# **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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Proposal for a

# **COUNCIL DECISION**

on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2012 and 2013, including the first instalment for 2012

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Internal Agreement and Financial Regulation of the 10th EDF provide for a new procedure for the calls for contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the EDF. According to Article 157 of the Financial Regulation, this new procedure applied for the first time for the contributions of 2009.

In accordance with Article 57(2) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation, this proposal covers:

- the ceiling for the annual amount of the contribution for 2013;
- the annual amount of the contribution for 2012; and
- the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2012.

In accordance with Article 57(7) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation, the amount managed by the Commission and the amount managed by the EIB are specified separately.

In accordance with Article 145 of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation, the EIB has sent the Commission its updated estimates of commitments and payments under the instruments it manages.

In accordance with Article 57(2) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation, the Council must decide on this proposal by 15 November 2011 and Member States must pay the first instalment of the contribution at the latest by 21 January 2012.

Article 58(2) of the Financial Regulation provides that calls for contributions first use up the amounts laid down for previous EDFs, one after the other. The calls for contributions in this proposal therefore concern amounts under the 9th EDF for the EIB and the 10th EDF for the Commission.

Article 60(1) of the Financial Regulation provides that a Member State which fails to pay the instalment of the contribution due by the deadline will be required to pay interest on the amount unpaid; the arrangements for the payment of interest are specified in the same Article.

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## THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of Community aid under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2008 to 2013 in accordance with the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and on the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies<sup>1</sup>, ("the Internal Agreement") and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 of 18 February 2008 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation")<sup>2</sup> as last amended on 11 April 2011<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 57(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

### Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 57 to 61 of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation, the Commission should present a proposal by 15 October 2011 specifying the ceiling for the annual amount of the Member States European Development Fund (EDF) contribution for 2013, the annual amount of the contribution for 2012 and the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2012.
- (2) In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 145 of the 10th EDF Financial Regulation, the European Investment Bank has sent the Commission its updated estimates of commitments and payments under the instruments it manages.
- (3) Article 58(2) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation provides that calls for contributions first use up the amounts laid down for previous EDFs. Therefore a call for funds under the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF should be made also on the basis of Article 58(2) of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Financial Regulation for the EIB

OJ L 247, 9.9.2006, p. 32.

OJ L 78, 19.3.2008, p. 1.

OJ L 102, 16/04/2011, p. 1.

(4) The Council should decide on this proposal by 15 November 2011, and Member States should pay the first instalment of the contribution for 2012 at the latest by 21 January 2012,

### HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

The ceiling for the annual amount of the Member States EDF contributions for 2013 is hereby set at EUR 3 800 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 250 000 000 for the European Investment Bank.

#### Article 2

The annual amount of the Member States EDF contributions for 2012 is hereby set at EUR 3 600 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 280 000 000 for the European Investment Bank.

#### Article 3

The individual EDF contributions to be paid by the Member States to the Commission and to the European Investment Bank as the first instalment for 2012 are set out in the table in the Annex.

Article 4

This decision shall apply from the date of its adoption.

Article 5

This decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

 $\frac{ANNEX}{First\ instalment\ of\ contributions\ for\ 2012\ (in\ EUR)}$ 

First instalment of contributions for 2012 (in EUR)					
MEMBER STATES	Key 9 <sup>th</sup> EDF	Key 10 <sup>th</sup> EDF	1st instalment		Total 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment
	%	%	EIB 9 <sup>th</sup> EDF	Commission 10 <sup>th</sup> EDF	
BELGIUM	3.92	3.53	3 920.000	68 835 000	72 755 000
DENMARK	2.14	2.00	2 140.000	39 000 000	41 140 000
GERMANY	23.36	20.50	23 360.000	399 750 000	423 110 000
GREECE	1.25	1.47	1 250 000	28 665 000	29 915 000
SPAIN	5.84	7.85	5 840 000	153 075 000	158 915 000
FRANCE	24.30	19.55	24 300 000	381 225 000	405 525 000
IRELAND	0.62	0.91	620 000	17 745 000	18 365 000
ITALY	12.54	12.86	12 540 000	250 770 000	263 310 000
LUXEMBOURG	0.29	0.27	290 000	5 265 000	5 555 000
NETHERLANDS	5.22	4.85	5 220 000	94 575 000	99 795 000
AUSTRIA	2.65	2.41	2 650 000	46 995 000	49 645 000
PORTUGAL	0.97	1.15	970 000	22 425 000	23 395 000
FINLAND	1.48	1.47	1 480 000	28 665 000	30 145 000
SWEDEN	2.73	2.74	2 730 000	53 430 000	56 160 000
UNITED					
KINGDOM	12.69	14.82	12 690 000	288 990 000	301 680 000
Sub-total EUR-15	100	96.38	100 000 000	1 879 410 000	1 979 410 000
CZECH					
REPUBLIC		0.51		9 945 000	9 945 000
BULGARIA		0.14		2 730 000	2 730 000
ESTONIA		0.05		975 000	975 000
CYPRUS		0.09		1 755 000	1 755 000
LATVIA		0.07		1 365 000	1 365 000
LITHUANIA		0.12		2 340 000	2 340 000
HUNGARY		0.55		10 725 000	10 725 000
MALTA		0.03		585 000	585 000
POLAND		1.30		25 350 000	25 350 000
ROMANIA		0.37		7 215 000	7 215 000
SLOVENIA		0.18		3 510 000	3 510 000
SLOVAKIA		0.21		4 095 000	4 095 000
Sub-total EUR-12		3.62		70 590 000	70 590 000
TOTAL EUR-27	100	100	100 000 000	1 950 000 000	2 050 000 000