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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The present communication provides the budgetary authority with the result of the technical adjustment ahead of the budgetary procedure for the year 2026 in accordance with Article 4 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027<sup>1</sup> (the 'MFF Regulation'). In particular, the technical adjustment establishes the expenditure ceilings at current prices based on the fixed 2% deflator as provided for in Article 4(2) of the MFF Regulation.

On the basis of the latest economic forecasts<sup>2</sup>, the communication also provides a calculation of the margin under the own resources ceiling set in application of the Council Decision on the system of own resources of the European Union in force at the time of the adoption of this communication.

The communication also presents the amounts available under the Single Margin Instrument under Article 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(c), the adjustment of the payment ceiling in accordance with Article 11(1)(b) and the programme specific adjustments as provided in Article 5 of the MFF Regulation. Following the adoption of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2024/765 of 29 February 2024<sup>3</sup>, it also includes the calculation of the amount available for the EURI Instrument for the year 2026 in accordance with Article 10a(3), point (a) of the MFF Regulation, as well as the calculation of the amounts to be made available in 2026 to the Flexibility Instrument under Article 12(1), second subparagraph from lapsed amounts of the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (European Solidarity Reserve and Emergency Aid Reserve).

In accordance with Article 4(1) of the MFF Regulation, the Commission makes the technical adjustment to the financial framework and communicates the results to the budgetary authority each year, ahead of the budgetary procedure for year n+1.

In accordance with Article 4(4) of the MFF Regulation, and without prejudice to Articles 6 and 7 of that Regulation, no further technical adjustments are made in respect of the year concerned, either durig the year or as ex-post corrections during subsequent years.

# 2. TERMS OF THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK TABLE (ANNEX - TABLES 1-2)

<u>Table 1</u> in the Annex shows the EU multiannual financial framework in 2018 prices of the MFF Regulation adjusted in accordance with Articles 2(1), 5(2) and 11 of that Regulation.

as last amended by Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2024/765 of 29 February 2024, OJ L series, 2024/765, 29.2.2024, p.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> European Commission, European Economic Forecast Spring 2025: <u>European Economic Forecast. Spring 2025</u>; <a href="https://economy-finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/european-economic-forecast-spring-2025">https://economy-finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/european-economic-forecast-spring-2025</a> en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OJ L, 2024/765, 29.2.2024

<u>Table 2</u> in the Annex shows the EU multiannual financial framework adjusted in current prices.

The financial framework expressed in percentage of the Union's gross national income (GNI) is updated with the latest economic forecasts. On that basis, the EU GNI for 2026 is established at EUR 19 258 599 million in current prices.

## 2.1. Main results of the technical adjustment of the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2026

The overall MFF ceiling for commitment appropriations for 2026 stands at EUR 182 866 million in current prices, which equals 0,95% of GNI. The overall MFF ceiling for payment appropriations corresponds to EUR 201 170 million in current prices, equivalent to 1,04% of GNI.

On 1 June 2021, Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources ('ORD 2020')<sup>4</sup> entered into force. It applies retroactively as of 1 January 2021. The own resources ceiling for payment appropriations is set at 2,00% of the sum of all the Member States' GNIs. Out of this, 0,60 percentage points are a temporary increase for the sole purpose of covering all liabilities stemming from the European Union Recovery Instrument<sup>5</sup>.

The resulting margin for 2026 between the MFF ceiling for payment appropriations and the own resources ceiling for payment appropriations stands at EUR 184 002 million, or 0,96% of GNI<sup>6</sup>.

The table below provides information for the period 2021-2027 on the margin (in percentage of GNI) between the MFF ceiling for payment appropriations and the own resources ceiling for payment appropriations.

In % of EU GNI	2021	2022	2023	2024	20257	2026	2027	2021-2027
MFF ceiling for payment appropriations	1,18%	1,12%	0,99%	0,81%	0,95%	1,04%	0,98%	1,01%
Margin beneath the 2,00% GNI own resources ceiling in application of Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053	0,02%	0,88%	1,01%	1,19%	1,05%	0,96%	1,02%	0,99%8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1.

Council Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 of 14 December 2020 establishing a European Union Recovery Instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 23.

The specific margin under the temporary increase of the own resources ceiling corresponding to 0,60% of the sum of all the Member States' GNIs will depend on the expenditure authorised for 2026 in relation to liabilities under the European Union Recovery Instrument and the corresponding own resources to finance it.

In accordance with Article 4(4) of the MFF Regulation, the MFF ceiling for payment appropriations and the margins for the year 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 are not further adjusted following the technical adjustment for 2021 (communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 18.12.2020 (COM(2020)848 final)), 2022 (communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 07.06.2021 (COM(2021)365 final)), 2023 (communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 07.06.2022 (COM(2022)266 final)), 2024 (communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 29.02.2024 (COM(2024)110 final)) and 2025 (communicated to the European Parliament and the Council on 18.06.2024 (COM(2024)120 final)).

