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**Heading:**

## SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Subitem XX 01 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 989 346 000	1 968 370 240	1 989 346 000	2 011 496 000	2 011 496 000

**Subitem XX 01 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
11 975 000	11 975 000	11 975 000	12 072 000	12 072 000

**Subitem XX 01 01 01 03 — Adjustments to remuneration**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
17 970 000	17 970 000	17 970 000	18 170 000	18 170 000

**Subitem XX 01 01 02 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
110 435 000	110 435 000	110 435 000	111 637 000	111 637 000

**Subitem XX 01 01 02 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 401 000	7 401 000	7 401 000	7 430 000	7 430 000

**Subitem XX 01 01 02 03 — Appropriations to cover any adjustments to remuneration**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
957 000	957 000	957 000	967 000	967 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 01 01 — Contract staff**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
66 836 000	65 836 000	66 836 000	68 270 000	68 270 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 01 02 — Agency staff and technical and administrative assistance in support of different activities**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
22 382 000	21 982 000	22 382 000	22 460 000	22 460 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 01 03 — National civil servants temporarily assigned to the institution**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
38 129 000	37 329 000	38 129 000	38 533 000	38 533 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 02 02 — Training of junior experts and seconded national experts**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 868 000	1 668 000	1 868 000	1 868 000	1 868 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 11 01 — Mission and representation expenses**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
57 319 000	56 319 000	57 319 000	57 319 000	57 319 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 11 02 — Conferences, meetings and expert groups' expenses**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
25 490 000	24 490 000	25 490 000	25 490 000	25 490 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 11 03 — Meetings of committees**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
12 015 000	11 015 000	12 015 000	12 015 000	12 015 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 11 04 — Studies and consultations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 090 000	5 590 000	6 090 000	6 090 000	6 090 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 12 01 — Missions, conferences and representation expenses**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 652 000	5 579 333	5 652 000	5 652 000	5 652 000

**Subitem XX 01 02 12 02 — Further training of staff in delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
485 000	335 000	485 000	485 000	485 000

**Subitem XX 01 03 01 03 — Information and communication technology equipment**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
64 283 000	61 783 000	64 283 000	64 283 000	64 283 000

**Subitem XX 01 03 01 04 — Information and communication technology services**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
63 210 000	61 665 333	63 210 000	63 210 000	63 210 000

**Subitem XX 01 03 02 02 — Equipment, furniture, supplies and services**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
827 000	427 000	827 000	827 000	827 000

**Article 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Economic and financial affairs' policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
66 974 075	66 278 369	66 974 075	67 718 579	67 718 579

**Item 01 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 934 826	3 861 742	3 934 826	3 989 271	3 989 271

**Item 01 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 642 625	5 393 118	5 642 625	5 642 625	5 642 625

**Item 01 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services, and specific expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 228 576	4 094 426	4 228 576	4 228 576	4 228 576

**Article 01 02 01 — Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 500 000	12 000 000	11 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	12 000 000

**Article 01 03 02 — Macro-financial assistance**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
30 828 000	30 828 000	30 828 000	30 828 000	45 828 000	45 828 000	30 828 000	30 828 000	45 828 000	45 828 000

**Article 01 03 07** — European Union guarantee for the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
						p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This article constitutes the structure for the guarantee provided by the Union. It will enable the Commission, if necessary, to service the debt (repayment of principal, interest and other costs) should a debtor default on the instruments guaranteed.

In order to honour its obligations, the Commission may draw on its cash resources to service the debt provisionally. In this case, Article 12 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 of 22 May 2000 implementing Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities own resources (OJ L 130, 31.5.2000, p. 1) applies.

**Legal basis:**

**Reference acts:**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 14 September 2016, on the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and establishing the EFSD Guarantee and the EFSD Guarantee Fund, COM(2016) 586 final.

**Article 01 03 08** — Provisioning of the EFSD Guarantee Fund

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
						275 000 000	275 000 000	p.m.	p.m.

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This appropriation is intended to provide the financial resources for payments to the EFSD Guarantee Fund in accordance with its legal base and the procedures determined therein.

Assigned revenue received under Article 635 of the statement of revenue may give rise to additional appropriations under this article, in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

**Legal basis:**

**Reference acts:**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 14 September 2016, on the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and establishing the EFSD Guarantee and the EFSD Guarantee Fund, COM(2016) 586 final.

**Article 02 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs’ policy area

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	88 356 002		87 438 187		88 356 002		89 338 192		89 338 192

**Item 02 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	7 232 981		7 108 263		7 232 981		7 341 175		7 341 175

**Item 02 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 059 144	4 903 355	5 059 144	5 059 144	5 059 144

**Article 02 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs' policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 578 578	5 401 599	5 578 578	5 578 578	5 578 578

**Item 02 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for European satellite navigation programmes**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 500 000	2 250 000	2 500 000	2 500 000	2 500 000

**Item 02 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 605 344	2 505 344	2 605 344	2 605 344	2 605 344

**Item 02 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 937 950	2 637 950	2 937 950	2 937 950	2 937 950

**Article 02 02 01 — Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
119 820 000	140 000 000	119 820 000	140 000 000	128 820 000	149 000 000	119 820 000	140 000 000	119 820 000	140 000 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to strengthen the competitiveness of enterprises, in particular that of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and to encourage entrepreneurship and foster the creation and growth of SMEs.

The implemented measures will include:

- networks bringing together a variety of stakeholders,
- market replication projects,
- policy analyses, development and coordination with participating countries,
- studies on gender-related discrimination linked to female entrepreneurship and implementation of policies to foster female entrepreneurship,
- information sharing, dissemination, awareness raising and advisory services to increase SME's competitiveness and help them participate in the Single Market and beyond,
- support to joint actions of Member States or regions, as well as other measures under the COSME programme.

The Union will provide support to activities such as the Enterprise Europe Network and entrepreneurship promotion. It will also support projects concerned with the first applications or market replication of techniques, practices or products (e.g. new business concepts for consumer goods) of Union relevance that have already been technically demonstrated with success but, owing to residual risk, have not yet significantly penetrated the market. Those projects will be designed to promote wider use within the participating countries and facilitate market uptake.

Projects will also seek to improve the framework conditions including through capacity building in clusters and other business networks notably with regard to support SME internationalisation in order to ensure that Union enterprises are competitive and sustainable, including in the tourism sector, by supporting coherence and consistency in implementation, as well as informed policy-making at Union level. In addition, projects will be put in place to support the implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe. Support actions, directly linked to the achievement of these objectives are also considered for funding: meetings, studies, information and publications, participation in study groups, conferences, workshops.

