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Draft amending budget No 3/2019: proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria

European Parliament resolution of 18 September 2019 on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2019 of the European Union for the financial year 2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria (11732/2019 — C9-0113/2019 — 2019/2024(BUD))

(2021/C 171/14)

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 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 3/2019, which the Commission adopted on 22 May 2019 (COM(2019)0205),

— having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 3/2019 which the Council adopted on 3 September 2019 and forwarded to Parliament on the same day (11732/2019 — C9-0113/2019),

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

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0006/2019),

A. whereas Draft amending budget No 3/2019 covers the proposed mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania for the flooding in the North-East Region, to Italy for the flooding and landslides following heavy rainfall from the Alpine areas in the North down to Sicily, as well as to Austria for the same phenomenon in the Alpine/southern regions in the course of 2018;

([1]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([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.

B. whereas the Commission consequently proposes to amend the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 and to increase budget line 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' by EUR 293 551 794 both in commitment and payment appropriations;

C. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund is a special instrument as defined in the MFF Regulation, and the corresponding commitment and payments appropriations are to be budgeted over and above the MFF ceilings;

1. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2019;

2. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 3/2019 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the national parliaments.