This percentage is calculated by subtracting the average of the annual MFF ceilings for payment appropriations for each year of the period 2021-2027 (namely 1,01% of the sum of all the Member States' GNIs) from the own resources ceiling for payment appropriations of 2.00% of the sum of all the Member States' GNIs, applicable throughout the whole period 2021–2027.

### 2.2. Adjustment of the sub-ceiling for Heading 3

The 2024 technical adjustment<sup>9</sup> included all transfers between direct payments and rural development decided by Member States in their CAP Strategic plans. In accordance with Articles 17(5) and 103(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115<sup>10</sup>, the transfer decisions already made can only be reviewed in 2025. There is therefore no change compared to the 2024 exercise.

The amounts in current prices in the Heading 3 sub-ceiling are converted into 2018 prices to adjust the multiannual financial framework table which is expressed in 2018 prices. For this purpose, the net balance of transfers is first converted into 2018 prices by using the 2% fixed annual deflator. This result is then rounded up to express the adjusted sub-ceiling in millions of euros. The rounding-up is necessary to ensure that the MFF sub-ceiling is always higher than the net balance available for expenditure in the annual budget for the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF). The resulting small difference does not constitute an available margin, but is exclusively arising from the rounding operation. For each annual budget, the Commission will use the exact amounts of the net balance available for EAGF expenditure.

The table below shows the net result (in million euro) of the transfers between the two pillars of CAP and their impact for the Heading 3 sub-ceiling.

prices (EUR million)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2021-2027
				- in currer	nt prices -	====		
Initial H3 sub-ceiling	40 925,000	41 257,000	41 518,000	41 649,000	41 782,000	41 913,000	42 047,000	291 091,000
Net transfers to date	- 557,046	- 618,811	-825,789	-1 046,922	-1 117,072	-1 222,773	-1 396,205	-6 784,618
H3 sub-ceiling change following the MFF mid-term revision					-136,000	-149,000	-155,000	-440,000
H3 sub-ceiling set in the last technical adjustment (2025)	40 368,000	40 639,000	40 693,000	40 603,000	40 529,000	40 542,000	40 496,000	283 870,000
Net transfer in the current technical adjustment (2026)					-	-	-	-
Total net difference compared to initial sub-ceiling	- 557,046	- 618,811	-825,789	-1 046,922	-1 253,072	-1 371,773	-1 551,205	-7 224,618
EAGF net balance after all transfers and MFF mid-term revision	40 367,954	40 638,189	40 692,211	40 602,078	40 528,928	40 541,227	40 495,795	283 866,382
H3 sub-ceiling after transfers	40 368,000	40 639,000	40 693,000	40 603,000	40 529,000	40 542,000	40 496,000	283 870,000
Rounding difference	0,046	0,811	0,789	0,922	0,072	0,773	0,205	3,618
Difference to original sub-ceiling after all								
transfers	- 557,000	- 618,000	-825,000	-1 046,000	-1 253,000	-1 371,000	-1 551,000	-7 221,000
				- in 2018	•			
Initial H3 sub-ceiling	38 564,000	38 115,000	37 604,000	36 983,000	36 373,000	35 772,000	35 183,000	258 594,000
Net transfers to date	-524,375	-571,595	-747,811	-929,637	-972,478	-1 043,625	-1 168,282	-5 957,803
H3 sub-ceiling change following the MFF mid-term revision					-118,396	-127,170	-129,697	-375,263
H3 sub-ceiling set in the last technical adjustment (2025)	38 040,000	37 544,000	36 857,000	36 054,000	32 283,000	34 602,000	33 886,000	252 266,000
Net transfer in the current technical adjustment (2026)					-	-	-	-
Total net difference compared to initial sub-ceiling	-524,375	-571,595	-747,811	-929,637	-1 090,875	-1 170,795	-1 297,979	-6 333,066
EAGF net balance after all transfers and MFF mid-term revision	38 039,625	37 543,405	36 856,189	36 053,363	35 282,125	34 601,205	33 885,021	252 260,934
H3 sub-ceiling after transfers	38 040,000	37 544,000	36 857,000	36 054,000	35 283,000	34 602,000	33 886,000	252 266,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> COM(2024)110 final of 29.02.2024

Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 (EU) No 1307/2013.

# 2.3. Programme specific adjustments in accordance with Article 5(2) of the MFF Regulation

In accordance with Articles 5(2) and 4(1)(e) of the MFF Regulation, this communication includes the calculation, for the year 2026, of the additional allocations for specific programmes referred to in Annex II to the MFF Regulation and the resulting upwards adjustments of the ceilings for commitment and payment appropriations.

For 2024, the revenue from fines (and related interest) imposed under Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2003<sup>11</sup> and (EC) No 139/2004<sup>12</sup> and recorded as budgetary revenue up to the end of the year amounts to EUR 3 213 million<sup>13</sup> (EUR 2 742 million in 2018 prices). This amount is above the maximum threshold of EUR 2 000 million in 2018 prices. Therefore, the maximum threshold provides the total volume of the adjustment for 2026 in 2018 prices.

