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EUROBATS budget 2011 onwards: Level of the ceiling for maximum contributions and possible introduction of a minimum contribution



This document has been circulated to all Administrative Focal Points in early 2010 for internal consultation and comments. It has now been updated with the new UN Scale and the figures suggested for the 2011 – 2014 budget. The various options have been extensively discussed by the 4th Meeting of the Standing Committee (May 2010) which has then decided to submit three options to the Meeting of Parties for further discussion and decision.

For the attached scenarios the average annual total amount of the draft budget proposal (Doc.EUROBATS.MoP6.9) has been used. However, the Secretariat is well aware that a reasonable compromise will have to be found in the budget negotiations in order to reach an acceptable level for the increase in contributions.

Background: Normally every three years the Member States of the United Nations adopt the “Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations” in a General Assembly Resolution, taking into account a number of factors, in particular the economical strength of a country. This well established system ensures that the contributions of countries to any given budget within the United Nations System are equitable to the highest possible extend. This goal is achieved when applied on a global level, for which the UN scale is designed. However, the application of the UN scale on a limited regional level inevitably results in distortions of countries’ contributions. This is historically the case for EUROBATS.

Similar to previous budget cycles, in the budget period 2007 – 2010 only four Parties are covering 74% of the total budget, the remaining 26% being shared by the other 28 Parties. Although Article V, Paragraph 1 of the Agreement allows the adoption of a EUROBATS specific scale of contributions (“[...] *The Parties to the Agreement shall adopt rules of procedure for their meetings and financial rules, including the provisions on the budget and the scale of contributions for the next financial period.[...]*”), it would for many reasons not be advisable to stop using the commonly accepted UN scale

agreed by all governments in the General Assembly as the basis for the calculation of the contributions.

Possible ways to at least reduce the most significant inequities in contributions, would be to lower the ceiling for maximum contributions of single Parties being at 20% for EUROBATS right now (adopted in Resolution 4.1 and confirmed in Resolution 5.1), the introduction of a minimum contribution, or a combination of both.

Through further consultations and discussion within the Standing Committee, three options have emerged that are herewith put forward to all Parties for consideration.

Before looking at the potential impacts on the contributions of Parties to EUROBATS, it has to be recalled, that in the present budget period (2007 – 2010) 18 out of the now 32 Parties have chosen at the last Session of the Meeting of Parties (MoP5) to pay additional contributions into a newly established budget line (5501 Contingency). The average total budget level as well as the average contributions of Parties in the period 2007 – 2010 have been used for comparison in the attached options.

It should be also noted that a large part of the increases in contributions for a number of Parties is resulting from the significant increase of their UN scale (see Inf.EUROBATS.MoP6.9).

Option 1 at Annex 1 reflects the immediate introduction of a 15% ceiling and minimum contributions at the level of EUR 1,000 (for e.g. AEWA the minimum is EUR 2,000).

Option 2 at Annex 2 reflects the immediate introduction of a 15% ceiling and gradually increasing minimum contributions for all Parties (EUR 500 in 2011, EUR 750 in 2012 and EUR 1,000 in 2013 and 2014) that are added to each Party's contribution resulting from the UN scale. The total amount of these minimum contributions is deducted from the total annual budget amount to be shared by the Parties on the basis of the UN scale.

Option 3 at Annex 3 takes a different approach. The ceiling is not decreased through a fixed percentage, but the individual contributions of those Parties that in the 2007 – 2010 budget period were above 15% of the total annual budget, are frozen at that level plus 3.5 % to cover inflation as well as a part of the budget increase and a minimum contribution of EUR 1,000 is introduced for those Parties, who otherwise would contribute less than that amount.