In relation to gender equality, projects to promote the position of female entrepreneurs will receive particular attention in order to help overcome gender-based hurdles women may face and to attain an equal representation of male and female entrepreneurs throughout the EU.

Sustainable tourism activities will receive a special focus with initial priority given to soft mobility, cycling networks, eco-tourism and nature protection. Accessibility for all, particularly for people with reduced mobility and for socially disadvantaged people is also of high importance in this context.

The Union will coordinate, promote and support actions for sustainable tourism, such as:

- preservation of long-term sustainable tourism resources through protection of natural, cultural, historical and industrial heritage,
- coordination and support for access to sustainable tourism information and services for less-advantaged citizens living in poverty, as well as for persons with reduced mobility,
- cross-border coordination of European cycling networks, together with rail and long-distance bus information and services.

The Erasmus for Entrepreneurs programme aims to encourage European entrepreneurship, the sharing of knowledge and best practices, and the creation of valuable networks and partnerships.

Due to the currently difficult economic situation it is indispensable to support European enterprises, in particular young innovative start-ups and female entrepreneurs, and to foster entrepreneurship by assigning enough funds to programmes like the programme for the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME). It is particularly important to provide support and incentives for the most modern and innovative sectors, such as the sharing economy and the digital economy. The EU needs to provide support for young entrepreneurs in these sectors and to develop and introduce instruments that will allow innovative start-ups to compete with non-EU rivals on world markets.

In particular the programme ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’ has been very successful, efficient and effective in contributing successfully to fighting unemployment and supporting robust start-ups across Europe. With regard to under-representation of women among entrepreneurs, special attention should be paid to involving young female entrepreneurs in the programme in order to encourage them to pursue their entrepreneurial career and to gain experience in how to overcome gender-specific hurdles they may face.

The financial means for the ‘Erasmus for young Entrepreneurs’ programme must be increased in particular due to the following reasons:

- the programme helps fostering European entrepreneurship, the sharing of knowledge and best-practices as well as the creation of valuable networks and partnerships,
- the programme is very successful and has shown an increasing number of participants over the last years which is expected to increase further,



- the programme effectively tackles the problem of youth unemployment as it helps young people without work to become self-employed and existing SME to create jobs by expanding and/or internationalising their business,
- the number of applications exceeds by far the possibilities the Commission can fulfil with the financial means currently available.

Part of this appropriation, within the 2016 COSME action “Migrant Entrepreneurs Labs” will be allocated to national business support systems for migrant entrepreneurs and their informal networks. This should be done through information and networking events/platforms organised by mainstream business support organisations and targeted at migrant entrepreneurs. The aim will be to better inform migrant entrepreneurs about the support systems in the host country, connect informal and mainstream networks and draw attention to the migrant entrepreneurs’ specific needs and problems.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1639/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 33), and in particular Article 3(1)(a) to (c) thereof.

**Article 02 02 02** — Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the form of equity and debt

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
167 030 000	120 000 000	167 030 000	120 000 000	172 842 972	125 812 972	217 030 000	120 000 000	217 030 000	120 000 000

**Item 02 02 77 21** — Preparatory action — Transnational culture-related European tourism product

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	450 000	p.m.	450 000	1 500 000	1 000 000	p.m.	450 000	1 500 000	1 000 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation will be used to fund the development phase of the preparatory action initiated in 2015.

The preparatory action will have the following main objectives:

- diversifying European tourism offerings,
- lessening the impact of seasonality at European destinations,
- enhancing the profile of Europe as a single tourist destination.

The Unesco logo is world-famous; it is a guarantee of the special cultural relevance of a site, but it is also a hook for attracting new tourism flows. Cooperation with Unesco, a specialised UN organisation, could be essential for enhancing international cooperation with the UN and

developing a regional strategy for the promotion of European sites on the Unesco list. A map of emblematic Unesco sites grouped by theme (e.g. mediaeval towns, underwater heritage, Greek/Roman archaeological sites) or telling a story which pulls together their common strands will help to promote cultural tourism in both domestic and long-haul markets. Different communication tools can be developed on the basis of a European map of Unesco sites. This preparatory action will further explore the relationship between tourism and culture.

The 2015 budget allocation (EUR 1 500 000) has been used for the take-off phase. This phase consists in: (a) designing four UNESCO Heritage Routes in Europe, each consisting of five to seven individual destinations; (b) getting key stakeholders to commit to developing and promoting these heritage routes; (c) defining marketing and communication strategies for each route; (d) developing an interactive online platform for communication, promotion and knowledge sharing (which may secure National Geographic support); and (e) developing one map guide and mobile application per route.

This appropriation will be used by UNESCO to co-finance specific actions for the further development of the routes already selected and to co-finance promotional campaigns targeting the largest source markets for UNESCO-related products (China, North America and Europe). Co-financed actions might focus on synergies between tourism, culture and creative industries. During this second phase, UNESCO will proactively seek other donors to ensure the continuation of this initiative when EU funding ends.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 02 02 77 24** — Pilot project — Destination Europe Brand — Promoting Europe in the tourism sector

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	1 000 000	500 000	p.m.	250 000	1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Europe is the world's number one tourism destination, with a 52 % market share. Furthermore, tourism is a major socio-economic activity in the European Union, with a wide-ranging impact on economic growth, employment and social development and can be a powerful tool in fighting economic decline and unemployment.

Nevertheless the tourism sector is facing a series of challenges that could be addressed by both tourism businesses and public stakeholders. One of those challenges is increasing competition from emerging destinations.

That is why there is a need to promote Europe as a single tourist destination and strengthen its competitive image in long-haul markets. An inclusive holistic approach therefore needs to be taken in order to establish a clear brand image.

This pilot project will develop a strategically coordinated series of actions to establish a long-term strategy for the promotion of Destination Europe. EU destinations must have a specific approach for

each market in order to include the European brand in global packages using new communication tools.

In order to increase the number of tourists in the EU and maintain Europe's position as the world's number one tourist destination, the Commission should encourage investment in tourist infrastructures and regional development and increase efforts to market 'Destination Europe Brand' in cooperation with the Member States.

