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Draft amending budget No 6/2021: Additional vaccines doses to low and lower-middle income countries, UCPM reinforcement and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue

European Parliament resolution of 24 November 2021 on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 6/2021 of the European Union for the financial year 2021 — Additional vaccines doses to low and lower-middle income countries, UCPM reinforcement and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue (14038/2021 — C9-0425/2021 — 2021/0326(BUD))

(2022/C 224/22)

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 2021-2027 ([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 6/2021, which the Commission adopted on 8 October 2021 (COM(2021)0955),

— having regard to the statement by the Conciliation Committee on a common understanding on the content of the general budget for the financial year 2022, which includes also the adoption of Draft amending budget No 6/2021,

— having regard to the position on Draft amending budget No 6/2021 which the Council adopted on 23 November 2021 and forwarded to Parliament on the same day (14038/2021 — C9-0425/2021),

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

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0329/2021),

A. whereas the purpose of Draft amending budget No 6/2021 is to provide additional appropriations to speed up global vaccinations, cover activations under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and expenditure arising from external fisheries agreements, as well as some adjustments to expenditure and revenue,

([1]) OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 93, 17.3.2021, p. 1.
([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.

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B. whereas Draft amending budget No 6/2021 covers in particular the following elements:

— reinforcement of the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe for an amount of EUR 450 million in commitment and in payment appropriations in the context of the COVID-19 global health response to donate 200 million Covid-19 vaccine doses to low and lower-middle income countries by the middle of next year;

— reinforcement of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM/rescEU) for an amount of EUR 57,8 million in commitment appropriations to provide additional funding to cover new emergencies including repatriation flights from Afghanistan, the response in Haiti following the recent earthquake and outstanding operations including forest fires whose costs exceed the existing availabilities until the end of the year;

— increase of the level of commitment appropriations on the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) budget line for an amount of EUR 3,5 million considering the updated budget needs following the conclusion of the negotiations on the new protocols with Cook Islands and Mauritania;

— adjustment of the budgetary nomenclature following specific Member States requests to transfer resources pursuant to Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Common Provisions Regulation) ([6]);

— update of the revenue side of the budget to take account of the revised estimates of own resource based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste;

C. whereas the net impact of Draft amending budget No 6/2021 on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 473,5 million in commitment appropriations; whereas no additional payment appropriations are requested by the Commission;

1. Takes note of Draft amending budget No 6/2021 as submitted by the Commission;

2. Welcomes the proposal to ensure that the supplementary 200 million Covid-19 vaccine doses pledged by the President of the Commission in her State of the Union speech are funded and delivered as a matter of urgency to low and lower-middle income countries; notes that the speeding up of the global vaccination campaign has been a strong request of Parliament, not least in its reading on the Union budget for the financial year 2022;

3. Approves the Council position on Draft amending budget No 6/2021;

4. Instructs its President to declare that Amending budget No 6/2021 has been definitively adopted and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

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

([6]) Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).