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Adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats

European Parliament resolution of 10 October 2019 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision (EU) 2019/276 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats (COM(2019)0600 — C9-0029/2019 — 2019/2039(BUD))

(2021/C 202/21)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2019)0600 — C9-0029/2019),

— having regard to Decision (EU) 2019/276 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2018 on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to reinforce key programmes for the competitiveness of the EU and to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the ongoing challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats ([1]),

— having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019, as definitively adopted on 12 December 2018 ([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 4/2019, which the Commission adopted on 2 July 2019 (COM(2019)0610),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0013/2019),

A. whereas the European Parliament and the Council decided to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument in 2019 for an amount of EUR 1 164 million: EUR 179 million for heading 1a (Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs) to reinforce key competitiveness programmes, namely Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+, and EUR 985,6 million for heading 3 as proposed by the Commission.;

B. whereas the Commission has proposed Draft amending budget No 4/2019 that includes reductions in the level of commitment appropriations for both heading 1a and 3 and therefore reduces the need for the use of the Flexibility Instrument in 2019;

C. whereas the Commission has therefore proposed to decrease the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument by EUR 1 090 million, of which EUR 160 million for heading 1a and EUR 930 million for heading 3;

([1]) OJ L 54, 22.2.2019, p. 3.
([2]) OJ L 67, 7.3.2019.
([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.

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D. whereas the proposed mobilisation decision amends Decision (EU) 2019/276 of 12 December 2018 ([6]);

E. whereas, as a result of Parliament position on Draft amending budget No 4/2019, the proposed adjustments have become void;

1. Rejects the Commission proposal;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

([6]) Decision (EU) 2019/276 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2018 on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to reinforce key programmes for the competitiveness of the EU and to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the ongoing challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats (OJ L 54, 22.2.2019, p. 3).