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GENERAL BUDGET - 2016 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 26, 32

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 14/2016

FROM

CHAPTER - 3205 ITER

ITEM - 32 05 01 02 Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities -- Payre European Joint Undertaking for ITER -- Fusion for Energy (F4E)

Payments

-5 000 000,00

<u>TO</u>

CHAPTER - 2603 Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens

ARTICLE - 26 03 51 Completion of ISA programme

Payments

5 000 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

32 05 01 02 - Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities -- European Joint Undertaking for ITER -- Fusion for Energy (F4E)

b) Figure at 22/06/2016

	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	131 000 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	131 000 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	31 654 154,20
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	99 345 845,80
6 Requirements up to year-end	94 345 845,80
7 Proposed decrease	5 000 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	3,82 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	27 260 845,87
2 Appropriations available on 22/06/2016	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

At the end of 2015 the ITER budget line 32 05 01 02 received an amount of assigned revenue which corresponds to the outturn balance from the year 2014 of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER Fusion for Energy. As these appropriations are available, an equivalent amount in fresh payment appropriations can be redeployed elsewhere in the 2016 budget.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

26 03 51 - Completion of ISA programme

b) Figure at 22/06/2016

	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	21 753 380,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	600 393,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	22 353 773,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	12 350 095,89
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	10 003 677,11
6 Requirements up to year-end	15 003 677,11
7 Proposed increase	5 000 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	22,98 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 22/06/2016	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The Programme on interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, business and citizens (ISA² programme) aims inter alia at facilitating the efficient and effective electronic cross-border and cross-sector interaction between public administrations in support of the delivery of electronic public services.

Most of the expenditure made in the framework of the programme also directly benefits the national administrations in sensitive areas like secure communications. This is in particular the case for the sTESTA secure information exchange network.

Two major invoices related to sTESTA are expected to be received during the summer. The first one is expected at the beginning of July, amounting to around EUR 2.5 million. The second invoice is relevant to the start-up of the new contract with the provider T-System for around EUR 5 million. In addition, between June and August, the total of payments related to other projects is estimated to reach EUR 3.5 million. These payments will completely deplete the available payments appropriations. Without reinforcement on this line, major contracts could not be respected and already at the beginning of September the Commission will be obliged to pay late interests for invoices that are due at time.

Based on the current forecast of payments, an increase in payment appropriations is needed to meet the very strong demand for the programme in 2016. The transfer proposal will in particular cover the short-term needs related to the sTESTA network during the summer.