Party	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.
	2007-09	av. 2007-10	2007-10	2010-12	2011	2011-14	net	2012	2011-14	net	2013	2011-14	net	2014	2011-14	net
Albania	0,006	55	0,018	0,010	1.000	0,259	945	1.000	0,259	945	1.000	0,259	945	1.000	0,259	945
Belgium*	1,102	11.880	3,304	1,075	16.578	4,287	4.698	16.578	4,287	4.698	16.578	4,287	4.698	16.578	4,287	4.698
Bulgaria	0,020	184	0,060	0,038	1.000	0,259	816	1.000	0,259	816	1.000	0,259	816	1.000	0,259	816
Croatia*	0,050	524	0,150	0,097	1.496	0,387	972	1.496	0,387	972	1.496	0,387	972	1.496	0,387	972
Czech Republic*	0,281	2.902	0,842	0,349	5.382	1,392	2.480	5.382	1,392	2.480	5.382	1,392	2.480	5.382	1,392	2.480
Denmark*	0,739	7.969	2,216	0,736	11.350	2,935	3.382	11.350	2,935	3.382	11.350	2,935	3.382	11.350	2,935	3.382
Estonia*	0,016	167	0,048	0,040	1.000	0,259	833	1.000	0,259	833	1.000	0,259	833	1.000	0,259	833
Finland*	0,564	6.058	1,691	0,566	8.729	2,257	2.671	8.729	2,257	2.671	8.729	2,257	2.671	8.729	2,257	2.671
France	6,301	58.078	18,891	6,123	58.012	15,000	-66	58.012	15,000	-66	58.012	15,000	-66	58.012	15,000	-66
Georgia	0,003	28	0,009	0,006	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972
Germany	8,577	61.486	20,000	8,018	58.012	15,000	-3.474	58.012	15,000	-3.474	58.012	15,000	-3.474	58.012	15,000	-3.474
Hungary*	0,244	2.345	0,732	0,291	4.488	1,160	2.143	4.488	1,160	2.143	4.488	1,160	2.143	4.488	1,160	2.143
Ireland*	0,445	4.666	1,334	0,498	7.680	1,986	3.014	7.680	1,986	3.014	7.680	1,986	3.014	7.680	1,986	3.014
Italy	5,079	46.815	15,228	4,999	58.012	15,000	11.197	58.012	15,000	11.197	58.012	15,000	11.197	58.012	15,000	11.197
Latvia	0,018	166	0,054	0,038	1.000	0,259	834	1.000	0,259	834	1.000	0,259	834	1.000	0,259	834
Lithuania	0,031	286	0,093	0,065	1.000	0,259	714	1.000	0,259	714	1.000	0,259	714	1.000	0,259	714
Luxembourg*	0,085	917	0,255	0,090	1.388	0,359	470	1.388	0,359	470	1.388	0,359	470	1.388	0,359	470
FYR Macedonia*	0,005	56	0,015	0,007	1.000	0,259	944	1.000	0,259	944	1.000	0,259	944	1.000	0,259	944
Malta	0,017	157	0,051	0,017	1.000	0,259	843	1.000	0,259	843	1.000	0,259	843	1.000	0,259	843
Moldova*	0,001	22	0,003	0,002	1.000	0,259	978	1.000	0,259	978	1.000	0,259	978	1.000	0,259	978
Monaco	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972
Netherlands*	1,873	19.988	5,616	1,855	28.607	7,397	8.619	28.607	7,397	8.619	28.607	7,397	8.619	28.607	7,397	8.619
Norway*	0,782	8.302	2,345	0,871	13.432	3,473	5.130	13.432	3,473	5.130	13.432	3,473	5.130	13.432	3,473	5.130
Poland	0,501	4.618	1,502	0,828	12.769	3,302	8.151	12.769	3,302	8.151	12.769	3,302	8.151	12.769	3,302	8.151
Portugal*	0,527	5.615	1,580	0,511	7.881	2,038	2.266	7.881	2,038	2.266	7.881	2,038	2.266	7.881	2,038	2.266
Romania*	0,070	742	0,210	0,177	2.730	0,706	1.987	2.730	0,706	1.987	2.730	0,706	1.987	2.730	0,706	1.987
San Marino***	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972	1.000	0,259	972
Slovakia	0,063	581	0,189	0,142	2.190	0,566	1.609	2.190	0,566	1.609	2.190	0,566	1.609	2.190	0,566	1.609
Slovenia*	0,096	1.024	0,288	0,103	1.588	0,411	565	1.588	0,411	565	1.588	0,411	565	1.588	0,411	565
Sweden*	1,071	11.481	3,211	1,064	16.409	4,243	4.928	16.409	4,243	4.928	16.409	4,243	4.928	16.409	4,243	4.928
Ukraine*	0,045	623	0,135	0,087	1.000	0,259	377	1.000	0,259	377	1.000	0,259	377	1.000	0,259	377
United Kingdom	6,642	61.221	19,914	6,604	58.012	15,000	-3.209	58.012	15,000	-3.209	58.012	15,000	-3.209	58.012	15,000	-3.209
Average Total	35,260	307.431	100,000	35,313	386.745	100,000		386.745	100,000		386.745	100,000		386.745	100,000	
Av. Grand Total**	n/a	319.010	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a			n/a			n/a		