The pilot project has the following main objectives:

- introduce a clear brand image and ensure Europe's visibility in major third countries: for instance, organise four large-scale industry round tables in Europe (London and/or Brussels), Asia, North America and Latin America,
- strengthen public-private partnerships: build on existing good relationships with trade bodies and cooperation with major international stakeholders and organisations, such as the European Parliament, the Commission, the Chinese National Tourism Administration (CNTA), the European Tourism Association (ETOA), the US Travel Association, BRAZTOA, JATA, major companies' CEOs, etc.,
- gather input and knowledge from the industry on a wide range of topics: devise a SWOT model of the European tourism industry and define critical success factors:

*Strengths* — which products are really driving bookings for Europe and what interesting trends are beginning to emerge?

*Weaknesses* — which factors are limiting bookings of European vacations (consumer perception, safety concerns, currency fluctuation, hotel and air capacity, price, visas, etc.)?

*Opportunities* — to strengthen or widen Europe's product offerings, in particular to support a stronger pan-European offer and awareness of lesser-known destinations and cultural routes.

*Threats* — competitor analysis to gain insight into the value proposition that other destinations have where Europe has an opportunity to directly compete for business.

*Critical success factors* — what do Destination Europe's brand and strategy need to do to achieve positive results for Europe in the coming years, and what role can the industry play in ensuring that the brand is adopted and promoted, ensuring the strategy's success?

- develop cooperative marketing tools and strategies:
  - online and offline marketing campaigns to raise awareness of Destination Europe, built around stakeholder round tables (cooperative marketing together with main private tourism companies),
  - collaboration with main global media partners (CNN, BBC, Financial Times, etc.),
  - participation in tourism fairs and in other major national and international events (youth festivals, sport events, food fairs),
- raise political awareness of the importance of inbound tourism for the European economy and gain the support of policy makers at all levels in order to overcome the disadvantages affecting the European tourism industry.
- Commitment appropriations were allocated to this pilot project for the first year under the 2016 budget.

- The objectives of the pilot project are:
  - To increase the visibility of Europe as a tourist destination and support the promotion of European and transnational tourism products in targeted third-country markets through joint public-private partnerships,
  - To increase flows of visitors from selected target third countries to Europe.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 02 02 77 25 — Pilot project — Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	660 000	p.m.	660 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	p.m.	660 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

#### Item 02 02 77 29 — Preparatory action — European Capital of Tourism

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 500 000	2 500 000			2 500 000	1 250 000

### Remarks:

Tourism is Europe's third-largest industry. The EU travel and tourism sector employs almost 25 million people (directly and indirectly) and visitors generate EUR 351 billion per year. The tourism industry generates 9.7% of total EU-28 GDP, a figure which is forecast to rise to 10.4% by 2025.

Last year more than 455 million tourists came to the EU. Tourism is part of daily life; it is part and parcel of European values. In view of recent crises, and at a time when there is an increasing threat of global terrorism, there is a greater need for tourism, which is an industry that promotes peace.

For the sustainable development and protection of this highly economically important sector, closer co-operation is required between the European Institutions and Member State governments, as well as maximum citizen involvement.

There are already two programmes: the European Capital of Culture and the European Capital of Sport. The evaluations made of the European Capital of Culture programme, as well as public consultation on its future after 2019, have revealed that it has become one of the most ambitious cultural initiatives in Europe and one of the most appreciated by European citizens. The programmes have generated economic growth in the majority of the cities involved. In 2013 in Marseille (France) there were close to 11 million tourists while Pécs (Hungary) has recorded a 27% increase in hotel room occupancy. Above all, the programme has created communities and the majority of the cities involved have found a new basis for their development plans. This has also created growth in the regions in which the cities are located.

It is crucial to uphold these values and disseminate them as widely as possible. A "European Capital of Tourism" could be an excellent vehicle for that. Programme aims:

Promoting the rich tourism offering of European countries; increasing a sentiment of shared local tourism related values; strengthening tourism-generated development in cities, their surroundings and their regions; enhancing the image of cities that are awarded this title and ultimately raising the profile of their regions.

It is also important for cities holding the title to seek to promote social inclusion and equal opportunities and to do their utmost to ensure the broadest possible involvement of all the components of civil society in the preparation and implementation of tourism-related programmes, with special attention being paid to young people and marginalised and disadvantaged groups.

The award of the title should be based on a specially created tourism-related programme, which should have a strong European dimension. That tourism development programme should be part of a long-term strategy having a sustainable impact on local economic, cultural and social development.

Because of the strong regional dimension of tourism, it is crucial, alongside the title "European Capital of Tourism", for it to be possible to give awards to cities and regions that have reached unique, innovation based results in the tourism sector.

Accordingly, a "European Tourism Award" could be given by an independent board of experts in different categories (for example: sustainable tourism, digital tourism, health tourism) established by the European Parliament, the Commission and the Committee of Regions. In this process the network of tourism stakeholders which created the Tourism Manifesto for Growth and Jobs, with the support of civil society organisations, could be an excellent partner.

The general aim of the preparatory action is to:

- \* give local tourism its own profile, and strengthen links between cities and their regions;
- \* establish the "European Capital of Tourism" within the existing institutional framework alongside the Cultural and Sport Capital programmes with their effective operating methods; identify common values, harness potential synergies and avoid duplication;
- \* increase the attractiveness of cities and regions, which can lead to economic growth and job creation.

The operational objectives are:

- \* to make a maximum of three "European Capital of Tourism" awards a year;
- \* to lay down conditions and categories for the "European Tourism Award";
- \* to involve Member States on a voluntary basis at the outset and initiate a structural dialogue with the Council;
- \* to establish the professional body, the preparatory committee to assess the bids, in co-operation with the European Parliament, the Commission and the Committee of Regions;
- \* as regions are the main beneficiaries of EU funding, to look into the possibility of financial contributions for the sustainability of the programme;
- \* to create an annual cost-effectiveness plan for the number of titles and awards.

### **Legal basis:**

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 02 02 77 30** — Pilot project — ALECO (Achieve Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Cooperation Opportunities)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	750 000			750 000	375 000

**Remarks:**

ALECO is a pilot project for a one-way mobility scheme for young EU entrepreneurs with a maximum duration of one to six months in selected non-EU hosting countries. The aim is for ALECO to become an integral part of Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, mainly upgrading the programme in terms of geographical scope and exposure to successful entrepreneurial models. The pilot project will use the existing EYE infrastructure, including support office, intermediary organisations and IT tools.

Up to 200 young entrepreneurs from EU Member States are expected to participate. The target group will be selected from entrepreneur profiles upon application and assessment. Eligibility criteria: 1. Future entrepreneurs showcasing ready-to-implement business plans and a binding commitment to start up a firm; 2. Entrepreneurs who have started a business in the last three years, alone or in partnership; 3. Entrepreneurs who have taken advantage of EYE exchanges and showcase progress in their business.

