

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS
2089TH MEETING ON 11TH JUNE 2014¹**

1. COORDINATION OF COMMISSION POLICIES / INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

- **Proposal for a Council decision determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions**
(COM(2014) 226 final)
- **Proposal for a Council decision determining the composition of the Economic and Social Committee**
(COM(2014) 227 final)

The Commission has adopted two proposals for Council Decisions determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions and of the Economic and Social Committee. Following the accession of Croatia, the composition of the two Committees must be reviewed as it will exceed the maximum number of 350 seats as provided for in the Treaty. As the mandates of both Committees will come to an end soon, the Council is required to adopt a decision on their composition for the 2015-2020 period. The Commission therefore proposes to retain the current balance between Member States with the fewest possible modifications by reducing the current number of seats allocated to any given Member State by a maximum of one, while respecting a minimum of five seats per Member State to enable the involvement of delegates in the whole range of activities of the Committees.

2. COORDINATION OF COMMISSION POLICIES / TAXATION AND CUSTOMS UNION, STATISTICS, AUDIT AND ANTI-FRAUD

- **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors – Synthesis of the Commission's management achievements in 2013**
(COM(2014) 342 final)

In accordance with Article 317 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union giving it responsibility for implementing the European Union budget, the Commission has approved a Communication presenting the

¹ The texts of the documents referred to will be put on the EUR-LEX site (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/prep/index.htm>) as the different language versions become available.

synthesis of its management achievements in 2013 to be brought to the attention of the European Court of Auditors and the Discharge Authority. By approving this synthesis report, the Commission expresses its overall political responsibility for the management by its Directors-General and Heads of Service, on the basis of the Annual Activity Reports and declarations issued by them. This document reports on the compliance with financial rules as well as on the achievement of policy objectives and identifies the key management issues to be addressed as a matter of priority.

3. TAXATION AND CUSTOMS UNION, STATISTICS, AUDIT AND ANTI-FRAUD

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 883/2013 as regards the establishment of a Controller of procedural guarantees**

(COM(2014) 340 final ; SWD(2014) 183 final)

The Commission has adopted a proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 883/2013 on investigations by OLAF (European Anti-Fraud Office). The objective of the proposal is to further strengthen the procedural guarantees in place for all persons under investigation by OLAF while taking into account the special way in which members of EU institutions were elected or appointed as well as their special responsibilities. The amendment proposed provides for the establishment of a Controller of procedural guarantees whose main functions will be (i) to review complaints lodged by persons under investigation about violations of their procedural guarantees and (ii) to authorize OLAF to conduct certain investigative measures in respect of members of the EU institutions.

4. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PROGRAMMING

- **Statement of estimates of the Commission for 2015 – Preparation of the 2015 Draft Budget**

(SEC(2014) 357 final)

- **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund**

(COM(2014) 348 final)

- **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument**

(COM(2014) 349 final)

The Commission has approved the statement of estimates which will serve as a basis for the draft budget relating to the financial year 2015. It contains six documents, namely (i) a political presentation of the challenges to be tackled at the European level and an analysis of the policy and investment priorities for 2015, (ii) the financial programming for 2016-2020 (provisional figures),

(iii) a summary of the expenditure proposals per item, (iv) changes to the budgetary remarks and establishment plans, (v) human resources allocation and decentralised administrative appropriations for 2015, as well as (vi) complementary allocation of human resources for 2014.

The Commission has also adopted a proposal for a decision to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund intended to enable solidarity measures with the populations of regions affected by disasters. The Commission is therefore requesting that EUR 50 000 000 be included in the EU general budget for 2015 in application of Article 10 of Council Regulation EU 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020.

Lastly, the Commission has adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for the specific objective of complementing the financing under the 2015 EU general budget of the Cypriot Structural Fund programmes. Having examined all possibilities for re-allocation under the relevant budget heading, the Commission is therefore requesting a further EUR 79 785 595 in commitment appropriations and EUR 11 315 595 in payment appropriations under the Flexibility Instrument provided for in Article 11 of the above-mentioned Regulation on the multi-annual financial framework for 2014-2020.