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Draft amending budget No 3/2020: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2019

European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2020 on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2020 of the European Union for the financial year 2020: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2019 (07764/2020 — C9-0131/2020 — 2020/2061(BUD))

(2021/C 362/27)

The European Parliament,

— 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 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 ([1]), and in particular Article 44 thereof,

— having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, as definitively adopted on 27 November 2019 ([2]),

— 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 ([3]),

— 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 ([4]),

— having regard to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union ([5]),

— having regard to Draft amending budget No 3/2020, which the Commission adopted on 15 April 2020 (COM(2020)0180),

— having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 3/2020 which the Council adopted on 6 May 2020 and forwarded to Parliament on the following day (07764/2020 — C9-0131/2020),

— having regard to its resolution of 17 April 2020 on EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences ([6]),

— having regard to Rules 94 and 96 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0104/2020),

A. whereas Draft amending budget No 3/2020 aims to enter in the 2020 budget the surplus from the 2019 financial year, amounting to EUR 3 218,4 million;

B. whereas the main components of that surplus are a positive outturn on revenue of EUR 2 414,8 million and an under-spending in expenditure of EUR 803,6 million;

([1]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 57, 27.2.2020.
([3]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.
([4]) OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
([5]) OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 105.
([6]) Texts adopted, P9_TA(2020)0054.

C. whereas on the revenue side, the largest difference stems from default interest and fines (EUR 2 510,5 million), the outturn being composed of competition fines and default interest, other penalty payments and interest linked to fines and penalty payments;

D. whereas on the expenditure side, under-implementation in payments by the Commission reaches EUR 592,3 million for 2019 (of which EUR 351,5 million from the Emergency Aid Reserve and EUR 94,5 million in reserve under heading 3, 'Security and Citizenship') and EUR 86,3 million for 2018 carryovers, and under-implementation by the other institutions EUR 82,4 million for 2019 and EUR 39 million for 2017 carryovers;

1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 3/2020 as submitted by the Commission, which is devoted solely to the budgeting of the 2019 surplus, for an amount of EUR 3 218,4 million, in accordance with Article 18 of the Financial Regulation, and of the Council's position thereon;

2. Reiterates its position that all available means and unused money in the Union budget, including the surplus, be used to swiftly deploy financial assistance to the regions and businesses most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; calls, in that context, on Member States to devote the expected reductions in their GNI-based contributions stemming from the 2019 surplus entirely to the budgeting of COVID-19-related actions, preferably at Union level to ensure an optimal allocation of the funds;

3. Notes that, according to the Commission, the competition fines in 2019 accounted for EUR 2 510,5 million; considers again that it should be possible for the Union budget to reuse any revenue resulting from fines or linked to late payments without a corresponding decrease in GNI contributions; recalls its position in favour of increasing the proposed Union reserve (Global Margin for Commitments) in the next Multiannual Financial Framework by an amount equivalent to the revenue resulting from fines and penalties;

4. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2020;

5. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 3/2020 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.