Hosting countries may include the USA, Israel, Canada, Singapore, Japan, China and South Korea.

The pilot project is supported by Eurochambres, the European Youth Forum, Junior Achievement, Knowledge 4 Innovation and European Democrat Students.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 02 03 01** — Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
27 159 000	20 500 000	23 685 667	19 500 000	27 159 000	20 500 000	27 159 000	20 500 000	27 159 000	20 500 000

**Item 02 03 77 05** — Pilot project — Dynamic development of cross-border e-commerce through efficient parcel delivery solutions

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	250 000			500 000	250 000

**Remarks:**

The scope of the pilot project is to collect, publish and communicate through experts the best practices available in the area of cross-border parcel delivery services, based on successful implementation by all market participants, with the aim of helping all Member States to reach a common level of delivery efficiency and tackle disparities, while at the same time potential areas for further actions could also be identified where the customer satisfaction level should be further addressed.

The project could encompass four steps: (1) a comprehensive assessment of the needs of users of e-commerce-related (cross-border) parcel delivery services; (2) an assessment of the extent to which

existing delivery industry practices meet these needs; (3) identification of good industry practice in this field; (4) gap analysis identifying areas where additional innovation and service improvements are needed to satisfy existing and emerging consumer needs.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Reference acts:

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of the Postal Services Directive (Directive 97/67/EC as amended by Directive 2002/39/EC and 2008/6/EC) - COM(2015) 568 final.

As stated by Vice-President Andrus Ansip, in charge of the Digital Single Market Strategy, regarding parcel delivery the Commission will:

1. Take action to improve regulatory oversight while supporting innovation and ensuring a level playing field for operators;
2. Address the issue of price transparency, including prices for small shipments. This action should mainly support consumers and small businesses. A comprehensive assessment of the situation will be carried out after two years to see if further action is needed.

Article published by the Commission (DG GROWTH) on 22 December 2015 on "Cheaper cross-border parcel delivery to boost e-commerce in the EU".

WIK-Consult study for the Commission's DG Internal Market and Services - Bad Honnef, August 2014.

### Item 02 03 77 06 — Pilot project — Space technologies

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 500 000	1 500 000			1 500 000	750 000

### Remarks:

The pilot project on space technologies will primarily test partnership arrangements with industry to identify priorities for competitiveness. This will prepare the ground for a public-private partnership (Joint Technology Initiative or similar) in space technologies and an associated roadmap through a structured dialogue with industry.

The pilot project will focus on two themes which are not addressed by current programmes: innovative materials for space equipment and cleaner space through deorbiting.

The specific area of materials for space equipment is critical for a European space sector currently suffering from dependency in some critical materials areas. In order to support a reduction in dependency as regards materials supply and a sustainable REACH-compliant competitive space sector, two major topics could be addressed by developing innovative materials for space equipment: composite supply source for critical space equipment and non-dependency with regard to materials and processes. The market for carbon-based raw materials suffers from under-capacity, and the space sector, because it is a low-volume customer, suffers the most. Supply sources for composite raw materials are still highly concentrated in the US and Japan. The drive for non-dependency with regard to materials and processes should aim at promoting European sources for critical materials and processes affected by dependency issues and/or the REACH Regulation.

Innovative materials for space equipment would also provide a deorbiting solution by allowing the development of appropriate technology to ensure that satellites are removed at the end of their mission life.

The Earth orbit needs to be in good condition in order to enable manned and unmanned operations in space in the future. The EU should start to take the steps necessary for limiting the growth of orbiting debris.

The three main areas for technological development could be:

1. End-of-life deorbiting solutions (propulsion);
2. Trajectory and controlled re-entry (design and modelling);
3. Design for demise (controlled break-up on re-entry). Establishing a long-term deorbiting scheme through a pilot project could also make a significant environmental contribution.

The aim is to achieve sustainable long-term replacement solutions for materials through innovation, and identifying solutions for space debris is critical for industry.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 02 04 02 01 — Leadership in space

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
179 406 948	172 900 000	179 406 948	172 900 000	202 306 948	184 350 000	179 406 948	172 900 000	179 406 948	172 900 000

#### Item 02 04 02 03 — Increasing innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
35 426 341	46 810 000	35 426 341	46 810 000	40 526 341	49 360 000	35 426 341	46 810 000	35 426 341	46 810 000

#### Item 02 04 03 01 — Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
82 703 328	54 380 000	82 703 328	54 380 000	87 503 328	56 780 000	82 703 328	54 380 000	82 703 328	54 380 000

#### Article 02 04 51 — Completion of previous research framework programmes — Seventh Framework Programme — EC (2007 to 2013)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	27 300 000	p.m.	25 930 000	p.m.	27 300 000	p.m.	27 300 000	p.m.	27 300 000

#### Article 02 05 01 — Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2020

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
614 965 000	495 000 000	588 169 000	419 611 975	614 965 000	495 000 000	614 965 000	495 000 000	614 965 000	495 000 000



**Article 02 05 02** — Providing satellite-based services improving the performance of GPS to gradually cover the whole European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) region by 2020 (EGNOS)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
280 000 000	150 000 000	260 000 000	149 000 000	280 000 000	150 000 000	280 000 000	150 000 000	280 000 000	150 000 000

**Article 02 05 11** — European GNSS Agency

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 523 436	26 523 436	26 329 436	26 329 436	26 523 436	26 523 436	26 523 436	26 523 436	26 523 436	26 523 436

**Article 02 05 51** — Completion of European satellite navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	40 000 000	p.m.	34 000 000	p.m.	40 000 000	p.m.	40 000 000	p.m.	40 000 000

**Article 02 06 01** — Delivering operational services relying on space-borne observations and *in-situ* data (Copernicus)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
118 306 000	129 796 000	116 281 000	122 926 080	118 306 000	129 796 000	118 306 000	129 796 000	118 306 000	129 796 000

**Article 02 06 02** — Building an autonomous Union's Earth observation capacity (Copernicus)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
486 526 000	564 376 000	461 214 000	492 464 410	486 526 000	564 376 000	486 526 000	564 376 000	486 526 000	564 376 000

**Article 03 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Competition' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
88 921 661	87 997 970	88 921 661	89 910 140	89 910 140

**Item 03 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 111 622	5 022 937	5 111 622	5 184 921	5 184 921

**Item 03 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 718 209	7 443 197	7 718 209	7 718 209	7 718 209

**Article 03 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Competition' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 614 292	5 436 181	5 614 292	5 614 292	5 614 292

**Article 04 01 01** — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the 'Employment, social affairs and inclusion' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
68 897 317	68 181 634	68 897 317	69 663 198	69 663 198

**Item 04 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 115 485	5 024 266	5 115 485	5 180 803	5 180 803

**Item 04 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 009 039	4 841 250	5 009 039	5 009 039	5 009 039

**Article 04 01 03 — Expenditure relating to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Employment, social affairs and inclusion' policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 350 005	4 212 003	4 350 005	4 350 005	4 350 005

**Item 04 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for European Social Fund and non-operational technical assistance**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
14 500 000	13 000 000	14 500 000	14 500 000	14 500 000

**Item 04 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the programme Employment and Social Innovation**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 000 000	3 750 000	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on studies, committees, meetings of experts, including meetings and other expenditure relating to the work of the European Platform to enhance cooperation in tackling undeclared work, conferences, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures falling under this item, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

**Legal basis:**

See Chapter 04 03.

