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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Council

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Subject: Joint text on the general budget of the European Union for the financial  
year 2023  
– *Approval*

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1. Following meetings of the Conciliation Committee on 27 October, and 11 and 14 November 2022, an agreement has been reached between the European Parliament and the Council on a joint text as provided for in Article 314(5) TFEU.
2. This joint text and its annexes have been forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council on 14 November 2022, which each have a period of fourteen days from this day to approve it (see the ANNEX), and consists of the following documents taken together, recorded in Addenda 1 to 5 to this document:
  - summary figures by financial framework headings (see document 14783/22 ADD 1);
  - line by line figures on all budget items (see documents 14783/22 ADD 2 and ADD 3);
  - a consolidated document showing the figures and final text of all lines amended during the Conciliation (see documents 14783/22 ADD 4 and ADD 5).

3. The Conciliation Committee has also agreed on or taken note of the statements recorded in Annex 2 to the ANNEX.
  4. The Council is invited to:
    - approve the joint text on the budget 2023 as set out in the ANNEX and in Addenda 1 to 5 to this document; and
    - record in its minutes the statements agreed on or taken note of in the context of the joint text set out in Annex 2 to the ANNEX.
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**EUROPEAN UNION**  
**Conciliation Committee on the budget 2023**

Brussels, 14 November 2022

President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union  
175, rue de la Loi  
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Dear President,

Based on Article 314(4) and (5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and following information by the Council that it could not accept all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 19 October 2022 on the Council's position on the draft budget for 2023<sup>1</sup>, the Conciliation Committee was convened for 25 October 2022, with a view to reaching agreement on a joint text.

The Conciliation Committee had at its disposal the following elements:

- draft budget proposed by the Commission (COM(2022) 400 final of 1 July 2022), as amended by letter of amendment No 1 (COM(2022) 670 final of 5 October 2022);
- Council's position on the draft budget (6 September 2022);
- European Parliament's amendments to the Council's position (19 October 2022).

Following meetings on 27 October, and 11 and 14 November 2022 an agreement has been reached on 14 November 2022 on a joint text as provided for in Article 314(5) TFEU.

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<sup>1</sup> See letter by the President of the Council of 19 October 2022.

In accordance with Point 24 of Annex 1 to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020<sup>1</sup>, the joint text for the budget 2023 shall consist of this letter and the following documents taken together, which are recorded in Annex 1:

- line by line figures for all budget items and summary figures by MFF headings;
- a consolidated document, indicating the figures and final text of all lines that have been amended during the conciliation procedure;
- the list of the lines not amended with regard to the draft budget or the Council's position on it.

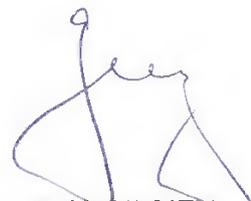
Pursuant to Article 314(6) TFEU, the joint text is hereby forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council, which shall each have a period of fourteen days from this day, in which to approve the text for the purposes of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the same Article.

The Conciliation Committee has also agreed on or taken note of the statements recorded in Annex 2 to this letter.

An identical letter is addressed to the President of the European Parliament.



Johan VAN OVERTVELDT  
Co-chair



Jiří GEORGIEV  
Co-chair

Annexes: List of documents forming part of the joint text

Statements

cc: Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

<sup>1</sup> 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 (OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28).

**2023 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE  
CONCILIATION DOCUMENT  
LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE JOINT TEXT  
- BUDGET 2023<sup>1</sup> -**

**Doc No 1: SUMMARY TABLES**

**FIGURES BY MFF HEADING**

**FIGURES BY PROGRAMME**

**AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT PLANS BY SECTION**

**Doc No 2: FIGURES BY BUDGET LINE**

**Doc No 2.1: OTHER SECTIONS**

**Doc No 2.2: SECTION III - COMMISSION**

**Doc No 3: AMENDMENTS BY BUDGET LINE**

**Doc No 3.1: OTHER SECTIONS**

**Doc No 3.2: SECTION III - COMMISSION**

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<sup>1</sup> The documents listed in this Annex will only be sent electronically.

**2023 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE**

**CONCILIATION DOCUMENT**

**STATEMENTS**

**1. Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on payment appropriations**

The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring during the year 2023 the implementation of the programmes of the current and previous MFFs (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development). To that end, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present, in a timely manner, updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2023 payment appropriations (taking into account the improved forecasts accuracy of the Member States where applicable). If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2023 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, *inter alia* a draft amending budget, with a view to allowing the European Parliament and the Council to take any necessary decisions as soon as possible without undue delay for justified needs. Where applicable, the European Parliament and the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies *mutatis mutandis* if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2023 budget are higher than needed.

2. **Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Chips Act and the Secure space connectivity programme**

The three institutions acknowledge that the financing of the European Chips Act and the Secure space connectivity programme will depend on the final outcome of the ongoing legislative negotiations. In view of the final text of the approved Regulations and the accompanying Legislative Financial Statements, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to submit to the budgetary authority the necessary transfers or a draft amending budget without delay, in order to ensure that an adequate amount of appropriations is made available for use in the financial year 2023.

Should agreement on the financing of the European Chips Act be reached between the European Parliament and the Council including the use of appropriations to be made available again based on Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation for Horizon Europe, such a modification will be included in a draft amending budget.

3. **Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cybersecurity**

Robust and coordinated cybersecurity is of critical importance to the business continuity of the EU institutions and bodies, particularly in the run up to the European Parliament elections in 2024. The three institutions recognise the necessity of a central capacity to address cybersecurity threats and incidents. A co-ordinated approach is the most cost effective and can offer a high level of protection to all, including the most vulnerable.

The three institutions acknowledge the need for adequate cybersecurity resources, within each institution and, particularly, in the interinstitutional Computer Emergency Response Team for the EU institutions, bodies and agencies (CERT-EU).

The Commission, in close cooperation with CERT-EU and the other institutions, is asked to draw up an assessment, by mid-2023, of the needs for cybersecurity posts within CERT-EU and across all the institutions as well as of the mandate of CERT-EU.

The budgetary authority invites the EU Institutions to collaborate to strengthen cybersecurity across all EU institutions. Following the Commission's assessment, the resources for cybersecurity foreseen in the 2023 budget for all EU institutions should be made available in a co-ordinated manner to maximise the protection of the Institutions, notably but not exclusively through a reinforcement of the central cybersecurity capacity.

This is without prejudice to any use of human and budgetary resources by CERT-EU from the participating institutions resulting from the agreement on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures for a high common level of cybersecurity at the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union (COM(2022) 122 final).

#### 4. **Statement by the European Commission on the review of the multiannual financial framework**

The Commission will assess the sustainability of the expenditure ceilings and sub-ceilings of all headings of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2021-2027 in the context of the midterm review of the MFF Regulation, which it plans to carry out by mid-2023, as set out in the Commission work programme for 2023.

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