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**DRAFT AMENDING BUDGET No 3
TO THE GENERAL BUDGET 2019**

**Accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund
to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria**

Having regard to:

- the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,
- 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 (...) ¹, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019, as adopted on 12 December 2018 ²,
- draft amending budget No^o1/2019 ³, adopted on 15 April 2019,
- draft amending budget No^o2/2019 ⁴, adopted on 15 May 2019,

The European Commission hereby presents to the European Parliament and to the Council Draft Amending Budget No 3 to the 2019 budget.

CHANGES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BY SECTION

The changes to the statement of expenditure of section III are available on EUR-Lex (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/budget/www/index-en.htm>). An English version of the changes to this statement is attached for information as a budgetary annex.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 67, 7.3.2019.

³ COM(2019) 300, 15.4.2019.

⁴ COM(2019) 320, 15.5.2019.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. INTRODUCTION

Draft Amending Budget (DAB) No 3 for the year 2019 accompanies the proposal⁵ to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for an amount of EUR 293 551 794 to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria following natural disasters that took place in these Member States in the course of 2018:

- *Romania*: flooding following heavy rainfall in the North East Region from mid-June to early August;
- *Italy*: flooding and landslides following heavy rainfall from the Alpine areas in the north down to Sicily;
- *Austria*: the meteorological phenomena in Italy also affected the alpine/southern regions, in particular Carinthia and Eastern Tyrol;

DAB No 3/2019 proposes to enter the necessary appropriations in the general budget 2019, both in commitments and payments.

2. FINANCING

In accordance with Article 10(1) of the MFF regulation, the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2019 was EUR 851 082 072, being the sum of the 2019 allocation of EUR 585 829 691, plus the 2018 allocation of EUR 265 252 381 that remained unspent and was carried over to 2019.

The amount that may be mobilised at this stage of the year 2019 is EUR 704 624 649. This corresponds to the total amount available for the mobilisation of the EUSF at the beginning of 2019 (EUR 851 082 072), minus the retained amount of EUR 146 457 423 in order to respect the obligation of keeping aside 25 % of the 2019 annual allocation until 1 October 2019 as stipulated by Article 10(1) of the MFF regulation.

EUSF financing summary table	Amount EUR
2018 allocation carried forward to 2019	265 252 381
2019 allocation	585 829 691
Total available at the beginning of 2019	851 082 072
Minus 25% of the 2019 allocation retained	-146 457 423
Maximum amount currently available (2018+2019 allocations)	704 624 649
Total amount of aid proposed to be mobilised for Romania, Italy and Austria	-293 551 794
Remaining availabilities until 1 October 2019	411 072 855

3. APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET OF 2019

On the basis of the applications from Romania, Italy and Austria, the calculation of the financial contribution from the EUSF, based on the estimate of total direct damages, is set at EU 293 551 794. The Commission proposes to amend the budget 2019 by increasing 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 (see table below).

⁵ COM(2019)206, 22.5.2019.

Amounts in EUR

Budget line	Name	Commitment appropriations	Payment appropriations
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	293 551 794	293 551 794
Total		293 551 794	293 551 794

4. SUMMARY TABLE BY MFF HEADING

Heading	Budget 2019 (incl. DAB 1-2/2019)		Draft Amending Budget 3/2019		Budget 2019 (incl. DAB 1-3/2019)	
	CA	PA	CA	PA	CA	PA
1. Smart and inclusive growth	80 627 449 848	67 556 947 173			80 627 449 848	67 556 947 173
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>						
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	524 734 373				524 734 373	
<i>Ceiling</i>	79 924 000 000				79 924 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>	- 178 715 475				- 178 715 475	
1a Competitiveness for growth and jobs	23 435 449 848	20 521 537 455			23 435 449 848	20 521 537 455
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>						
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	174 734 373				174 734 373	
<i>Ceiling</i>	23 082 000 000				23 082 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>	- 178 715 475				- 178 715 475	
1b Economic social and territorial cohesion	57 192 000 000	47 035 409 718			57 192 000 000	47 035 409 718
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	350 000 000				350 000 000	
<i>Ceiling</i>	56 842 000 000				56 842 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
2. Sustainable growth: natural resources	59 642 077 986	57 399 857 331			59 642 077 986	57 399 857 331
<i>Ceiling</i>	60 344 000 000				60 344 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>	701 922 014				701 922 014	
Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments	43 191 947 000	43 116 399 417			43 191 947 000	43 116 399 417
<i>Sub-ceiling</i>	43 881 000 000				43 881 000 000	
<i>Rounding difference excluded from margin calculation</i>	659 000				659 000	
<i>EAGF Margin</i>	688 394 000				688 394 000	
3. Security and citizenship	3 786 629 138	3 527 434 894			3 786 629 138	3 527 434 894
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	985 629 138				985 629 138	
<i>Ceiling</i>	2 801 000 000				2 801 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>						
4. Global Europe	11 319 265 627	9 358 295 603			11 319 265 627	9 358 295 603
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	1 051 265 627				243 842 411	
<i>Ceiling</i>	10 268 000 000				10 268 000 000	
<i>Margin</i>					- 807 423 216	
5. Administration	9 942 974 723	9 944 904 743			9 942 974 723	9 944 904 743
<i>Ceiling</i>	10 786 000 000				10 786 000 000	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 253 882 156				- 253 882 156	
<i>Margin</i>	589 143 121				589 143 121	
Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions	7 747 285 803	7 749 215 823			7 747 285 803	7 749 215 823
<i>Sub-ceiling</i>	8 700 000 000				8 700 000 000	
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 253 882 156				- 253 882 156	
<i>Margin</i>	698 832 041				698 832 041	
Total	165 318 397 322	147 787 439 744			165 318 397 322	147 787 439 744
<i>Of which under Flexibility Instrument</i>	1 164 344 613	961 862 659			1 164 344 613	961 862 659
<i>Of which under global margin for commitments</i>	1 576 000 000				768 576 784	
<i>Ceiling</i>	164 123 000 000	166 709 000 000			164 123 000 000	166 709 000 000
<i>Of which offset against Contingency margin</i>	- 253 882 156				- 253 882 156	
<i>Margin</i>	1 291 065 135	19 883 422 915			483 641 919	19 883 422 915
Other special Instruments	577 248 000	411 500 000	293 551 794	293 551 794	870 799 794	705 051 794
Grand Total	165 895 645 322	148 198 939 744	293 551 794	293 551 794	166 189 197 116	148 492 491 538