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2020 budgetary procedure: joint text

European Parliament legislative resolution of 27 November 2019 on the joint text on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 approved by the Conciliation Committee under the budgetary procedure (14283/2019 — C9-0186/2019 — 2019/2028(BUD))

(2021/C 232/24)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and the relevant Parliament, Council and Commission statements (14283/2019 — C9-0186/2019),

— having regard to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which the Commission adopted on 5 July 2019 (COM(2019)0400),

— having regard to the position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which the Council adopted on 3 September 2019 and forwarded to Parliament on 13 September 2019 (11734/2019 — C9-0119/2019),

— having regard to Letter of amendment No 1/2020 to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, which the Commission presented on 15 October 2019,

— having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2019 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 ([1]) and to the budget amendments contained therein,

— having regard to Article 314 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

— having regard to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union ([2]),

— having regard to 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, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ([3]),

— having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 ([4]),

— having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management ([5]),

— having regard to Rule 95 and Rule 96 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A9-0035/2019),

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([1]) Texts adopted of that date, P9_TA(2019)0038.
([2]) OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105.
([3]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([4]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.
([5]) OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

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1. Approves the joint text;

2. Confirms the joint statements by Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution;

3. Takes note of the Commission statements annexed to this resolution;

4. Instructs its President to declare that the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 has been definitively adopted and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

5. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council, the Commission, the other institutions and bodies concerned and the national parliaments.

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ANNEX

FINAL

Budget 2020 — **Elements for joint conclusions**

These joint conclusions cover the following sections:

1. Budget 2020

2. Statements

Summary overview

According to the elements for joint conclusions:

— The overall level of commitment appropriations in the 2020 budget is set at EUR 168 688,1 million, leaving a margin below the MFF ceilings for 2020 of EUR 1 492,3 million.

This corresponds to an overall increase of EUR 400,0 million in comparison with the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020.

— The overall level of payment appropriations in the 2020 budget is set at EUR 153 566,2 million.

This corresponds to an overall decrease of EUR 49,1 million in comparison with the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020.

	Commitments	Payments
Final level of appropriations (in EUR million)	168 688,1	153 566,2
As % of 28 GNI	*0,99 %*	*0,90 %*

The Flexibility Instrument for 2020 is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of EUR 778,1 million for heading 3 *Security and Citizenship*.

— The Global margin for commitments is used at a level of EUR 269,6 million for headings 1a *Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs* and 1b *Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion*.

— The Contingency margin mobilised in 2017 is offset for EUR 252,0 million against the unallocated margins under heading 5 *Administration*.

— The 2020 payment appropriations related to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 are estimated by the Commission at EUR 849,8 million.

— The remaining availabilities for the year 2020 are summarised in the following table:

In EUR million (2019 prices)

Commitment margin below the MFF ceilings for 2020	1 492,3
Special instruments currently available	1 216,9
Flexibility Instrument	*141,3*
Global margin for commitments (from 2018)	*1 075,6*

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	In EUR million (2019 prices)
Additional special instruments available in 2020	1 463,5
Flexibility Instrument	
From lapsing amounts (2019) of the European Globalisation and Adjustment Fund	*173,5*
From lapsing amounts (2018) of the European Union Solidarity Fund	—
Global margin for commitments (from 2019)	*1 290,0*
Total	**4 172,7**

1. **Budget 2020**

1.1. **'Closed' lines**

Unless stated otherwise below in these conclusions, all budget lines not amended by either Council or Parliament, and those for which Parliament accepted Council's amendments during their respective reading, are confirmed.

For the other budget lines, the Conciliation Committee has agreed on the conclusions included in sections 1.2 to 1.7 below.

1.2. **Horizontal issues**

Decentralised agencies

The EU contribution (in commitment and payment appropriations and the number of posts) for all decentralised agencies are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 with the exception of:

— Under heading 1a:

— The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA, budget article 02 03 03) for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is decreased by EUR 1 000 000.

— The European GNSS Agency (GSA, budget article 02 05 11) for which 5 additional posts are allocated and the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 370 000.

— The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP, budget article 04 03 13) for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is decreased by EUR 300 000.

— Under heading 2:

— The European Environment Agency (EEA, budget article 07 02 06) for which 5 additional posts are allocated and the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 1 300 000.

— Under heading 3:

— The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL, budget article 18 02 04) for which 10 additional posts are allocated and the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 13 000 000.

— The European Medicine Agency (EMA, budget item 17 03 12 01) for which 5 additional posts are allocated and the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 2 000 000.