* These Parties have decided to pay additional contributions to budget line 5501. Therefore the columns with the UN scale and percentage are not fully applicable for the actual contributions in 2007 - 2010.

** For 2007 - 2010 including the additional contributions of certain Parties to budget line 5501 Contingency. See Annex 1.

*** New Party in 2009.

Option 2: 15% Ceiling and EUR 1.000 Minimum Contributions for all Parties 2011 - 14

Party	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.
	2007-09	av. 2007-10	2007-10	2010-12	2011	2011-14	net	2012	2011-14	net	2013	2011-14	net	2014	2011-14	net
Albania	0,006	55	0,018	0,010	655	0,042	600	902	0,042	846	1.148	0,042	1.093	1.148	0,042	1.093
Belgium*	1,102	11.880	3,304	1,075	17.160	4,494	5.280	17.051	4,494	5.170	16.941	4,494	5.061	16.941	4,494	5.061
Bulgaria	0,020	184	0,060	0,038	1.089	0,159	905	1.326	0,159	1.142	1.563	0,159	1.379	1.563	0,159	1.379
Croatia*	0,050	524	0,150	0,097	2.003	0,405	1.479	2.221	0,405	1.697	2.438	0,405	1.915	2.438	0,405	1.915
Czech Republic*	0,281	2.902	0,842	0,349	5.909	1,459	3.007	6.042	1,459	3.140	6.175	1,459	3.273	6.175	1,459	3.273
Denmark*	0,739	7.969	2,216	0,736	11.906	3,077	3.938	11.910	3,077	3.942	11.914	3,077	3.946	11.914	3,077	3.946
Estonia*	0,016	167	0,048	0,040	1.120	0,167	952	1.357	0,167	1.189	1.593	0,167	1.426	1.593	0,167	1.426
Finland*	0,564	6.058	1,691	0,566	9.272	2,366	3.214	9.332	2,366	3.275	9.393	2,366	3.336	9.393	2,366	3.336
France	6,301	58.078	18,891	6,123	56.112	15,000	-1.966	55.162	15,000	-2.916	54.212	15,000	-3.866	54.212	15,000	-3.866
Georgia	0,003	28	0,009	0,006	593	0,025	565	841	0,025	813	1.089	0,025	1.061	1.089	0,025	1.061
Germany	8,577	61.486	20,000	8,018	56.112	15,000	-5.374	55.162	15,000	-6.324	54.212	15,000	-7.274	54.212	15,000	-7.274
Hungary*	0,244	2.345	0,732	0,291	5.010	1,216	2.665	5.163	1,216	2.818	5.315	1,216	2.970	5.315	1,216	2.970
Ireland*	0,445	4.666	1,334	0,498	8.218	2,082	3.552	8.301	2,082	3.636	8.385	2,082	3.719	8.385	2,082	3.719
Italy	5,079	46.815	15,228	4,999	56.112	15,000	9.297	55.162	15,000	8.347	54.212	15,000	7.397	54.212	15,000	7.397
Latvia	0,018	166	0,054	0,038	1.089	0,159	923	1.326	0,159	1.160	1.563	0,159	1.398	1.563	0,159	1.398
Lithuania	0,031	286	0,093	0,065	1.507	0,272	1.222	1.736	0,272	1.450	1.964	0,272	1.678	1.964	0,272	1.678
