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to:	Mr Vassos SHIARLY, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC18/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC18/2012.

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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2012  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 16, 40

### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 18/2012

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#### **FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 40 02 RESERVES FOR FINANCIAL INTERVENTIONS

ARTICLE 40 02 41 - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	- 2 300 000
Payments	- 2 400 000

#### **TO**

**CHAPTER** - 16 03 'Going Local' communication

ARTICLE - 16 03 04 Communicating Europe in Partnership

Commitments	2 300 000
Payments	2 400 000

## I. INCREASE

### a) Heading

#### **16 03 04 - Communicating Europe in Partnership**

### b) Figures at 12/06/2012

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	10 700 000	10 200 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	10 700 000	10 200 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	1 878 930	3 372 057
<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>8 821 070</b>	<b>6 827 943</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>11 121 070</b>	<b>9 227 943</b>
<b>7. Increase proposed</b>	<b>2 300 000</b>	<b>2 400 000</b>
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	21.50%	23.53%
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 23(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 17a of the implementing rules	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	199 315	197 687
2. Appropriation available on the 12/06/2012	146 780	954
3. Rate of utilisation $[(1-2)/1]$	26,36%	99.52%

### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The European Parliament (EP) during its reading of the Draft Budget 2012 approved an amendment putting into the reserve line 40 02 41 an amount of EUR 2 300 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 2 400 000 in payment appropriations. This reserve was confirmed in the voted budget. The following condition for releasing the reserve was set:

*The Commission must submit a communication to the European Parliament and the Council on inter-institutional cooperation on communication with a view of the 2014 European elections. The communication will outline the Commission's views on how the inter-institutional cooperation could be organised as regards budget funding and key activities in Brussels and in the Member States. The Commissioner must give an undertaking in writing that the communication will be submitted in the first half of 2012.*

The Commission would like to present to the Budgetary Authority the actions undertaken towards fulfilment of the above-mentioned condition:

The Commission presented a proposal to the European Parliament (EP) and to the Council on the organisation of a European Year of Citizens in 2013<sup>1</sup>, aiming to mobilise the electorate in the run-up to the 2014 European elections.

On 25 April 2012, the Vice-President of the Commission Mrs. Reding attended the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) meeting to discuss the implementation of the political declaration "Communicating Europe in Partnership" and the preparation of 2014 European elections. She had a fruitful exchange of views with the Members of this Committee.

In June 2012, the Commission submitted a communication to the Budgetary Authority "Communicating on Europe, for Europe and by Europe". This paper outlines a strategic approach on communicating of EU policies to citizens and to the media, the activities to be undertaken preparing EU citizens for the approaching European elections and the inter-institutional cooperation.

The negotiations with the Member States on the financing of the Management Partnerships are on-going. The release of the reserve will allow the Commission to finalise these negotiations and to respect the undertaken commitments. Following the revised monthly forecasts, the appropriations (in commitments and in payments), foreseen on this budget line, will be fully implemented by the end of 2012.

In light of these undertakings, the Commission considers that the condition for releasing the reserve can therefore be considered as fulfilled and requests the transfer of appropriation in order to be able to implement the actions, foreseen on budget line 16 03 04 for 2012.

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1 COM (2011) 489 final of 11.8.2011

## II. DECREASE

### a) Heading

**40 02 - RESERVES FOR FINANCIAL INTERVENTIONS - Article 40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations - 16 03 04 Communicating Europe in Partnership**

### b) Figures at 12/06/2012

	Commitments	Payments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	2 300 000	2 400 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	0	0
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
<b>5. Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6. Requirements up to year-end (*)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7. Proposed decrease</b>	<b>2 300 000</b>	<b>2 400 000</b>
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	N/A	N/A
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 23(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 17a of the implementing rules (*) Not relevant for a provisions line or reserve line	n/a	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on the 12/06/2012	0	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

### d) Detail grounds for the transfer

See the justification for the increase line (16 03 04).