— The European Asylum Support Office (EASO, budget article 18 03 02) for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations in reserve is decreased by EUR 24 685 306.

— The European Body for the Enhancement of Judicial Cooperation (EUROJUST, budget article 33 03 04) for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is increased by EUR 1 700 000.

— The European Agency for the Operational Management at the External Borders (FRONTEX, budget article 18 02 03) for which the level of commitment and payment appropriations is decreased by EUR 8 734 813.

— The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO, budget article 33 03 05) for which 5 additional posts are allocated.

Executive agencies

The EU contribution (in commitment and payment appropriations and the number of posts) for executive agencies are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020.

Pilot Projects/Preparatory Actions

A comprehensive package of 78 pilot projects/preparatory actions (PP/PA), for a total amount of EUR 140,0 million in commitment appropriations is agreed.

When a pilot project or a preparatory action appears to be covered by an existing legal basis, the Commission may propose the transfer of appropriations to the corresponding legal basis in order to facilitate the implementation of the action.

This package fully respects the ceilings for pilot projects and preparatory actions set in the Financial Regulation.

1.3. **Expenditure headings of the financial framework — commitment appropriations**

After taking into account the above conclusions on 'closed' budget lines, agencies and pilot projects and preparatory actions, the Conciliation Committee has agreed on the following:

Heading 1a — Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 but with the adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, detailed in the following table:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.1.31	***Horizon 2020***			***302 000 000***
02 04 03 01	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials	93 815 989	131 326 358	37 510 369
05 09 03 01	Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products	322 162 041	358 411 695	36 249 654
06 03 03 01	Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system	82 293 876	102 593 682	20 299 806
08 02 02 02	Enhancing access to risk finance for investing in research and innovation	463 764 801	390 264 801	- 73 500 000

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Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
08 02 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	648 685 745	675 046 838	26 361 093
08 02 03 03	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system	378 723 375	437 834 269	59 110 894
08 02 03 04	Achieving a European transport system that is resource-efficient, environmentally friendly, safe and seamless	266 184 054	291 118 104	24 934 050
08 02 03 05	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials	335 790 132	357 285 003	21 494 871
08 02 04	Spreading excellence and widening participation	133 166 041	138 566 660	5 400 619
08 02 07 32	Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking	249 947 970	243 447 970	- 6 500 000
08 02 08	SME instrument	587 742 199	659 742 199	72 000 000
09 04 01 01	Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies	446 952 871	453 036 200	6 083 329
09 04 02 01	Leadership in information and communications technology	877 375 691	893 597 902	16 222 211
09 04 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	179 751 775	187 862 880	8 111 105
09 04 03 02	Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies	53 632 314	54 632 314	1 000 000
09 04 03 03	Fostering secure European societies	78 153 053	68 153 053	- 10 000 000
15 03 01 01	Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions — generating, developing and transferring new skills, knowledge and innovation	1 024 532 312	1 032 643 417	8 111 105
18 05 03 01	Fostering secure European societies	195 504 220	185 504 220	- 10 000 000
32 04 03 01	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system	397 880 594	456 991 488	59 110 894

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In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.1.32	***Euratom Research and Training Programme***			***- 2 200 000***
08 03 01 02	Euratom — Nuclear fission and radiation protection	74 754 023	73 354 023	- 1 400 000
10 03 01	Euratom activities of direct research	13 701 830	12 901 830	- 800 000
1.1.4	***Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME)***			***5 000 000***
02 02 02	Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the form of equity and debt	264 160 000	269 160 000	5 000 000
1.1.5	***Education, Training and Sport (Erasmus+)***			***50 000 000***
15 02 01 01	Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market	2 497 651 602	2 538 161 453	40 509 851
15 02 01 02	Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European youth area and the participation of young people in European democratic life	187 211 158	194 795 054	7 583 896
15 02 02	Promoting excellence in teaching and research activities in European integration through the Jean Monnet Activities worldwide	47 056 540	48 962 793	1 906 253
1.1.6	***Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)***			***- 2 000 000***
04 03 02 01	Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation	78 400 000	77 900 000	- 500 000
04 03 02 03	Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises	15 735 000	14 235 000	- 1 500 000