**Article 04 02 60 — European Social Fund — Less developed regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
7 346 787 700	4 979 660 000	7 346 787 700	4 979 660 000	7 346 787 700	4 979 660 000	7 346 787 700	4 979 660 000	7 346 787 700	4 979 660 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover ESF support under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in less developed regions in the 2014-2020 programming period. The catching-up process for these economically and socially lagging regions requires long-term sustained efforts. This category of regions concerns those regions whose GDP per capita is less than 75 % of the average GDP of the EU-27.

Promotion of equality between women and men horizontally and through specific actions should be part of the support provided by the ESF, in order to improve the employability of women and their participation in the labour market. Special attention should be paid to non-discrimination in the labour market, combating the feminisation of poverty, access to education and affordable childcare services.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470), and in particular point (c) of Article 4(3) thereof.

**Article 04 02 61** — European Social Fund — Transition regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 907 753 625	1 109 539 000	1 907 753 625	1 109 539 000	1 907 753 625	1 109 539 000	1 907 753 625	1 109 539 000	1 907 753 625	1 109 539 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover ESF support under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in the 2014-2020 programming period in a new category of region ('transition regions') that replaces the 2007-2013 phasing-out and phasing-in system. This category of regions includes all regions with a GDP per capita is between 75 and 90 % of the average GDP of the EU-27.

Gender mainstreaming and gender equality specific actions should be part of the support provided by the ESF, in order to improve the employability of women and their participation in the labour market. Special attention should be paid to non-discrimination in the labour market, combating the feminisation of poverty, access to education and affordable childcare services.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470), and in particular point (b) of Article 4(3) thereof.

**Article 04 02 62** — European Social Fund — More developed regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 629 184 747	2 508 475 000	3 629 184 747	2 490 475 000	3 629 184 747	2 508 475 000	3 629 184 747	2 508 475 000	3 629 184 747	2 490 475 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover ESF support under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in more developed regions in the 2014-2020 programming period. While interventions in the less developed regions will remain the priority for cohesion policy, this appropriation is thus intended to cover important challenges that concern all Member States such as global competition in the knowledge-based economy, the shift towards the low carbon economy and social polarisation exacerbated by the current economic climate. This category of regions concerns those regions whose GDP per capita is above 90 % of the average GDP of the EU-27.

Gender mainstreaming and gender equality specific actions should be part of the support provided by the ESF, in order to improve the employability of women and their participation in the labour market. Special attention should be paid to non-discrimination in the labour market, combating the feminisation of poverty, access to education and affordable childcare facilities.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470), and in particular point (a) of Article 4(3) thereof.

**Item 04 02 63 01** — European Social Fund — Operational technical assistance

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 000 000	11 000 000	16 000 000	9 000 000	16 000 000	11 000 000	16 000 000	11 000 000	16 000 000	11 000 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover the preparatory, monitoring, technical assistance, evaluation, audit and control measures, as well as the Corporate Communication programme, necessary for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as provided for in Articles 58 and 118 of that Regulation. In particular, it may be used to cover the cost of activities with partner organisations and stakeholders in Member States (such as training, meetings, conferences).

This appropriation is also intended to cover administrative learning and cooperation with non-governmental organisations and social partners.

This appropriation is also intended to cover inter alia the elaboration of:

- tools for electronic project application and reporting, unification and standardisation of documents and procedures for the management and implementation of operational programmes,
- a peer review of each of the Member States' financial management and quality performance,
- standard tender documentation on public procurement,
- a common system of result and impact indicators, including gender-disaggregated data,
- a best practices manual to optimise the absorption process and decrease the error rate.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

### Article 04 02 64 — Youth Employment Initiative

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
—	600 000 000	—	600 000 000	1 500 000 000	1 100 000 000	—	600 000 000	—	600 000 000

### Item 04 03 01 01 — Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
450 000	300 000	450 000	300 000	452 800	302 800	450 000	300 000	450 000	300 000

### Item 04 03 01 03 — Free movement of workers, coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
8 822 000	6 365 000	8 822 000	6 365 000	8 822 000	6 365 000	8 822 000	6 365 000	8 822 000	6 365 000

### Remarks:

The objective of this activity is to promote geographic and professional mobility (including the coordination of social security schemes) of workers in Europe in order to overcome the obstacles to free movement of workers and to contribute to the establishment of a real labour market at European level. It can also be used to support the integration of regular migrant workers, including those from third countries, into European labour markets. Special attention should be paid to analysis with a view to removing the gender-specific barriers to professional mobility and gender-specific risks.

This appropriation is intended to cover actions supporting the monitoring of Union law through financing of a network of experts on free movement of workers and social security reporting regularly on the implementation of Union legal acts in the Member States and at Union level, and analysing and evaluating the major trends in legislations of the Member States with regard to the free movement of workers and coordination of social security systems. This appropriation is also

intended to cover actions supporting governance of Union legal acts through meetings of the committees, actions for awareness raising and implementation and other specific technical support and the development of Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information (EESSI) system and its implementation.