The adjustment in current prices amounts to EUR 2 344 million after applying the 2% annual deflator and rounding up to million euro in line with how the MFF ceilings are expressed. This amount corresponds to the upward adjustment of the overall ceiling in commitment appropriations and the ceiling in payment appropriations for the year 2026.

The breakdown of the adjustment by MFF heading and programme is based on the column 'Distribution key' of Annex II to the MFF Regulation, as modified by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2024/765 for the years 2025 to 2027. The adjustments of the individual ceilings in commitment appropriations are rounded up to the nearest million euro<sup>14</sup>.

COMMITMENT CEILING:	Current prices	2018 prices
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	980 000 000	836 000 000
Horizon Europe	734 941 374	626 949 988
InvestEU Fund	245 058 626	209 050 012
2b. Resilience and Values	1 119 000 000	955 000 000
EU4Health	360 113 694	307 335 636
Erasmus+	416 344 849	355 325 586
Creative Europe	146 669 598	125 173 786
Rights and Values	195 871 859	167 164 992
4. Migration and Border Management	245 000 000	209 000 000
Integrated Border Management Fund	245 000 000	209 000 000
Total commitment ceiling:	2 344 000 000	2 000 000 000
PAYMENT CEILING:	2 344 000 000	2 000 000 000

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty, OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings (the EC Merger Regulation), OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Based on the 2024 provisional annual accounts (Articles 420 and 424) after deduction of the amount collected for the year n-1 referred to in Article 141(1) of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

The amount for the heading with highest share is established as the difference between the total adjustment and the sum of the amounts for all other headings in order to avoid rounding discrepancies.

## 2.4. Adjustment of the payment ceiling in accordance with Article 4(1)(d) and Article 11(1)(b) – Single Margin Instrument.

In accordance with Article 4(1)(d) of the MFF Regulation, the technical adjustment shall include the amount of the adjustment of the ceiling for payment appropriations under the Single Margin Instrument (SMI) as referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph of Article 11(1).

The 2024 payment ceiling was EUR 170 543 million in current prices. The payments executed in 2024 amount to EUR 147 027 million. To this amount the carry-overs from 2024 to 2025 must be added (EUR 2 955 million) as they are considered as executed.

The payments and carry-overs related with the special instruments (EUR 7 230 million) are excluded from the execution as they are treated as being over and above the MFF ceilings in accordance with Article 3(2) of the MFF Regulation. Therefore the execution taken into account for the calculation of the SMI is EUR 142 752 million.

The remaining margin under the 2024 payment ceiling is EUR 27 942 million in current prices.

The table below shows the details of the calculation of the SMI part 11(1)(b).

S	Single Margin Instrument part 11(1)(b) (payments)	
EUR million		2024
(1)	PA ceiling (2018 prices) before SMI 11(1)(b)	151 437,0
(2)	PA ceiling (2018 prices) before SMI 11(1)(b)  PA ceiling (current prices) before SMI 11(1)(b)	170 543.0
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(3)	Mobilisation SMI Art 11(1)(c) in payments (+/-)	0,0
(4) = (2) + (3)	TOTAL CEILING TO COMPARE THE IMPLEMENTATION ON VOTED BUDGET	170 543,0
(5)	Executed payments on the voted budget	147 026,8
(6)	Executed payments on the voted budget for EGF	0,0
(7)	Executed payments on the voted budget for the SEAR - EUSF	833,8
(8)	Executed payments on the voted budget for the SEAR - EAR	573,0
(9)	Executed payments on the voted budget for Brexit Adjustment Reserve	0,0
(10)	Executed payments on the voted budget for Flexibility instrument	1 758,4
(11)	Executed payments on the voted budget for Ukraine Facility	3 574,8
(12) = (6) + (7) + (8) + + (9) + (10) + (11)	Executed payments on the voted budget for special instruments	6 920,0
(13)	Carry-overs from year n to year n+1	2 955,1
(14)	Carry-over from year n to year n+1 for the EGF	0,1
(15)	Carry-over from year n to year n+1 for the SEAR	310,3
(16)	Carry-over from year n to year n+1 for Brexit Adjustment Reserve	0,0
<b>(17)</b> = (14) + (15)+(16)	Carry-over of special instruments	310,5
(18)	Lapsed carry-overs from year n-1 to year n	151,1
(19)	Lapsed carry-over from year n-1 to year n EGF	0,1
(20)	Lapsed carry-over from year n-1 to year n SEAR	0,0
(21)	Lapsed carry-over from year n-1 to year n for Brexit Adjustment Reserve	0,0
(22) = (19) + (20) + (21)	Lapsed carry-over of special instruments	0,1
(23) = (5) + (13) - (18)	TOTAL EXECUTED PAYMENTS n + CARRY-OVER n TO n+1 - LAPSED CARRY OVER n-1	149 830,9

(24) = (12) + (17) - (22)	Special instruments: total execution + carry-over - lapsed carry-over	7 230,3
(25) = (4) - (23) + (24)	Remaining margin	27 942,4
(26) = (25) rounded to millions	Single Margin Instrument part 11(1)(b) (current prices)	27 942,0
(27) = (26) adjusted to 2018 prices using 2% deflator and rounded to millions	Single Margin Instrument part 11(1)(b) (2018 prices)	24 812,0

The amount of the SMI part 11(1)(b) in 2018 prices corresponds to EUR 24 812 million. Taking into account the provisions of Article 11(3), the payment ceiling in 2024 shall be decreased by this amount. The amount of the SMI part 11(1)(b) is transferred in two parts to the payment ceilings of the years 2026 (EUR 15 568 million) and 2027 (EUR 9 244 million). This results in an unchanged overall payment ceiling for the period 2021-2027 in 2018 prices.