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Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.1.81	***Energy***			***95 800 000***
32 02 01 01	Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders	394 706 000	450 506 000	55 800 000
32 02 01 02	Enhancing Union security of energy supply	394 528 000	414 528 000	20 000 000
32 02 01 03	Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment	394 498 586	414 498 586	20 000 000
1.1.82	***Transport***			***37 000 000***
06 02 01 01	Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections	1 732 979 805	1 764 429 805	31 450 000
06 02 01 02	Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems	333 547 370	339 097 370	5 550 000
1.1.DAG	***Decentralised agencies***			***- 930 000***
02 03 03	European Chemicals Agency — Chemicals legislation	59 827 657	58 827 657	- 1 000 000
02 05 11	European GNSS Agency	34 232 619	34 602 619	370 000
04 03 13	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)	18 115 490	17 815 490	- 300 000
1.1.OTH	***Other actions and programmes***			***- 200 000***
26 02 01	Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	7 200 000	7 000 000	- 200 000
1.1.PPPA	***Pilot projects and preparatory actions***			***85 365 000***
1.1.SPEC	***Actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission***			***- 1 500 000***
02 03 01	Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services	32 027 000	31 027 000	- 1 000 000
09 02 01	Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communications	3 815 000	3 315 000	- 500 000
	Total			**568 335 000**

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 25 284,8 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of heading 1a and the use of the Global Margin for Commitments for an amount of EUR 93,8 million.

The Conciliation Committee also agrees not to make commitment appropriations available again in accordance with Article 15.3 of the Financial Regulation.

Heading 1b — Economic, social and territorial Cohesion

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 but with the adjustment, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, detailed in the following table:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.2.5	***Youth Employment initiative (specific top-up allocation)***			***28 333 333***
04 02 64	Youth Employment Initiative	116 666 667	145 000 000	28 333 333
1.2.PPPA	***Pilot projects and preparatory actions***			***5 600 000***
	Total			**33 933 333**

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 58 645,8 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of heading 1b and the use of the Global Margin for Commitments for an amount of EUR 175,8 million.

Heading 2 — Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 but with the adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, detailed in the following table:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
2.0.10	***European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments***			***- 72 000 000***
05 03 01 10	Basic payment scheme (BPS)	16 189 000 000	16 117 000 000	- 72 000 000
2.0.4	***Environment and climate action (LIFE)***			***10 000 000***
34 02 01	Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions	80 328 388	85 883 944	5 555 556
34 02 02	Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change	44 350 000	47 524 603	3 174 603

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In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
34 02 03	Better climate governance and information at all levels	16 298 500	17 568 341	1 269 841
2.0.DAG	***Decentralised agencies***			***1 300 000***
07 02 06	European Environment Agency	40 418 782	41 718 782	1 300 000
2.0.PPPA	***Pilot projects and preparatory actions***			***22 514 881***
	Total			**- 38 185 119**

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 59 907,0 million, leaving a margin of EUR 514,0 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 2.

Heading 3 — Security and Citizenship

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 but with the adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, detailed in the following table:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
3.0.11	***Creative Europe***			***7 500 000***
09 05 01	MEDIA Sub-programme — Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	115 923 000	120 923 000	5 000 000
15 04 01	Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models	38 241 000	39 241 000	1 000 000
15 04 02	Culture Sub-programme — Supporting cross-border actions and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	75 246 000	76 746 000	1 500 000
3.0.5	***Rights, Equality and Citizenship***			***1 200 000***
33 02 01	Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens	28 605 000	29 805 000	1 200 000

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Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
3.0.6	***Union Civil protection Mechanism***			***- 15 000 000***
23 03 01 01	Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union	137 788 000	122 788 000	- 15 000 000
3.0.7	***Europe for Citizens***			***1 000 000***
18 04 01 01	Europe for citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level	25 959 000	26 959 000	1 000 000
3.0.8	***Food and feed***			***- 1 500 000***
17 04 01	Ensuring a higher animal health status and high level of protection of animals in the Union	171 000 000	169 500 000	- 1 500 000
3.0.DAG	***Decentralised agencies***			***- 16 720 119***
17 03 12 01	Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency	32 285 000	34 285 000	2 000 000
18 02 03	European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	420 555 842	411 821 029	- 8 734 813
18 02 04	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)	139 964 760	152 964 760	13 000 000
18 03 02	European Asylum Support Office (EASO)	133 012 725	108 327 419	- 24 685 306
33 03 04	European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)	39 640 496	41 340 496	1 700 000
3.0.PPPA	***Pilot projects and preparatory actions***			***22 520 119***
3.0.SPEC	***Actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission***			***1 000 000***
09 05 05	Multimedia actions	20 732 000	21 732 000	1 000 000
	Total			**0**

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As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 3 729,1 million, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of heading 3, and the mobilisation of EUR 778,1 million through the Flexibility Instrument.