This appropriation is intended to cover in particular:

- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures falling under this item, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts,
- the analysis and evaluation of the major trends in legislation of the Member States with regard to the free movement of workers, and coordination of social security systems, as well as the financing of networks of experts in those fields,
- the analysis and research on new policy developments in the domain of free movement of workers linked for example to the end of transitional periods and modernisation of social security coordination provisions,
- ensuring fair mobility by setting up additional information centres,
- support for the work of the Administrative Commission and its sub-groups and follow-up of the decisions taken, as well as support for the work of the Technical and Advisory Committees on free movement of workers,
- support for actions preparing for the application of the new regulations on social security, including transnational exchanges of experience and information and training initiatives developed at national level,
- the financing of actions aimed at providing a better service and raising public awareness, including measures aimed at identifying migrant workers' social security and employment problems, including the situation of people in precarious employment and women domestic workers and carers, and measures speeding up and simplifying administrative procedures, gender-sensitive analysis of the barriers to free movement of workers and lack of coordination of social security systems and their impact on people with disabilities, including adaptation of administrative procedures to new information-processing techniques, in order to improve the system for acquiring rights and the calculation and payment of benefits pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71, (EEC) No 574/72, Regulation (EC) No 859/2003 as well as Regulation (EC) No 883/2004, its implementing Regulation (EC) No 987/2009, and Regulation (EU) No 1231/2010,
- the development of information and actions to make members of the public aware of their rights on free movement of workers and coordination of social security schemes,
- the support of the electronic exchange of social security information among Member States, with a view to facilitating the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and its implementing Regulation (EC) No 987/2009. This includes the maintenance of the central node of the EESSI system, testing system components, helpdesk activities, support for further development of the system and training.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the

‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

### Legal basis:

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 45 and 48 thereof.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of 14 June 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community (OJ L 149, 5.7.1971, p. 2).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 of 21 March 1972 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to their families moving within the Community (OJ L 74, 27.3.1972, p. 1).

Council Directive 98/49/EC of 29 June 1998 on safeguarding the supplementary pension rights of employed and self-employed persons moving within the Community (OJ L 209, 25.7.1998, p. 46).

Council Regulation (EC) No 859/2003 of 14 May 2003 extending the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by those provisions solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 166, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 284, 30.10.2009, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1231/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 extending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by these Regulations solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 344, 29.12.2010, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on free movement for workers within the Union (OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 1).

Directive 2014/50/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on minimum requirements for enhancing worker mobility between Member States by improving the acquisition and preservation of supplementary pension rights of (OJ L 128, 30.4.2014, p. 1).

Directive 2014/54/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on measures facilitating the exercise of rights conferred on workers in the context of freedom of movement for workers (OJ L 128, 30.4.2014, p. 8).

### Item 04 03 01 05 — Information and training measures for workers’ organisations

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 263 200	17 800 000	18 888 200	17 150 000	19 263 200	17 800 000	19 263 200	17 800 000	19 263 200	17 800 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on information and training measures for workers’ organisations, including representatives of workers’ organisations in the candidate countries, deriving from Union action in the framework of the implementation of the Union social dimension. Those measures should help workers’ organisations to address the overarching

challenges facing European employment and social policy as laid down in the Europe 2020 strategy and within the context of Union initiatives to address the consequences of the economic crisis. Special attention will be given to training on gender challenges at work.

This appropriation is intended to cover in particular the following activities:

- support for the work programmes of the two specific trade union institutes, European Trade Union Institute and European Centre for Workers' Questions, which have been established to facilitate capacity-building through training and research at European level, as well as to improve the degree of involvement of workers' representatives in European governance,
- information and training measures for workers' organisations, including representatives of workers' organisations in the candidate countries, deriving from the implementation of Union action in the framework of the implementation of the Union social dimension,
- measures involving representatives of the social partners in the candidate countries with the specific purpose of promoting social dialogue at Union level. It is also intended to promote equal participation of women and men in the decision-making bodies of workers' organisations.

Strong and competent social partners are needed in order to improve the process of relaunching and enhancing the functioning of social dialogue, in order to support recovery and enhance competitiveness and fairness in the social market economy.

### Legal basis:

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union pursuant to Article 154.

Convention concluded in 1959 between the ECSC High Authority and the International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS) of the International Labour Office.

Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1), and the associated individual directives.

Council Directive 92/29/EEC of 31 March 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels (OJ L 113, 30.4.1992, p. 19).

### Item 04 03 01 08 — Industrial relations and social dialogue

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 206 000	12 400 000	14 181 000	11 160 000	16 206 000	12 400 000	16 206 000	12 400 000	16 206 000	12 400 000

### Item 04 03 02 01 — Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
60 000 000	38 000 000	60 000 000	38 000 000	65 000 000	43 000 000	60 000 000	38 000 000	65 000 000	41 167 000

### Item 04 03 02 02 — EURES — Promoting workers' voluntary geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 578 000	17 000 000	22 061 000	16 325 000	23 578 000	18 000 000	22 578 000	17 000 000	23 578 000	17 753 000



**Item 04 03 02 03** — Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
43 465 800	27 500 000	25 624 200	27 500 000	43 465 800	27 500 000	43 465 800	27 500 000	43 465 800	27 500 000

### Remarks:

The general objective of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) is to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy and the related headline targets for employment, education and poverty by providing financial support for the Union's objectives.

The EaSI is structured around three complementarity axes: Progress, EURES and Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship.

To achieve the general objectives of EaSI in particular to promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable groups and micro-enterprises, and by increasing access to finance for social enterprises, the specific objectives of the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis are to:

- increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their jobs, or who have difficulty in entering or re-entering the labour market, persons at risk of social exclusion and vulnerable persons, including women wishing to start entrepreneurial careers, who are in a disadvantaged position with regard to access to the conventional credit market and who wish to start up or develop their own micro-enterprises; and for micro-enterprises, especially those which employ these persons as referred to,
- build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers,
- support the development of social enterprises.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

Any repayment from financial instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation, including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6 3 4 1 of the statement of revenues may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with point (i) of Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation.

Part of the appropriations will be used to provide support and technical assistance for recipients of microfinance.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 238).

### Article 04 03 11 — European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000	20 364 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure for the work programme (Title 3).

Eurofound must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR . An amount of EUR coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR entered in the budget.

Part of this appropriation is intended for studies on working conditions and industrial relations in support of policies ensuring more and better jobs, making work more sustainable and strengthening social dialogue in Europe.

A further part of this appropriation is intended for studies and forward looking research on labour markets, and here specifically the monitoring and anticipation of structural change, its impact on employment and management of the consequences.

The appropriation will also cover research and gathering of knowledge on living conditions and quality of life, with a particular focus on social policies and the role of public services in improving quality of life. Research into work-life balance, with a special focus on the situation of women, and combating precarious employment, where women are over-represented, should be also covered by the appropriation.

Finally this appropriation will be used for the analysis of the impact of digitalisation on all of the above described areas as well as for studies contributing to policies aimed at upward convergence in the European Union.

The Foundation's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of the Council of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1).