The 2026 payment ceiling increase corresponds to: a) EUR 8.8 billion in 2018 prices (up to the 2026 cap as per article 11(3)), and b) EUR 6.8 billion in 2018 prices corresponding to the difference between the cap for 2025 as per Article 11(3) and the 2025 cap as previously used to adjust the 2025 payment ceiling. In accordance with Article 11(3a), the maximum amount for the annual adjustment for the year 2026 is to be adjusted by the amount equivalent to the unused portion of the maximum amount for year 2025. The final amount stemming from 2025 execution would be included in the technical adjustment ahead of the budgetary procedure for the year 2027, once the final execution of 2025 is known and only if necessary for financial needs in order to avoid the risk of backlogs.

In accordance with Article 4(2) of the MFF Regulation, the 2% deflator shall be used for the calculation of the SMI part 11(1)(b) and the corresponding adjustment of the payment ceiling. When converted in current prices, the 2024 ceiling is therefore reduced by EUR 27 942 million and the 2026 and 2027 ceilings - increased by EUR 18 240 million and EUR 11 048 million, respectively. As a result of the application of Article 11(1)(b), the overall payment ceiling in current prices for the period 2021-2027 corresponds to EUR 1 204 134 million.

The table below shows the details of the adjustment of the payment ceiling resulting from the implementation of the provisions of Article 11(1)(b).

Adjustment of the ceilings SMI part 11(1)(b) (EUR million)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2021-2027
Initial payment ceiling (Annex I Regulation								
2020/2093) 2018 prices	156 557	154 822	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	1 061 058
current prices	166 140	167 585	165 542	168 853	172 230	175 674	179 187	1 195 211
Payment ceiling as last adjusted (Art. 7 adjustment COM(2022)80 of 28 January 2022),								
2018 prices	156 557	156 322	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	1 062 558
current prices	166 140	169 209	165 542	168 853	172 230	175 674	179 187	1 196 835
Single Margin Instrument Part (1)(b) from 2021								
adjustment of the payment ceiling (2018 prices)	-2 492	1 246	1 246					0
adjustment of the payment ceiling (current prices)	-2 644	1 349	1 376					81
Adjusted payment ceiling as per Article 11(1)(b) (Tech. adjustment for 2023)								

2018 prices	154 065	157 568	151 182	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	1 062 558
current prices	163 496	170 558	166 918	168 853	172 230	175 674	179 187	1 196 916
Payment ceiling as last adjusted (Technical adjustment for 2023 COM(2022)266 of 7 June 2022),								
2018 prices	154 065	157 568	152 682	149 936	149 936	149 936	149 936	1 064 058
current prices	163 496	170 558	168 575	168 853	172 230	175 674	179 187	1 198 573
Single Margin Instrument Part (1)(b) from 2022								
adjustment of the payment ceiling (2018 prices)		-3 718			1 239,3	1 239,3	1 239,3	0,0
prices) adjustment of the payment ceiling (current prices)		-4 024			1 424,0	1 452,0	1 481,0	333,0
Adjusted payment ceiling as per Article								
11(1)(b) (Tech. adjustment for 2024) 2018 prices	154 065	153 850	152 682	149 936	151 175	151 175	151 175	1 064 058
current prices	163 496	166 534	168 575	168 853	173 654	177 126	180 668	1 198 906
Payment ceiling as last adjusted (Technical adjustment for 2024 COM(2024)110 of 29 February 2024),				-		-	<u>-</u>	
2018 prices	154 065	153 850	152 682	151 436	151 175	151 175	151 175	1 065 558
current prices	163 496	166 534	168 575	170 543	173 654	177 126	180 668	1 200 596
Single Margin Instrument Part (1)(b) from 2023								
adjustment of the payment ceiling (2018			-5 907,0			2 953,5	2 953,5	0,0
prices) adjustment of the payment ceiling (current prices)			-6 522,0			3 460,0	3 530,0	468,0
Adjusted payment ceiling as per Article 11(1)(b) (Tech. adjustment for 2025) 2018 prices	154 065	153 850	146 775	151 436	151 175	154 128	154 128	1 065 558
current prices	163 496	166 534	162 053	170 543	173 654	180 586	184 198	1 201 064
Payment ceiling as last adjusted (Technical adjustment for 2025 COM(2024)120 of 18								
June 2024), 2018 prices	154 065	153 850	146 775	151 436	152 675	154 128	154 128	1 067 058
current prices	163 496	166 534	162 053	170 543	175 378	180 586	184 198	1 202 788
Single Margin Instrument Part (1)(b) from 2024								
adjustment of the payment ceiling (2018 prices)				-24 812,0		15 567,8	9 244,2	0,0
adjustment of the payment ceiling (current prices)				-27 942,0		18 240,2	11 047,6	1 345,8
Adjusted payment ceiling as per Article 11(1)(b) (Tech. adjustment for 2026)	154 065	153 850	146 775	126 624	152 675	169 696	163 373	1 067 058
2018 prices	163 496	166 534	162 053	142 601	152 675	198 826	195 246	1 204 134
current prices	103 470	100 334	102 033	172 001	113310	170 020	173 240	1 204 134

