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Draft amending budget No 5/2021: Humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey

European Parliament resolution of 24 November 2021 on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 5/2021 of the European Union for the financial year 2021 — Humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey (12444/2021 — C9-0380/2021 — 2021/0226(BUD))

(2022/C 224/21)

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 2021, as definitively adopted on 18 December 2020 ([2]),

— having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 ([3]),

— having regard to 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 in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources ([4]),

— having regard to Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom ([5]),

— having regard to Draft amending budget No 5/2021, which the Commission adopted on 9 July 2021 (COM(2021)0460),

— having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 5/2021 which the Council adopted on 5 October 2021 and forwarded to Parliament on 14 October 2021 (12444/2021 — C9-0380/2021),

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

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0327/2021),

A. whereas the purpose of Draft amending budget No 5/2021 is to provide continued support to the most vulnerable of the refugees in Turkey as a consequence of the Syria crisis, representing the first component of the Commission's proposals for the continuation of financing for Syrian refugees and host communities in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and other parts of the region;

B. whereas the Commission estimates that EUR 325 million are needed to extend the coverage of the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) flagship programme, which provides monthly cash transfers to over 1,8 million refugees, from March 2022 until the beginning of 2023, when the programme is due to be transitioned to development assistance; whereas the Commission proposed to cover this amount by using the remaining margin under the Heading 6 in 2021, and the balance to be funded from the Humanitarian Aid envelope in 2021 and 2022;

([1]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 93, 17.3.2021.
([3]) OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.
([4]) OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.
([5]) OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1.

C. whereas, therefore, the Draft amending budget No 5/2021 aims at mobilising EUR 149,6 million in commitment appropriations while no additional payment appropriations are requested in 2021;

1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 5/2021 as submitted by the Commission;

2. Points to the fact that the ceiling of Heading 6 appears to be too low to respond to major crises in the Union's neighbourhood and the world from the very first year of the 2021-2027 MFF; is concerned that the continued support to refugees in Turkey was not factored in the negotiations of the current MFF nor the NDICI-Global Europe instrument; underlines that under current circumstances the Union budget cannot be the sole source of funding for the continued support to refugees;

3. Believes that a comprehensive agreement, covering the Union funding for the continued support to refugees in Turkey and the wider region in 2021 and following years should be found in the context of the conciliation on the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2022;

4. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 5/2021;

5. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 5/2021 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.