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(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

DECISION (EU) 2020/1076 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**of 18 June 2020****on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria**

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 4(3) 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 annual amount of EUR 500 000 000 (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 ⁽³⁾.
- (3) On 8 November 2019, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following extreme weather events in Azores.
- (4) On 28 November 2019, Spain submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following extreme rainfall resulting in flooding in the regions of Valencia, Murcia, Castilla-La Mancha and Andalusia.
- (5) On 10 January 2020, Italy submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, following extreme weather events in 17 regions in the autumn of 2019.
- (6) On 29 January 2020, Austria submitted application to mobilise the Fund, following extreme weather events in November 2019.
- (7) The applications by Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.
- (8) The Fund should therefore be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria.
- (9) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the Fund, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

⁽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).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised as follows in commitment and payment appropriations:

- (a) the amount of EUR 8 212 697 shall be provided to Portugal;
- (b) the amount of EUR 56 743 358 shall be provided to Spain;
- (c) the amount of EUR 211 707 982 shall be provided to Italy;
- (d) the amount of EUR 2 329 777 shall be provided to Austria.

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 18 June 2020.

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2020.

For the European Parliament
The President
D. M. SASSOLI

For the Council
The President
N. BRNJAC