Luxembourg*	0,085	917	0,255	0,090	1.895	0,376	977	2.115	0,376	1.197	2.335	0,376	1.417	2.335	0,376	1.417
FYR Macedonia*	0,005	56	0,015	0,007	608	0,029	552	856	0,029	800	1.104	0,029	1.048	1.104	0,029	1.048
Malta	0,017	157	0,051	0,017	763	0,071	607	1.008	0,071	851	1.252	0,071	1.095	1.252	0,071	1.095
Moldova*	0,001	22	0,003	0,002	531	0,008	509	780	0,008	758	1.030	0,008	1.007	1.030	0,008	1.007
Monaco	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	546	0,013	519	795	0,013	768	1.044	0,013	1.017	1.044	0,013	1.017
Netherlands*	1,873	19.988	5,616	1,855	29.248	7,754	9.260	28.878	7,754	8.890	28.508	7,754	8.520	28.508	7,754	8.520
Norway*	0,782	8.302	2,345	0,871	13.999	3,641	5.697	13.957	3,641	5.655	13.916	3,641	5.614	13.916	3,641	5.614
Poland	0,501	4.618	1,502	0,828	13.332	3,461	8.714	13.305	3,461	8.687	13.278	3,461	8.660	13.278	3,461	8.660
Portugal*	0,527	5.615	1,580	0,511	8.419	2,136	2.805	8.498	2,136	2.884	8.578	2,136	2.963	8.578	2,136	2.963
Romania*	0,070	742	0,210	0,177	3.243	0,740	2.501	3.434	0,740	2.692	3.625	0,740	2.883	3.625	0,740	2.883
San Marino***	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	546	0,013	519	795	0,013	768	1.044	0,013	1.017	1.044	0,013	1.017
Slovakia	0,063	581	0,189	0,142	2.701	0,594	2.120	2.903	0,594	2.323	3.106	0,594	2.525	3.106	0,594	2.525
Slovenia*	0,096	1.024	0,288	0,103	2.096	0,431	1.072	2.312	0,431	1.288	2.527	0,431	1.504	2.527	0,431	1.504
Sweden*	1,071	11.481	3,211	1,064	16.990	4,448	5.509	16.884	4,448	5.403	16.778	4,448	5.297	16.778	4,448	5.297
Ukraine*	0,045	623	0,135	0,087	1.848	0,364	1.226	2.069	0,364	1.446	2.290	0,364	1.667	2.290	0,364	1.667
United Kingdom	6,642	61.221	19,914	6,604	56.112	15,000	-5.109	55.162	15,000	-6.059	54.212	15,000	-7.009	54.212	15,000	-7.009
Average Total	35,260	307.431	100,000	35,313	370.745	100,000		362.745	100,000		354.745	100,000		354.745	100,000	
Minimum Contributions					16.000			24.000			32.000			32.000		
Av. Grand Total**	n/a	319.010	n/a		386.745			386.745			386.745			386.745		

* These Parties have decided to pay additional contributions to budget line 5501. Therefore the columns with the UN scale and percentage are not fully applicable for the actual contributions in 2007 - 2010.

** For 2007 - 2010 including the additional contributions of certain Parties to budget line 5501 Contingency. See Annex 1.

