

Commission presentation of Estimates for Budget 2014: - extracts EP Committee on Budgets

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MEPs from the Committee on Budgets discussed with the budget commissioner Janusz LEWANDOWSKI the Commission's first proposal for the EU Budget in 2014. Last week, commissioner LEWANDOWSKI announced that after intense negotiations, the Irish Presidency, the European parliament's negotiators and the European Commission have concluded the negotiations on the 2014-2020 financial period. According to the Commission, next year's budget should see an increase of monetary allocations for Solidarity Fund in order to make it more responsive to natural disasters such as floods, and the new Youth Employment Initiative would see strong funding in 2014 and 2015. The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) negotiations are linked to the adoption of a number of amending budgets for 2013 and the adoption of the 2014 EU budget. The MFF sets expenditure ceilings per year and per EU policy.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the EP, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Chair of the BUDG EP Committee, Alain LAMASSOURE, ambience shots before the meeting starts. MEP Jean-Luc DEHAENE reading the Commission Draft Budget proposal for 2014.	00:00:08
00:00:18	Arrival of Commissioner Janusz LEWANDOWSKI	00:00:09
00:00:27	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "We are frontloading for Youth Employment Initiative, we have also provisions for so-called liquidity for Small and Medium Size enterprises (SMSs) that is urgent, that is important and you will see in the course of the presentation. But generally and more than ever, the budget 2014 should be an investment tool. So if there is any focus that is of course on growth, employment and competitiveness. It needs to be an investment tool for the European regions and the other beneficiaries of the European budget".	00:00:37

00:01:04	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "The gap between commitments and payments is designed in such a way that this is 6 billion euro. That is at least reducing the speed of growing of rolls because in 2012 to 2014 the gap between commitment and payment was at the level of 18 billion; therefore the speed of growing of rolls was really enormous".	00:00:29
00:01:33	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "There are two categories placed outside here on purpose: these are globalisation fund and emergency aid reserve. They are both in payment and commitments above the ceiling, above MFF. This is very important for the future, to respect the principle of mobilisation of these instruments".	00:00:26
00:01:59	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "The only reasonable operational instrument for the youth unemployment initiative is to make operational the so-called 'youth guarantee'; this is not operating, it is operating only in two or three countries because in the other countries this is not equipped with money and in order to deliver to this youth guarantee we need to mobilise, targeted to this issue, youth unemployment money but also European Social Fund".	00:00:32
00:02:31	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: (on the draft budget level of commitments and payments) "That is to face reality and to do the best possible out of what is available, that is the exercise, to make the best possible out of what is feasible nowadays".	00:00:16
00:02:47	SOUNDBITE (English) Anne E. JENSEN (ALDE, DK), rapporteur: "We still have the outstanding question of drafting amending budget 2 and the 11.2 billions that the member states have been asked to pay. How have you seen this in your proposal? Outstanding bills from this year to next year? And if we do not get the draft amending budget 2, or don't get the last 3.9 billion that the Council hasn't decided what is the situation? you said there is virtually no margin".	00:00:40
00:03:27	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "The biggest problem really is to pay out this year what is coming as legitimate bills. For this I can confirm to you we need 11.2 billion not to run into real problems not only of appropriations but also cash flow problems rather soon this year. That should be a part of the philosophy nothing is agreed until everything is agreed, but a very essential element."	00:00:33

00:04:00	SOUNDBITE (Spanish) Salvador GARRIGA POLLEDO (EPP, ES): "Are the EU institutions pensions sustainable with this framework for the next years? I think this is a substantial issue that we'll need to discuss in depth in the near future".	00:00:15
00:04:15	SOUNDBITE (English) Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Commissioner: "We have a really issue of pensions, whether this is sustainable so far, but this is destroying statistics."	00:00:08
00:04:23	Cutaways (4 shots)	00:00:17
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