



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 5053/13 FIN 5

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 56/2012 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2012

1. On 8 January 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 56/2012.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 290 918 775 in payment appropriations from budget lines under:

- sub-heading 1a (*Competitiveness for growth and employment*): EUR 66.9 million;
- heading 2 (*Preservation and management of natural resources*): EUR 20.1 million;
- sub-heading 3a (*Freedom, security and justice*): EUR 4.1 million;
- sub-heading 3b (*Citizenship*): EUR 5.3 million;
- heading 4 (*The EU as a global player*): EUR 194.3 million; and
- heading 5 (*Administration*): EUR 0.3 million,

to the following budget lines under sub-heading 1b (*Cohesion for growth and employment*):

- Article 04 02 01 (*Completion of the European Social Fund (ESF) - Objective 1 (2000 to 2006)*): EUR 79 646 434;
- Article 13 03 01 (*Completion of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - Objective 1 (2000 to 2006)*): EUR 185 311 683; and
- Article 13 03 04 (*Completion of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - Objective 2 (2000 to 2006)*): EUR 25 960 658,

as recorded in document 5053/13 FIN 5.

2. In accordance with Article 179(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, this "End of Year Transfer" intends to ensure that the outstanding requests for additional payments related to Structural Funds can be met, using any payment appropriations available at mid-December.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 9 January 2013.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in ANNEX to that effect.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy: President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 179(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 56/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.