The table below shows the details of the application of the maximum amounts for the annual adjustment in 2025-2027 in accordance with Article 11(3). The transfers made to 2026 and 2027 are in line with the maximum amounts set in that Article. The amount for 2026 is established in accordance with Article 11(3a).

Adjustment cap (Article 11(3) and (3a)) (EUR million)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Single Margin Instrument Part (1)(b) - Adjustment cap (2018 prices)					8 000	13 000	15 000
Payment ceiling adjustments 11(1)(b) before TAJU 2026 (2018 prices)					1 239	4 193	4 193
Remaining under cap before TAJU 2026 (2018 prices)					6 761	8 807	10 807
Payment ceiling adjustments 11(1)(b) to date (2018 prices)						15 568	9 244
Remaining under cap (2018 prices)							1 563
Remaining under cap (current prices)							1 868

#### 3. SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS

Special instruments are available outside the expenditure ceilings of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework. These instruments aim to ensure rapid response to exceptional or unforeseen events, and to provide flexibility beyond the agreed expenditure ceilings within certain limits set in the MFF Regulation.

## 3.1. Thematic Special Instruments

### 3.1.1. European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

In accordance with Article 8 of the MFF Regulation, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)<sup>15</sup> can be mobilised up to a maximum of EUR 30 million per year in 2018 prices, or EUR 34,5 million in current prices for 2025<sup>16</sup>. Unused amounts of the previous year cannot be carried over.

The table below shows the details of the annual availability of the EGF and, for information, the mobilisation at 31 December 2024.

European Globali	European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) - commitments											
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total				
Annual amounts in 2018 prices	186,0	186,0	186,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0	678,0				
Annual amounts in current prices	197,4	201,3	205,4	33,8	34,5	35,1	35,9	743,4				
Annual mobilisation	24,0	28,0	8,4	8,4				68,9				
Lapsed	173,4	173,3	197,0	25,4				569,0				

## 3.1.2. Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (European Solidarity Reserve and Emergency Aid Reserve)

In accordance with Article 9 of the MFF Regulation, the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) is split as of 1 January 2024 into two separate instruments:

- The European Solidarity Reserve, which can be mobilised up to a maximum amount of EUR 1 016 million per year in 2018 prices, or EUR 1 190,4 million at current prices for 2026; and
- The Emergency Aid Reserve, which can be mobilised up to a maximum amount of EUR 508 million per year in 2018 prices, or EUR 595,2 million at current prices for 2026.

For both instruments, any portion of the unused amount of the previous year can be carried over to the following year. The portion of the annual amount stemming from the previous year shall be drawn on first. Any portion of the annual amount from year n which is not used in year n+1 shall be made available to the Flexibility Instrument in the following year.

The table below shows the details of the annual availability of the SEAR and its annual mobilisation for the years 2021 to 2024. The mobilisation at 31 December 2024 is shown for the purpose of the calculation of the Flexibility Instrument (cf. section

Regulation (EU) 2021/691 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013, OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> In accordance with the MFF Regulation the conversion is based on the 2% fixed annual deflator. The result in current prices is expressed in millions and is rounded to three decimal digits. This is a horizontal approach applicable to all special instruments.

3.2.2). The SEAR has been mobilised in full in 2024 and therefore no amount has lapsed.

The table also shows the details of the annual availability of the European Solidarity Reserve and of the Emergency Aid Reserve for the years 2024-2027.

		1			1	1	j	EUR millior
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEA	AR)							
Annual amounts in 2018 prices	1 200,0	1 200,0	1 200,0	-	-	-	-	3 600,0
Annual amounts in current prices	1 273,5	1 298,9	1 324,9	-	-	-	-	3 897,3
Carried-over from the previous year	48,0	40,8	-					
Frontloaded from the following year (EUSF)	-	-	-					
Annual mobilisation	1 280,7	1 339,7	1 324,9					3 945,2
Carried-over to the following year	40,8	-	-					
Lapsed	-	-	-					
European Solidarity Reserve								
Annual amounts in 2018 prices				1 016,0	1 016,0	1 016,0	1 016,0	4 064,0
Annual amounts in current prices				1 144,2	1 167,1	1 190,4	1 214,2	4 715,9
Carried-over from the previous year				0,0	-	-	-	0,0
Frontloaded from the following year (EUSF)				0,0	-	-	-	0,0
Annual mobilisation				949,9	-	-	-	949,9
Carried-over to the following year				194,3	-	-	-	194,3
Lapsed				-	-	-	-	-
<b>Emergency Aid Reserve</b>								
Annual amounts in 2018 prices				508,0	508,0	508,0	508,0	2 032,0
Annual amounts in current prices				572,1	583,5	595,2	607,1	2 357,9
Carried-over from the previous year				0,0	-	-	-	0,0
Frontloaded from the following year (EUSF)				-	-	-	-	-
Annual mobilisation				572,1	-	-	-	572,1
Carried-over to the following year				0,0	-	-	-	0,0
Lapsed				-	-	-	-	-

