>	286.045.255		
<b>(3) Mobilisation of the EUSF to provide assistance to Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Greece and France, COM(2024) 325</b>	<b>1.028.541.689</b>	<b>796.760.300</b>	<b>37.073.004</b>
<i>(4) Out of which, appropriations of the EU general budget 2023, already paid as advances, in accordance with Article 4a of the EUSF Regulation</i>	194.708.385		
(5) DEC accompanying Mobilisation COM(2024) 325 - DEC 08/2024 transfer proposals		-796.760.300	
<b>(6) Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany and Italy relating to floods occurred in 2024, COM(2024) 480</b>	<b>116.031.553</b>	<b>116.031.553</b>	
(7) DEC accompanying Mobilisation COM(2024) 480 – DEC 14/2024		-116.031.553	
<b>Remainder (1) + (4) - (3) - (6)</b>	<b>194.316.161</b>	<b>181.389.165</b>	<b>12.926.996</b>