*** New Party in 2009.

Doc.EUROBATS.MoP6.8.Annex3 **Option 3: Freeze of Contributions above 15% and EUR 1.000 Minimum Contributions 2011 - 14**

Party	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	UN Scale	Contributions	Percent	Contributions	Percent	Contributions	Percent	Contributions	Percent	Incr./Decr.
	2007-09	av. 2007-10	2007-10	2010-12	2011	2011-14	2012	2011-14	2013	2011-14	2014	2011-14	year/net
Albania	0,006	55	0,018	0,010	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	945
Belgium*	1,102	11.880	3,304	1,075	16.134	4,172	16.134	4,172	16.134	4,172	16.134	4,172	4.254
Bulgaria	0,020	184	0,060	0,038	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	816
Croatia*	0,050	524	0,150	0,097	1.456	0,376	1.456	0,376	1.456	0,376	1.456	0,376	932
Czech Republic*	0,281	2.902	0,842	0,349	5.238	1,354	5.238	1,354	5.238	1,354	5.238	1,354	2.336
Denmark*	0,739	7.969	2,216	0,736	11.046	2,856	11.046	2,856	11.046	2,856	11.046	2,856	3.078
Estonia*	0,016	167	0,048	0,040	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	833
Finland*	0,564	6.058	1,691	0,566	8.495	2,196	8.495	2,196	8.495	2,196	8.495	2,196	2.437
France	6,301	58.078	18,891	6,123	60.111	15,543	60.111	15,543	60.111	15,543	60.111	15,543	2.033
Georgia	0,003	28	0,009	0,006	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	972
Germany	8,577	61.486	20,000	8,018	63.638	16,455	63.638	16,455	63.638	16,455	63.638	16,455	2.152
Hungary*	0,244	2.345	0,732	0,291	4.367	1,129	4.367	1,129	4.367	1,129	4.367	1,129	2.022
Ireland*	0,445	4.666	1,334	0,498	7.474	1,933	7.474	1,933	7.474	1,933	7.474	1,933	2.809
Italy	5,079	46.815	15,228	4,999	48.454	12,529	48.454	12,529	48.454	12,529	48.454	12,529	1.639
Latvia	0,018	166	0,054	0,038	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	834
Lithuania	0,031	286	0,093	0,065	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	714
Luxembourg*	0,085	917	0,255	0,090	1.351	0,349	1.351	0,349	1.351	0,349	1.351	0,349	433
FYR Macedonia*	0,005	56	0,015	0,007	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	944
Malta	0,017	157	0,051	0,017	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	843
Moldova*	0,001	22	0,003	0,002	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	978
Monaco	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	972
Netherlands*	1,873	19.988	5,616	1,855	27.841	7,199	27.841	7,199	27.841	7,199	27.841	7,199	7.853
Norway*	0,782	8.302	2,345	0,871	13.072	3,380	13.072	3,380	13.072	3,380	13.072	3,380	4.770
Poland	0,501	4.618	1,502	0,828	12.427	3,213	12.427	3,213	12.427	3,213	12.427	3,213	7.809
Portugal*	0,527	5.615	1,580	0,511	7.669	1,983	7.669	1,983	7.669	1,983	7.669	1,983	2.055
Romania*	0,070	742	0,210	0,177	2.656	0,687	2.656	0,687	2.656	0,687	2.656	0,687	1.914
San Marino***	0,003	28	0,009	0,003	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	1.000	0,259	972
Slovakia	0,063	581	0,189	0,142	2.131	0,551	2.131	0,551	2.131	0,551	2.131	0,551	1.551
Slovenia*	0,096	1.024	0,288	0,103	1.546	0,400	1.546	0,400	1.546	0,400	1.546	0,400	522
Sweden*	1,071	11.481	3,211	1,064	15.969	4,129	15.969	4,129	15.969	4,129	15.969	4,129	4.488
Ukraine*	0,045	623	0,135	0,087	1.306	0,338	1.306	0,338	1.306	0,338	1.306	0,338	683
United Kingdom	6,642	61.221	19,914	6,604	63.364	16,384	63.364	16,384	63.364	16,384	63.364	16,384	2.143
Average Total	35,260	307.431	100,000	35,313	386.745	100,000	386.745	100,000	386.745	100,000	386.745	100,000	
Av. Grand Total**	n/a	319.010	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		

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