### 3.1.3. Brexit Adjustment Reserve

In accordance with Article 10 of the MFF Regulation, the Brexit Adjustment Reserve can be mobilised subject to and in accordance with the conditions set out in the relevant instrument for a total amount of maximum EUR 4 491,4 million in 2018 prices or EUR 4 886,2 million in current prices over the period 2021-2025.

The profile for the annual amounts for the Brexit Adjustment Reserve is set out in the relevant basic act<sup>17</sup>, for which a proposal for amendment was tabled on 29 February 2024<sup>18</sup> to reflect the modification of the maximum amount in the MFF Regulation, as amended in the context of the mid-term revision. The table below shows the details of

Regulation (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve, OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 1.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) 2021/522, (EU) 2021/1057, (EU) 2021/1060, (EU) 2021/1139, (EU) 2021/1229, and (EU) 2021/1755 as regards the changes to the amounts of funds for certain programmes and funds, COM(2024)100 Final, 29.02.2024.

the annual allocation profile of the overall amount in commitment appropriations and, for information, the mobilisation at 31 December 2024<sup>19</sup>.

	Brexit Adjustment Reserve - commitments												
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total					
Annual amounts in 2018 prices	1 600,0	1 200,0	1 200,0		491,4			4 491,4					
Annual amounts in current prices	1 697,9	1 298,9	1 324,9		564,4			4 886,2					
Annual mobilisation	407,2	2 543,9	1 363,5	7,1				4 321,7					

#### 3.1.4. EURI Instrument

In accordance with Article 10a of the MFF Regulation, as of 2025, the EURI Instrument may be used to finance, for a given year, part of the costs of the interest and coupon payments due in respect of the funds borrowed on the capital markets in accordance with Article 5(2) of Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053.

The EURI Instrument may be mobilised by the European Parliament and the Council in the framework of the budgetary procedure provided for in Article 314 TFEU in accordance with the conditions defined in Article 10a.

In accordance with Article 4(1)(f) of the MFF Regulation, this communication provides the calculation of the amount available for the budget year 2026 under the first compartment of the EURI Instrument under paragraph 3(a) of Article  $10a^{20}$ .

Should a decision to mobilise the EURI Instrument be adopted in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure, this amount should be drawn on first.

European Union	Recovery 1	Instrumen	t (EURI)	Instrume	ent – deco	mmitmen	nts		
							EUR	? million (cu	rrent prices)
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Total decommitments <sup>1</sup> on outstanding commitments	(1a)	1 607,1	2 207,1	2 575,9	1 845,4				8 298,5
Total decommitments in relation to 2022 suspended commitments definitively cancelled	(1b)				1 014,0				1 014,0
Technical decommitments and decommitments linked to Brexit	(2)	244,9	137,2	182,6	138,5				703,3
Decommitments excluded from the EURI Instrument under Article 15 of the Financial Regulation, of which:	(3)	148,8	95,3	72,9	74,3				391,3
Article 15(1) of the Financial Regulation		-	-	-	-				-
Article 15(2) of the Financial Regulation	·	-	-	-	-				-
Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation		148,8	95,3	72,9	74,3**				391,3

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/435 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/241 as regards REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans and amending Regulations (EU) 1303/2013, (EU) 2021/1060 and (EU) 2021/1755, and Directive 2003/87/EC (OJ L 63, 28.02.2023, p. 1), Member States were allowed to voluntarily transfer all or part of their provisional allocation from the resources of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve to the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Based on the requests submitted by Member States, the total amount to be transferred from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve to the Recovery and Resilience Facility is EUR 2,1 billion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Article 10a(3)(a) of the MFF Regulation provides as follows: "an amount equivalent to decommitments of appropriations, other than external assigned revenue, made cumulatively since 2021, which were not mobilised under this instrument in the previous years, with the exclusion of the amounts of decommitments made available again in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Financial Regulation and specific rules on making appropriations available again as referred to in the relevant basic acts".