Heading 4 — Global Europe

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020, but with the adjustments, agreed by the Conciliation Committee, detailed in the following table:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
4.0.1	***Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II)***			***- 85 000 000***
05 05 04 02	Turkey — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	28 178 364	18 178 364	- 10 000 000
22 02 03 01	Turkey — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	160 000 000	150 000 000	- 10 000 000
22 02 03 02	Turkey — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	65 000 000	0	- 65 000 000
4.0.10	***Macro-financial Assistance (MFA)***			***- 7 000 000***
01 03 02	Macro-financial assistance	27 000 000	20 000 000	- 7 000 000
4.0.2	***European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)***			***25 000 000***
22 04 01 03	Mediterranean countries — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts	401 220 115	421 220 115	20 000 000
22 04 02 01	Eastern Partnership — Human rights, good governance and mobility	251 379 012	252 879 012	1 500 000
22 04 02 02	Eastern Partnership — Poverty reduction and sustainable development	385 828 623	389 328 623	3 500 000
4.0.3	***Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)***			***20 000 000***
21 02 07 01	Environment and climate change	216 473 403	222 473 403	6 000 000
21 02 07 02	Sustainable energy	96 210 401	110 210 401	14 000 000

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In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in commitment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
4.0.5	***European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)***			***- 5 000 000***
19 04 01	Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions	48 442 462	43 442 462	- 5 000 000
4.0.OTH	***Other actions and programmes***			***2 000 000***
13 07 01	Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community	33 762 000	35 762 000	2 000 000
4.0.PPPA	***Pilot projects and preparatory actions***			***4 000 000***
	Total			**- 46 000 000**

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 10 261,6 million, leaving a margin of EUR 248,4 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 4.

Heading 5 — Administration

The number of posts in the establishment plans of the Institutions and the appropriations proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 are agreed by the Conciliation Committee with the following exceptions

— The section of the Parliament, for which the following increases in commitment and payment appropriations resulting from Members' Statute and the postponement of the United Kingdom withdrawal of the European Union decided on 28 October 2019 by the European Council, are approved: EUR 410 000 on budget line 1 0 0 0 *Salaries*, EUR 408 000 on budget line 1 0 0 4 *Ordinary travel expenses*, EUR 12 000 on budget line 1 0 0 5 *Other travel expenses*, EUR 900 000 on budget line 1 0 0 6 *General expenditure allowance*, EUR 6 050 000 on budget line 1 0 2 *Transitional allowances*, EUR 12 000 on budget line 3 2 2 *Documentation expenditure*, EUR 68 000 on budget line 3 2 4 4 *Organisation and reception of visitors, Euroscola programme and invitations to opinion multipliers from third countries* and EUR 1 463 000 on budget line 4 2 2 *Expenditure relating to parliamentary assistance;*

— The section of the Council, for which its reading is approved.

Also, the impact in the Budget 2020 of the automatic salary update to be applied from 1 July 2019 (2.0 % instead of 3,1 %) is integrated in all sections of the Institutions as follows:

in EUR

Parliament	- 10 922 000
Council	- 3 627 000
Commission (including pensions)	- 52 453 000
Court of Justice	- 3 393 000
Court of Auditors	- 1 380 000
European Economic & Social Committee	- 819 672

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in EUR

Committee of the Regions	- 610 000
Ombudsman	- 111 000
European Data Protection Supervisor	- 64 000
European External Action Service	- 3 529 000
Total	**- 76 908 672**

As a consequence the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at EUR 10 272,1 million, leaving a margin of EUR 729,9 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 5, after the use of EUR 252,0 million of the margin to offset the mobilisation of the Contingency margin in 2017.

Special instruments: EGF, EAR and EUSF

Commitment appropriations for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), for the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) and for the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget.