### Article 04 03 13 — European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 375 000	17 375 000	17 051 000	17 051 000	17 375 000	17 375 000	17 375 000	17 375 000	17 375 000	17 375 000

### Article 04 03 51 — Completion of Progress

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	5 000 000	p.m.	4 750 000	p.m.	5 000 000	p.m.	5 000 000	p.m.	5 000 000

**Item 04 03 77 23** — Preparatory action — Reactivate - Intra-EU mobility programme for unemployed over-35s

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	1 000 000	p.m.	1 000 000	2 500 000	1 500 000	p.m.	1 000 000	2 500 000	1 500 000

**Item 04 03 77 25** — Preparatory action — Child Guarantee Scheme / Establishing A European child guarantee and financial support

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 000 000	2 000 000			2 000 000	1 000 000

**Remarks:**

Inequalities are considered to be a cause of macroeconomic destabilisation and to reduce growth. Therefore European and national action to correct inequalities affecting children can be seen as a long-term policy for macroeconomic stabilisation and growth. Opening up opportunities can spur stronger economic performance and improve living standards.

Fighting poverty and social exclusion is one of the EU 2020 targets: to reduce by at least 20 million the number of people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion. However, between 2008 and 2014, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU-27 increased from 116 million to 121 million; almost every fourth person in the EU-27 is at risk of poverty or social exclusion. Amongst this group, child poverty is alarming. In 2014, more than 26 million children in the EU were at risk of poverty and more than nine million suffered from severe material deprivation. If no measures are taken to correct this situation, they will be at greater risk of failing in the education system (EU 2020 target for education) and will have the most difficulties in entering the labour market (EU 2020 target for employment). The child guarantee is an integrated approach to tackling child poverty, aiming at fully implementing the Commission's 'Investing in Children' recommendation, to ensure that every child in Europe at risk of poverty (including refugees) has access to free health care, free education, free childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition. Covering these five areas of action through European and national action plans would ensure that the living conditions and opportunities of millions of children in Europe improve considerably and with a long-term perspective. The child guarantee is a key horizontal policy and should be regarded as an investment in the stability and prosperity of the European Union, which is necessary for preserving the EU's growth potential.

To make the child guarantee a successful instrument in the fight against child poverty, European financial support should be put in place to ensure a coordinated effort together with Member States towards common goals with binding indicators. The preparatory action will lay down the implementing framework for the child guarantee:

- 1) selecting comparative measurable criteria to assign funds in accordance with the Commission's 'Investing in Children' recommendation;
- 2) assessing existing national and EU interventions tackling multi-dimensional aspects of child poverty and mapping best practices;
- 3) delineating the typology of programmes to be funded;
- 4) establishing funding arrangements;
- 5) and establishing governance mechanisms, including monitoring and evaluation.

This will be achieved through independent research work, consultations with partners (e.g. governmental institutions, NGOs, academia, the private sector and the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children) and technical workshops.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Article 04 06 01 — Promoting social cohesion and alleviating the worst forms of poverty in the Union

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
544 386 912	440 000 000	544 386 912	420 000 000	548 386 912	444 000 000	544 386 912	440 000 000	544 386 912	440 000 000

### Remarks:

The Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) replaces the European Union's Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons of the Community, which was discontinued at the end of 2013.

To ensure continuity between the two programmes, expenditure shall be eligible for a support from a FEAD operational programme if it is incurred by a beneficiary and paid between 1 December 2013 and 31 December 2023.

FEAD shall promote social cohesion, enhance social inclusion and therefore ultimately contribute to the objective of eradicating poverty in the Union by contributing to achieving the poverty reduction target of at least 20 million of the number of persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion in accordance with the Europe 2020 strategy, whilst complementing the Structural Funds. Since the proportion of women at risk of poverty or social exclusion is higher than is the case for men, FEAD will take a gender-sensitive approach by adapting measures to the groups actually at risk, including women and the elderly. It shall contribute to achieving the specific objective of alleviating and eradicating the worst forms of poverty, by providing non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons by food and/or basic material assistance, and social inclusion activities aiming at the social integration of the most deprived persons.

This objective and the results of the implementation of the Fund shall be qualitatively and quantitatively assessed.

FEAD shall complement and shall not replace or reduce sustainable national poverty eradication and social inclusion policies, which remain the responsibility of Member States.

The resources for the Fund available for budgetary commitment for the period 2014-2020 shall be EUR 3 395 684 880 in 2011 prices.

Poverty is a multidimensional problem and tackling it should become a primary goal. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on poverty in all strategies, as poverty is a complex problem with many causes. Most importantly, it also has a great impact not only on the present but also on the future. People who experience poverty, especially children, are at greater risk of not succeeding in later life and of being excluded from society.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European

Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

**Article 05 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Agriculture and rural development’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
99 669 189	98 633 857	99 669 189	100 777 140	100 777 140

**Item 05 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 361 500	3 304 896	3 361 500	3 419 215	3 419 215

**Item 05 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 490 597	6 209 572	6 490 597	6 490 597	6 490 597

**Article 05 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Agriculture and rural development’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 292 864	6 093 226	6 292 864	6 292 864	6 292 864

**Item 05 01 04 01** — Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Non-operational technical assistance

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 682 000	7 452 000	7 682 000	7 682 000	7 682 000

**Item 05 01 04 04** — Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) — Non-operational technical assistance

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 910 000	4 763 000	4 910 000	4 910 000	4 910 000

**Item 05 02 06 05** — Quality improvement measures

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
45 000 000	42 000 000	45 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000

**Item 05 02 08 03** — Operational funds for producer organisations

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
491 000 000	476 000 000	491 000 000	455 000 000	455 000 000

**Item 05 02 08 99** — Other measures (fruit and vegetables)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
500 000	500 000	500 000	54 500 000	54 500 000

**Item 05 02 09 08** — National support programmes for the wine sector

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 081 000 000	1 081 000 000	1 081 000 000	1 075 000 000	1 075 000 000

**Item 05 02 11 99** — Other measures (other plant products/measures)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover any other outstanding balances as well as other expenditure for other plant products/measures under Regulations (EEC) No 2075/92, (EC) 1786/2003, (EC) No 1234/2007 and (EU) No 1308/2013 not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 11.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures under Articles 219, 220(1)(b) and 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

## Legal basis:

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco (OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1786/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 114).