European Union	Recovery I	nstrumen	t (EURI)	Instrume	ent – deco	mmitmen	its		
							EUR	R million (cu	rrent prices)
Decommitments excluded from the EURI Instrument, of which <sup>2</sup> :	(4)	0,2	732,5	890,5	218,3				1 841,5
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI - Global Europe )		0,1	712,9	887,6	202,6				1 803,2
European Instrument for International Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)		-	5,1	0,3	0,1				5,5
Instrument for Pre-accession (IPA III)		-	14,6	1,5	15,6				31,7
Western Balkan Facility (WBF)		-	-	-	-				-
Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) (including Greenland)		-	-	1,1	0,0				1,1
European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP')		-	-	-	-				-
Total net decommitments available for the EURI Instrument by year of origin	(5) = (1) - (2) - (3) - (4)	1 213,2	1 305,0	1 429,9	2 428,2	0,0			6 376,4
Total amounts mobilised under the EURI Instrument	(6)	-	0	0	0	1 141,6			1 141,6
Total remaining available under the EURI Instrument	(7) = (5) - (6)		(*)						5 234,8

<sup>(1)</sup> In the sense of Article 2(22) of the Financial Regulation.

## 3.1.5. Ukraine Reserve

In accordance with Article 10b of the MFF Regulation, a new Ukraine Reserve is created for the period 2024 to 2027 with a maximum overall amount of EUR 17 000 million in current prices for that period.

The maximum annual amount mobilised under the Ukraine Reserve in a given year must not exceed EUR 5 000 million in current prices. The unused portion of the annual amount in a given year may be used in the following years, until 2027, in addition to the maximum annual amount for the relevant year, without prejudice to the overall amount of EUR 17 000 million in current prices.

2026 is the third year of the Ukraine Reserve: the maximum annual amount available is therefore EUR 5 000 million in current prices, without prejudice to the possible carry-over of the unused 2025 annual amount. The table below shows the details of the annual amounts mobilised in the budget for 2024 and 2025.

Ukraine Reserve - commitments											
								EUR million			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total			
Maximum annual amounts in current prices, Maximum total amount 2024-2027				5 000,0	5 000,0	5 000,0	5 000,0	17 000,0			
Annual mobilisation				4 767,5	4 320,4			9 087,9			
Possible carry over to following years				232,5	679,6						

<sup>(2)</sup> Basic acts in force which provide for specific rules on making appropriations available again. Future annual technical adjustments may include other basic acts which may include such provisions.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Yearly mobilisation of the EURI Instrument is contingent on the cost overrun and the other financing sources identified.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Commitments made available again in relation to decommitments made in 2024, as proposed in the Draft Budget 2026.

### 3.2. Non-thematic Special Instruments

#### 3.2.1. Single Margin Instrument

3.2.1.1. Amount of commitment appropriations available under the Single Margin Instrument part 11(1)(a)

In accordance with Article 4(1)(c) of the MFF Regulation, the Commission shall calculate and communicate, as part of the annual technical adjustment of the MFF, the amount available in commitment appropriations under the Single Margin Instrument (SMI) as referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 11(1). This amount is calculated for the first time in this communication.

Article 11(1)(a) of the MFF Regulation provides that margins left available below the MFF ceilings for commitment appropriations of year n-1 will be made available over and above the MFF ceilings for commitment appropriations for the years 2023 to 2027.

In the annual EU budget for 2024, the margin left available under the commitment ceiling amounts to EUR 392,4 million in current prices. The commitments on Special Instruments (including the mobilisation of the SMI parts 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(c)) are not taken into account as they are entered in the budget over and above the MFF ceilings in accordance with Article 2(2) of the MFF Regulation.

In accordance with Article 4(2) of the MFF Regulation, the 2% annual fixed deflator shall be used for the calculation of the technical adjustment. The amount of the remaining margin from 2024 which shall be made available for 2025 corresponds to EUR 392,4 million in current prices in 2024 or EUR 400,3 million in current prices in 2025. In case it is not used in 2025, the SMI available in 2026 will therefore be equal to EUR 408,3 million (in current prices in 2026).

The table below shows the details of the calculation of the SMI originating from 2024.

	SMI Art 11(1)(a) - originating in 2024	
		EUR million, current prices
(1)	Ceiling CA 2024 (at 31/12/2024)	186 840,000
(2)	Total authorised appropriations budget 2024*	195 279,341
(3)= (4)+(5)+(6)+ +(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)	of which special instruments:	8 831,756
(4)	SEAR (European Union Solidarity Fund + Emergency Aid Reserve)	1 716,272
(5)	European Globalisation Adjustment Fund	33,785
(6)	Brexit Adjustment Reserve	-
(7)	Flexibility instrument	1 659,483
(8)	SMI 11(1)(c) mobilised in 2024 (net of offsetting done in 2024)	-
(9)	SMI 11(1)(a) mobilised in 2024	654,672
(10)	Ukraine Facility	4 767,544
(11)= (1)-(2)+(3)	SMI 11(1)(a) 2023 (current prices)	392,416
(12)	SMI 11(1)(a) (2018 prices)	355,426
(13) = (11)*1,02	SMI 11(1)(a) available in 2024 (current prices)	400,264
(14)= (13)*1,02	SMI 11(1)(a) available in 2025 (current prices)	408,269

<sup>\* -</sup>including DABs N°1

The table below shows the details of the availabilities and the use of the SMI since 2021 up to budget 2025 as adopted on 23 November 2024:

EUR million	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Commitment margin available at year-end (confirmed by annual technical adjustment)	628,966	705,426	561,285	392,416	800,471
Annual SMI art. 11(1)(a) available		641,545	1 373,910	1 688,300	1 454,564
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2021		641,545	654,376	381,864	0,000
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2022			719,534	733,925	470,339
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2023				572,511	583,961
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2024					400,264
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2025					
Annual use of SMI art. 11(1)(a)		0,000	280,000	654,672	721,031
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2021		0,000	280,000	381,864	0,000
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2022				272,808	470,339
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2023					250,692
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2024					
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2025					
Remaining SMI art. 11(1)(a) at year-end		641,545	1 093,910	1 033,628	733,533
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2021		641,545	374,376	0,000	0,000
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2022			719,534	461,117	0,000
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2023				572,511	333,269
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2024					400,264
SMI art. 11(1)(a) from 2025					

3.2.1.2. Total maximum amounts in commitments and payments that may be mobilised under the Single Margin Instrument parts 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(c).

The total maximum amount referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of Article 11(2) is 0,04% of the EU GNI, that is equivalent to EUR 7 703 million in 2026.

The total maximum amount referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph of Article 11(2) is 0,03% of the EU GNI, that is equivalent to EUR 5 778 million in 2026.

### **3.2.2.** Flexibility Instrument

In accordance with Article 12 of the MFF Regulation, the Flexibility Instrument may be mobilised as of 1 January 2026 up to a maximum annual amount of EUR 1 346 million in 2018 prices, or EUR 1 577,1 million in current prices for 2026. Any portion of the unused annual amounts of the previous two years may be carried over.

In addition, in accordance withArticle 4(1)(g) referring to Article 12(1), second subparagraph, 'each year the annual amount available for the Flexibility Instrument shall be increased by an amount equivalent to the portions of the annual amounts for the European Solidarity Reserve and the Emergency Aid Reserve which have lapsed in the previous year in accordance with Article 9'. The SEAR has been mobilised in full in 2024 and therefore no amount has lapsed.

The table below details the annual availabilities of the Flexibility Instrument and, for information, the mobilisation commitment appropriations up to budget 2025 as adopted on 27 February 2025<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> OJ L, 2025/31, 27.2.2025

Flexibility Instrument											
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total			
Annual amounts in 2018 prices	915,0	915,0	915,0	1 346,0	1 346,0	1 346,0	1346,0	8 129,0			
Annual amounts in current prices	971,0	990,4	1 010,2	1 515,8	1 546,1	1 577,1	1 608,6	9 219,3			
Increased with lapsed amount of SEAR (ESR+EAR)				-							
Carried-over from the previous year	-	208,6	830,6	605,1	461,4						
Annual mobilisation	762,4	368,4	1 235,7	1 635,5	1 162,4			5 188,5			
Carried-over to the following year	208,6	830,6	605,1	461,4							
Lapsed	-	-	-	-							

The payment schedule of the mobilisations of the Flexibility Instrument up to the adopted annual EU budget 2025 as well as of outstanding amounts stemming from mobilisations under the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework is detailed in the following table.

	Flexibility Instrument - payment profile (current prices)											
								EUR million				
Mobilisation origin	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total				
MFF 2014-2020	583,0	207,1	122,2	-	1	-	-	912,3				
2021	703,5	40,9	10,3	7,6	ı	-	-	762,4				
2022		219,2	62,7	49,8	36,7	-	-	368,4				
2023			752,9	279,0	120,6	83,2	-	1 235,7				
2024				1 421,9	107,6	83,7	46,3	1 659,4				
2025					1 133,9	13,5	9,4	1 156,8				
Total	1 286,6	467,2	948,1	1 758,3	1 398,9	180,4	55,7	6 095,1				

#### 4. SUMMARY TABLE AND CONCLUSIONS

The tables below summarise the changes to the ceilings for commitment and payment appropriations in the multiannual financial framework in accordance with Articles 2(1), 5 and 11(1)(b) of the MFF Regulation in current and 2018 prices as included in this Communication:

EUR million, current prices	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2021- 2027
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital						980		980
2. Cohesion, Resilience and Values						1 119		1 119
2a. Economic, social and territorial cohesion								
2b. Resilience and Values						1 119		1 119
3. Natural Resources and Environment								
of which: Market related expenditure and direct payments								
4. Migration and Border Management						245		245
5. Security and Defence								
6. Neighbourhood and the World								
7. European Public Administration								
of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions								
Total change in commitment appropriations						2 344		2 344
Total change in payment appropriations				-27 942		20 584	11 048	3 690

EUR million, 2018 prices	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2021- 2027
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital						836		836
2. Cohesion, Resilience and Values						955		955
2a. Economic, social and territorial cohesion								

2b. Resilience and Values			955		955
3. Natural Resources and Environment					
of which: Market related expenditure and direct payments					
4. Migration and Border Management			209		209
5. Security and Defence					
6. Neighbourhood and the World					
7. European Public Administration					
of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions					
Total change in commitment appropriations			2 000		2 000
Total change in payment appropriations		-24 812	17 568	9 244	2 000