1.4. **Payment appropriations**

The overall level of payment appropriations in the 2020 Budget is set at the level of the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 with the following adjustments agreed by the Conciliation Committee:

1. First, account is taken of the agreed level of commitment appropriations for non-differentiated expenditure, for which the level of payment appropriations is equal to the level of commitment appropriations. This includes the additional reduction of agricultural expenditure by -EUR 72,0 million. This approach is applied, by analogy, to the EU contribution of decentralised agencies. The combined effect is a decrease of -EUR 156,4 million;

2. The payment appropriations for all *new* pilot projects and preparatory actions proposed by the Parliament are set at 25 % of the corresponding commitment appropriations, or at the level proposed by Parliament if lower. In the case of extension of *existing* pilot projects and preparatory actions the level of payment appropriations is the one defined in the Draft Budget plus 25 % of the corresponding new commitment appropriations, or at the level proposed by Parliament if lower. The combined effect is an increase of EUR 35,0 million;

3. The adjustments on the following budget lines are agreed as a result of the evolution in commitment appropriations for differentiated expenditure:

In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in payment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.1.31	***Horizon 2020***			***87 754 856***
02 04 03 01	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials	68 500 000	79 753 000	11 253 000
05 09 03 01	Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products	246 618 066	257 493 066	10 875 000

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In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in payment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
06 03 03 01	Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system	72 392 254	78 482 254	6 090 000
08 02 02 02	Enhancing access to risk finance for investing in research and innovation	120 856 938	98 806 938	- 22 050 000
08 02 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	597 667 007	605 575 007	7 908 000
08 02 03 03	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system	371 904 517	389 637 517	17 733 000
08 02 03 04	Achieving a European transport system that is resource-efficient, environmentally friendly, safe and seamless	281 336 863	288 816 863	7 480 000
08 02 03 05	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials	270 375 566	276 823 566	6 448 000
08 02 04	Spreading excellence and widening participation	134 355 325	135 975 325	1 620 000
08 02 07 32	Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking	184 313 342	179 520 198	- 4 793 144
08 02 08	SME instrument	532 049 827	553 649 827	21 600 000
09 04 01 01	Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies	466 500 000	468 325 000	1 825 000
09 04 02 01	Leadership in information and communications technology	711 700 000	716 567 000	4 867 000
09 04 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	147 200 000	149 633 000	2 433 000
09 04 03 02	Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies	47 700 000	48 000 000	300 000
09 04 03 03	Fostering secure European societies	55 400 000	52 400 000	- 3 000 000
15 03 01 01	Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions — generating, developing and transferring new skills, knowledge and innovation	862 725 632	865 158 632	2 433 000

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In EUR

Budget line / Programme	Name	Variation in payment appropriations		
		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
18 05 03 01	Fostering secure European societies	168 549 256	165 549 256	- 3 000 000
32 04 03 01	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system	398 861 189	416 594 189	17 733 000
1.1.32	***Euratom Research and Training Programme***			***- 1 100 000***
08 03 01 02	Euratom — Nuclear fission and radiation protection	92 297 374	91 597 374	- 700 000
10 03 01	Euratom activities of direct research	12 000 000	11 600 000	- 400 000
1.1.4	***Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME)***			***5 000 000***
02 02 02	Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the form of equity and debt	210 000 000	215 000 000	5 000 000
1.1.5	***Education, Training and Sport (Erasmus+)***			***50 000 000***
15 02 01 01	Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market	2 375 000 000	2 415 509 851	40 509 851
15 02 01 02	Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European youth area and the participation of young people in European democratic life	180 000 000	187 583 896	7 583 896
15 02 02	Promoting excellence in teaching and research activities in European integration through the Jean Monnet Activities worldwide	46 000 000	47 906 253	1 906 253
1.1.6	***Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)***			***- 2 000 000***
04 03 02 01	Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation	59 400 000	58 900 000	- 500 000
04 03 02 03	Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises	23 000 000	21 500 000	- 1 500 000

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		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
1.1.81	***Energy***			***28 740 000***
32 02 01 01	Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders	131 500 000	148 240 000	16 740 000
32 02 01 02	Enhancing Union security of energy supply	128 200 000	134 200 000	6 000 000
32 02 01 03	Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment	128 300 000	134 300 000	6 000 000
1.1.82	***Transport***			***11 100 000***
06 02 01 01	Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections	980 000 000	989 435 000	9 435 000
06 02 01 02	Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems	95 000 000	96 665 000	1 665 000
1.1.OTH	***Other actions and programmes***			***- 200 000***
26 02 01	Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	7 200 000	7 000 000	- 200 000
1.1.SPEC	***Actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission***			***- 1 200 000***
02 03 01	Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services	26 610 000	25 810 000	- 800 000
09 02 01	Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communications	3 000 000	2 600 000	- 400 000
1.2.5	***Youth Employment initiative (specific top-up allocation)***			***3 000 000***
04 02 64	Youth Employment Initiative	600 000 000	603 000 000	3 000 000
2.0.4	***Environment and climate action (LIFE)***			***5 000 001***
34 02 01	Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions	42 000 000	44 777 778	2 777 778
34 02 02	Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change	22 500 000	24 087 302	1 587 302

