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(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

DECISION (EU) 2019/275 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**of 11 December 2018****on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Greece — EGF/2018/003 EL/Attica publishing**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

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 ⁽²⁾, and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 ⁽³⁾.
- (3) On 22 May 2018, Greece submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the publishing activities sector in the region of Attica. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. That application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 2 308 500 in respect of the application submitted by Greece.
- (5) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2018, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 2 308 500 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 11 December 2018.

Done at Strasbourg, 11 December 2018.

For the European Parliament

The President

A. TAJANI

For the Council

The President

J. BOGNER-STRAUSS

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**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point 12 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas,

- (1) The Flexibility Instrument is intended to allow the financing of clearly identified expenditure which could not be financed within the limits of the ceilings available for one or more other headings.
- (2) The ceiling on the annual amount available for the Flexibility Instrument is EUR 600 000 000 (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 11 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 ⁽²⁾ increased, where applicable, by lapsed amounts made available in accordance with the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 of that Article.
- (3) In order to reinforce key programmes for the competitiveness of the EU and to address the ongoing challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats, it is necessary to mobilise significant additional amounts to finance such measures as a matter of urgency.
- (4) Having examined all possibilities for reallocating appropriations under the expenditure ceiling of heading 1a (*Competitiveness for growth and jobs*) and heading 3 (*Security and citizenship*), it is necessary to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to supplement the financing available in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2019 beyond the ceilings of heading 1a by the amount of EUR 178 715 475 to reinforce key programmes for the competitiveness of the EU and of heading 3 by the amount of EUR 985 629 138 to finance measures in the field of migration, refugees and security.
- (5) On the basis of the expected payment profile, the payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument should be distributed over several financial years.
- (6) In order to allow for the quick use of the funds, this Decision should apply from the beginning of the financial year 2019,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2019, the Flexibility Instrument shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 178 715 475 in commitment appropriations in heading 1a (*Competitiveness for growth and jobs*) and EUR 985 629 138 in commitment appropriations in heading 3 (*Security and Citizenship*).

The amounts referred to in the first subparagraph shall be used to reinforce key programmes for the competitiveness of the EU and finance measures to address the ongoing challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

2. On the basis of the expected payment profile, the payment appropriations corresponding to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument shall be estimated as follows:

- (a) EUR 548 740 834 in 2019;
- (b) EUR 257 223 207 in 2020;
- (c) EUR 135 194 558 in 2021;
- (d) EUR 140 942 662 in 2022;
- (e) EUR 82 243 352 in 2023.

The specific amounts of payment appropriations for each financial year shall be authorised in accordance with the annual budgetary procedure.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2019.

Done at Strasbourg, 12 December 2018.

For the European Parliament
The President
A. TAJANI

For the Council
The President
J. BOGNER-STRAUSS

DECISION (EU) 2019/277 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 12 December 2018
on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of
advances in the general budget of the Union for 2019

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4a(4) thereof,

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 ⁽²⁾, and in particular point 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union Solidarity Fund (the 'Fund') aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by natural disasters.
- (2) The Fund is not to exceed a maximum amount of EUR 500 000 000 (2011 prices) as laid down in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 ⁽³⁾.
- (3) Article 4a(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 provides that, where necessary in order to ensure the timely availability of budgetary resources, the Fund may be mobilised in an amount of up to EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances, entering the corresponding appropriations into the general budget of the Union.
- (4) To ensure the timely availability of sufficient budgetary resources in the general budget of the Union for 2019, the Fund should be mobilised in the amount of EUR 50 000 000 for the payment of advances.
- (5) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, this Decision should apply from the beginning of the 2019 financial year,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2019, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 50 000 000 in commitment and payment appropriations for the payment of advances.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2019.

Done at Strasbourg, 12 December 2018.

For the European Parliament
The President
A. TAJANI

For the Council
The President
J. BOGNER-STRAUSS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

