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From: Mr Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, Member of the European Commission  
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To: Mr Algimantas RIMKUNAS, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject: Transfer of appropriations No DEC 20/2013 within Section III -  
Commission - of the general budget for 2013

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 20/2013.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2013  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 18, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 20/2013**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions  
**ARTICLE** - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	- 12 750 000
Payments	- 7 500 000

**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1802 Solidarity - External borders, return, visa policy and free movement of people  
**ARTICLE** - 18 02 04 Schengen information system (SIS II)

Commitments	12 750 000
Payments	7 500 000

## **Justification for lifting the reserve of Schengen Information System (SIS II) budget line**

The Budget Authority placed part of the 2013 Schengen Information System (SIS II) (18 02 04) appropriations into the reserve with the following condition for the release of the appropriations:

*"The appropriations entered in the reserve shall be released when the Commission (or the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice respectively after the transfer of appropriations) presents concrete information to the budgetary authority on the content of the call for tender and the sufficiently concrete contract on maintenance in operational conditions of the Schengen Information System resulting thereof. In addition, the Commission shall submit a concrete schedule for the remaining actions to be taken before the start of operations of the SIS II in 2013 specifying in detail the further technical steps, the content and objective of each step, the corresponding costs and the responsibilities for each development step."*

On 17 July 2013, the Commission wrote to the President of the LIBE committee in the European Parliament explaining that:

- The Commission launched a tender for the Maintenance in Working Order in December 2012 and has finalised the selection phase;
- The European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT system (eu-LISA) will accomplish the 2nd phase in view of signing a contract by the end of 2013;
- The entry into force of SIS II was successfully completed on 9 April 2013;
- Since then the system has been functioning smoothly.

In conclusion, the Commission believes it has provided, in complete transparency, all the information requested by the Budget Authority for the release of the appropriations under the reserve and considers that the conditions for this release have been met. Therefore the Commission requests the transfer of EUR 12.75 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 7.50 million in payment appropriations from the reserve budget line (40 02 41) to the SIS II budget line (18 02 04).

## I. INCREASE

### a) Heading

#### 18 02 04 - Schengen information system (SIS II)

### b) Figures at 25/07/2013

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	24 000 000	12 081 571
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	24 000 000	12 081 571
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	25 000	10 764 935
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<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>23 975 000</b>	<b>1 316 636</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>36 725 000</b>	<b>8 816 636</b>
<b>7. Increase proposed</b>	<b>12 750 000</b>	<b>7 500 000</b>
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	53.13%	62.08%
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1. Appropriation available at start of year	1 617 762	650 141
2. Appropriation available on the 25/07/2013	1 121 424	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	30.68%	100.00%

### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

See introduction

## II. DECREASE

### a) Heading

#### 40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

### b) Figures at 25/07/2013

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	278 891 985	188 563 836
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	-147 191 985	-63 456 639
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	131 700 000	125 107 197
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
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<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>131 700 000</b>	<b>125 107 197</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>7. Proposed decrease</b>	<b>12 750 000</b>	<b>7 500 000</b>
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	4.57%	3.98%
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on the 25/07/2013	0	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

### d) Detail grounds for the transfer

See introduction