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		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
34 02 03	Better climate governance and information at all levels	15 000 000	15 634 921	634 921
3.0.11	***Creative Europe***			***6 000 000***
09 05 01	MEDIA Sub-programme — Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	99 200 000	103 200 000	4 000 000
15 04 01	Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models	29 200 000	30 000 000	800 000
15 04 02	Culture Sub-programme — Supporting cross-border actions and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	66 000 000	67 200 000	1 200 000
3.0.5	***Rights, Equality and Citizenship***			***1 200 000***
33 02 01	Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens	28 800 000	30 000 000	1 200 000
3.0.6	***Union Civil protection Mechanism***			***- 15 000 000***
23 03 01 01	Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union	63 000 000	48 000 000	- 15 000 000
3.0.7	***Europe for Citizens***			***1 000 000***
18 04 01 01	Europe for citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level	25 000 000	26 000 000	1 000 000
3.0.SPEC	***Actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission***			***1 000 000***
09 05 05	Multimedia actions	22 000 000	23 000 000	1 000 000
4.0.1	***Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA II)***			***- 75 000 000***
22 02 03 01	Turkey — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	58 772 300	48 772 300	- 10 000 000
22 02 03 02	Turkey — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	463 786 099	398 786 099	- 65 000 000

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		DB 2020 (incl. AL1)	Budget 2020	Difference
4.0.3	***Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)***			***20 000 000***
21 02 07 01	Environment and climate change	157 900 000	163 900 000	6 000 000
21 02 07 02	Sustainable energy	50 250 000	64 250 000	14 000 000
4.0.5	***European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)***			***- 5 000 000***
19 04 01	Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions	42 000 000	37 000 000	- 5 000 000
4.0.OTH	***Other actions and programmes***			***2 000 000***
13 07 01	Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community	35 000 000	37 000 000	2 000 000
9.0.3	***European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)***			***- 50 000 000***
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	100 000 000	50 000 000	- 50 000 000
	Total			**72 294 857**

1.5. **Reserves**

Reserves in the 2020 Budget are set in accordance with the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020 except for budget articles 13 06 01 (European Union Solidarity Fund) and 18 03 02 (European Asylum Support Office — EASO) for which the corresponding reserves are cancelled.

1.6. **Budget remarks**

Unless otherwise specifically addressed in previous paragraphs, amendments introduced by the European Parliament or the Council to the text of budget remarks are agreed, with the exception of those on budget lines listed in the following tables:

— Budget lines for which the amendments introduced by the European Parliament are approved with the modification proposed by the Commission in its Executability Letter.

Budget line	Name
15 02 01 01	Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market
19 05 01	Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests

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Budget line	Name
21 02 07 03	Human development
21 02 08 01	Civil society in development
21 07 01	Cooperation with Greenland

— Budget lines for which the respective budget remark as proposed in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020, are approved.

Budget line	Name
02 04 03 01	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials
06 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Transport
07 02 06	European Environment Agency
08 02 03 03	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system
08 02 03 05	Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials
08 02 07 33	Bio-Based Industries (BBI) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure
09 02 01	Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communications
13 04 61 01	Cohesion Fund — Operational technical assistance
21 01 04 05	Support expenditure for the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)
32 04 03 01	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system

— Budget lines for which the respective budget remark as proposed in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter are approved with the following modifications.

Budget line	Name
04 03 02 01	Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation
	Amend text as follows: — *to encourage ~~job~~ creation~~, promote youth employment and fight poverty by promoting increased social convergence by means of the Social Mark~~* ***of decent jobs in terms of stable employment and social rights, promoting acceptable employment for young people and combatting poverty by promoting social convergence***.

Budget line	Name
08 02 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being
	Amend text as follows: *Lifelong health and well-being for all, high-quality and economically sustainable health and care systems, with health care becoming more personalised for more efficacy, and opportunities for new jobs and growth in the health sector and its related industries are the aims of this activity. To that respect activities will focus on effective health promotion and disease prevention (e.g. understanding the determinants of health, developing better preventive vaccines). Particular attention will be paid to gender- and age-related health specificities. In addition, emphasis will be placed on managing, treating and curing disease (notably via an increased personalisation of medicine),* ***including fighting cancer****, disability and reduced functionality (e. g. by transferring knowledge to clinical practice and scalable innovation actions, better use of health data, independent and assisted living). Furthermore, efforts will be made to improve decision-making in prevention and treatment provision, identify and support the dissemination of best practice in the health care sector, and support integrated care and the uptake of technological, organisational and social innovations empowering in particular older persons as well as disabled persons to remain active and independent. Finally, activities will be based on a gender-sensitive approach that recognises, amongst other things, the position of women in both the informal and the formal care sector.*
08 02 03 03	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system
	Add the following text: ***Attention shall be paid to helping to close the research and innovation divide in Europe, without undermining the excellence criteria.***
08 02 08	SME instrument
	Amend text as follows: ~~***In accordance with Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation, an amount of EUR 72 000 000 in commitment appropriations is available for this budget article further to decommitments made in 2018 as a result of total or partial non-implementation of research projects.***~~
09 04 02 01	Leadership in information and communications technology
	Add the following text: ***This could cover further research work in the field of developing European internet search engines.***
09 04 03 02	Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies
	Amend text as follows: *The aim of the second challenge is 'to contribute to an understanding of Europe's intellectual basis and cultural heritage: its history and the many European and non-European influences; as an inspiration for our lives today', as well as to facilitate the access and exploitation of this cultural heritage****, including towards the future European Cultural Heritage Cloud****.*
32 04 03 01	Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system
	Add the following text: ***Attention shall be paid to helping to close the research and innovation divide in Europe, without undermining the excellence criteria.***

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Budget line	Name
32 02 77 12	Preparatory action — Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition
	Add the following text: — *set up a cross-DG team to (a) identify areas of possible Union policy/programme synergies with a view to ensuring the most effective financial and policy support post-2020; (b) assist regions (central and local authorities) in developing sustainable transition strategies* ***by providing more targeted tools for intra-regional exchanges on best practices, including on comprehensive roadmaps for low-emission reindustrialisation****.* — ***refocus existing stakeholder fora, including social dialogue and dialogue with civil society in general, on establishing just transition and economic strategies,*** — ***provide additional financial support, on top of existing funding schemes without redeployment from other programmes, for the establishment of regional/local just transition roadmaps towards EU carbon neutrality by 2050 in the regions and communities most affected. Extra funding should also support existing or future territorial/community projects that are based on the involvement of workers and communities affected through consultation and empowerment.*** — ***strengthen the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition and its Secretariat (established by the preparatory action in 2018 and continued in 2019) in order to achieve the EU's climate goals and fulfil its commitments under the Paris Agreement, while ensuring a just energy transition in which coal regions are not left behind, by providing an increased budget in 2020 and extending the scope of the action to:*** — ***further technical assistance and capacity building in coal and carbon intensive regions in the EU in areas such as strategy preparation, project development, project financing and private investment facilitation (there were 20 pilot regions participating in the EU initiative as of March 2019, compared with four regions in 2017);*** — ***engagement with Energy Community members and observers on coal regions in transition by organising regional outreach in cooperation with international financial institutions and international partners;*** — ***development of a social dimension to the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition, applying best social innovation practices: reskilling and upskilling of workers and programmes for young people and retired miners.***
34 02 01	Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions
	Add the following text: ***As regards integrated projects, a distributional element in the selection of projects to facilitate geographical balance shall be taken into account. This is of an indicative nature and should not suggest secured funds or allocations per Member State.***

Budget line	Name
34 02 02	Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change
	Add the following text: ***As regards integrated projects, a distributional element in the selection of projects to facilitate geographical balance shall be taken into account. This is of an indicative nature and should not suggest secured funds or allocations per Member State.***
34 02 03	Better climate governance and information at all levels
	Add the following text: ***As regards integrated projects, a distributional element in the selection of projects to facilitate geographical balance shall be taken into account. This is of an indicative nature and should not suggest secured funds or allocations per Member State.***

This is with the understanding that amendments introduced by the European Parliament or the Council cannot modify or extend the scope of an existing legal base, or impinge on the administrative autonomy of institutions, and that the action can be covered by available resources.

1.7. **Budget nomenclature**

The budget nomenclature proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, as amended by Amending Letter 1/2020, is agreed with the inclusion of the new pilot projects and preparatory actions taking account of the following modifications.

Budget line according to EP reading	Heading	Name / New name	New budget line	New heading
02 04 77 08	1a	Pilot project — Aviation resilience to GNSS jamming and **cyber-threats**~~spoofing~~	02 04 77 08	1a
06 02 77 25	1a	Pilot project — Eco labelling for aviation / Demonstration project for the introduction of a voluntary Green Label system in Aviation ~~based on EASA Eco-Portal~~	06 02 77 25	1a
06 02 77 26	2	Pilot project — Urban mobility interconnection with air transport infrastructure	06 02 77 26	1a
06 02 77 27	2	Pilot project — Revitalisation of cross-border night trains	06 02 77 27	1a
06 02 77 28	2	Pilot project — Capacity for greening of European sea ports	06 02 77 28	1a
09 02 77 15	2	Pilot project — Smart urban mobility by autonomous vehicles	09 02 77 15	1a
13 03 77 30	1b	Pilot project — BEST Culture: Program**me** to support cultural diversity in the European overseas	13 03 77 30	1b
14 03 77 05	1a	Pilot project — Feasibility study for a European asset registry in the context of the fight against money laundering and tax evasion	12 02 77 11	1a

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Budget line according to EP reading	Heading	Name / New name	New budget line	New heading
15 04 77 22	1a	Preparatory action — Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries (FLIP for CCIs)	15 04 77 22	3
15 04 77 23	1a	Preparatory action — Protecting the Jewish Cemeteries of Europe: A full mapping process with research and monitoring and individual costed proposals for protection.	15 04 77 23	3
32 02 77 16	1a	Preparatory action — Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition	32 02 77 12	1a
32 02 77 17	1a	Preparatory action — Teaching Islands how to tender for renewable energy projects	32 02 77 16	1a
32 02 77 18	1a	Preparatory action — Strengthening the cooperation on climate action among villages within the EU and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors	32 02 77 17	1a
32 02 77 19	1b	Pilot project — Energy Communities Repository — Monitoring and Support to Energy Communities in the EU	32 02 77 18	1a
32 02 77 20	2	Pilot project — Engaging Companies for Energy Transition	32 02 77 19	1a
33 04 77 07	3	Pilot project — Inclusive Web Accessibility for Persons with Cognitive Disabilities (Web inclusiveness: access for all)	09 04 77 29	3
33 04 77 08	2	Preparatory action — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the Single Market	33 04 77 07	1a

2. **Statements**

2.1 **Joint statement by the European Parliament, Council and Commission on the funding of EASO**

The European Parliament and the Council take note of the Commission's intention to review the funding requirements of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EASO) for the financial year 2020, once the legislative proposal of 12 September 2018 to reinforce the Agency's operational support capabilities is adopted

The European Parliament and the Council undertake to treat a possible request for a reinforcement of the EU contribution to EASO in 2020, which may require a budget authority transfer or a draft amending budget, with due regard for its urgency.

2.2. **Joint statement by the European Parliament, Council and Commission on the payment appropriations**

The European Parliament and the Council recall the need to ensure, in the light of implementation, an orderly progression of payments in relation to the appropriations for commitments so as to avoid any abnormal level of unpaid invoices at year-end.

The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes (particularly in sub-heading 1b and Rural Development). To that end, they invite the Commission to present, in a timely manner, updated figures concerning the state of implementation and estimates regarding 2020 payment appropriations.

If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2020 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, inter alia an amending budget, to allow the Budgetary Authority to take any decisions necessary in due time for justified needs. Where applicable, the European Parliament and the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter. For the Council, this could entail shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary.

2.3 **Joint statement by the European Parliament, Council and Commission on the Youth Employment Initiative**

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission recall that reducing youth unemployment remains a high and shared political priority, and to this end they reaffirm their determination to make the best possible use of budgetary resources available to tackle it, and in particular through the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI).

The European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to observe closely the implementation trend of this initiative and to submit a report before 30 June 2020.

Should the Commission assessment confirm the need for an increase of the YEI, the Commission will present in parallel a draft amending budget increasing the YEI specific allocation by EUR 50 million.

The Council and the European Parliament undertake to process swiftly any such draft amending budget for 2020 put forward by the Commission.

2.4. **Unilateral statement by the Commission on the Youth Employment Initiative**

The increase of the YEI specific allocation requires a technical amendment of the Common Provisions Regulation.

As was the case in the previous years, this amendment will be strictly limited to the modifications necessary to accommodate the additional YEI envelope and will have no impact on the implementation of the cohesion policy.

2.5. **Unilateral statement by the Commission on getting closer to the 20 % climate-related spending target during 2014-2020**

The Commission will monitor closely the implementation of the budget in the course of the year 2020. In case of under-implementation in the relevant headings, the Commission will make the appropriate budgetary proposals to reinforce climate-related expenditure where possible.