### Item 05 02 12 02 — Storage measures for skimmed-milk powder

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
14 000 000	14 000 000	14 000 000	19 000 000	19 000 000

### Item 05 02 12 04 — Storage measures for butter and cream

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
12 000 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000

### Item 05 02 12 99 — Other measures (milk and milk products)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 300 000	5 300 000	605 300 000	504 700 000	504 700 000

### Item 05 03 01 01 — Single payment scheme (SPS)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
52 000 000	52 000 000	52 000 000	45 000 000	45 000 000

### Item 05 03 01 02 — Single area payment scheme (SAPS)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 504 000 000	4 504 000 000	4 504 000 000	4 101 000 000	4 101 000 000

### Item 05 03 01 05 — Specific support (Article 68 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009) — Decoupled direct payments

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	100 000	100 000

### Item 05 03 01 07 — Redistributive payment

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 646 000 000	1 646 000 000	1 646 000 000	1 609 000 000	1 609 000 000

### Item 05 03 01 10 — Basic payment scheme (BPS)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
16 391 000 000	16 267 000 000	16 391 000 000	15 621 000 000	15 296 000 000

### Item 05 03 01 11 — Payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
12 211 000 000	12 211 000 000	12 211 000 000	11 696 000 000	11 696 000 000

**Item 05 03 01 13 — Payment for young farmers**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
507 000 000	507 000 000	507 000 000	441 000 000	441 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 06 — Suckler-cow premium**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 40 — Crop-specific payment for cotton**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
247 000 000	247 000 000	247 000 000	246 000 000	246 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 44 — Specific support (Article 68 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009) — Coupled direct payments**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000	6 000 000	6 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 50 — POSEI — European Union support programmes**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
412 000 000	412 000 000	412 000 000	411 000 000	411 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 60 — Voluntary coupled support scheme**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 063 000 000	4 058 000 000	4 063 000 000	3 988 000 000	3 988 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 61 — Small farmers scheme**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	1 347 000 000	1 347 000 000

**Item 05 03 02 99 — Other (direct payments)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	2 500 000	2 500 000

**Article 05 04 60 — European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development — EAFRD (2014 to 2020)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 355 548 697	9 921 022 443	14 353 948 697	9 900 922 443	14 355 548 697	9 921 022 443	14 355 548 697	9 921 022 443	14 355 548 697	9 921 022 443

**Remarks:**

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 1 of the general statement of revenue in relation to programmes 2014-2020 may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any line in this article in accordance with Articles 21 and 177 of the Financial Regulation.

The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

**Item 05 04 60 01** — Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 337 026 697	9 902 000 000	14 337 026 697	9 883 500 000	14 337 026 697	9 902 000 000	14 337 026 697	9 902 000 000	14 337 026 697	9 902 000 000

**Item 05 04 60 02** — Operational technical assistance

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 522 000	19 022 443	16 922 000	17 422 443	18 522 000	19 022 443	18 522 000	19 022 443	18 522 000	19 022 443

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover technical assistance measures at the initiative of the Commission as provided for by Articles 51 to 54 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 and Article 58 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. This includes the European Network for Rural Development and the European Innovation Partnership Network.

**Article 05 06 01** — International agricultural agreements

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
8 105 849	8 105 849	6 975 849	6 975 849	8 105 849	8 105 849	8 105 849	8 105 849	8 105 849	8 105 849

**Item 05 07 01 06** — Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on accounting clearance of previous years' accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
20 000 000	1 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000

**Item 05 07 01 07** — Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on conformity clearance of previous years' accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	25 000 000	25 000 000



**Article 05 07 02 — Settlement of disputes**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
50 000 000		39 280 000		50 000 000		29 000 000		29 000 000	

**Article 05 08 01 — Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
15 020 830	14 831 386	15 020 830	14 831 386	15 020 830	14 831 386	18 000 830	17 811 386	18 000 830	17 811 386

**Article 05 08 03 — Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 070 110	4 330 573	12 070 110	4 330 573	12 070 110	4 330 573	16 090 110	7 330 573	16 090 110	7 330 573

**Article 05 08 09 — European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Operational technical assistance**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 770 000		3 657 000		3 770 000		6 270 000		6 270 000	

**Item 05 08 77 14 — Pilot project — Restructuring the honey bee chain and Varroa resistance breeding and selection programme**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	210 000	p.m.	210 000	200 000	210 000	p.m.	210 000	200 000	210 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The disappearance of bees has an impact throughout the Union, causing a fall-off in pollination and posing a threat to biodiversity and public health. The Union must be able to tackle this problem by developing a genuine economic strategy from production to consumption, focusing on the entire honey production chain. Under national apiculture programmes, and measures such as technical assistance for beekeepers and beekeeper organisations and restocking of hives, applied research can be co-funded by the Union.

This pilot project will combine the various Union strategies on innovation, social inclusion and job creation in order to establish linkage between them and a reoriented common agricultural policy and to support the gearing of agriculture more towards greater sustainability and practical research on breeding of a bee population that is resistant to Varroa in particular.

**Methodology:**

- implementation of a series of complementary and integrated actions, i.e. genetic selection (particularly Varroa resistance selection), breeding and conservation, training in apidology/sanitation (bee behaviour, veterinary and sanitary techniques);
- support for local swarms and queen reproduction/breeding farms;
- cooperation with relevant scientists and scientific institutes, in order to obtain maximum synergy (including with existing Union honey bee research programmes).

There is a great need for specific applied research, particularly on Varroa resistance selection, to save the honey bee, as well as for funding practical arrangements to give volunteers access to the results of fundamental research from apidology projects at Union-supported scientific institutes.

Know-how transfer and support for implementing this methodology and for relevant communication tools cannot be funded under any existing programme. A first European Apidology Training Centre would provide a basis for looking into the following issues: research, selection and conservation, repopulation and biodiversity.

Although the honeybee plays a very important role in agriculture, most beekeepers and breeders are volunteers. As regards pollination and honey production, there are professional beekeepers and small companies managing larger numbers of bee colonies. But these professionals often get their breeding material from breeding groups that are mainly organised by volunteers.

As a result, the beekeeping community has almost no budget for the application of findings from research into breeding Varroa-resistant bee lines through an Union-wide link-up between volunteers (beekeepers) and scientists. This pilot project seeks to bridge this practical gap in the FP7 programme SmartBees and national apiculture programmes.

As a consequence, the project will focus on a practical breeding programme with Varroa-resistant bee lines, targeted as deliverables, and will be carried out in cooperation with major breeding groups and experienced bee-breeders located in a number of EU countries. The methods to be used will be based on established Varroa Sensitive Hygiene (VSH) trait and will be coordinated, as far as the aspect of Varroa resistance breeding is concerned, by a dedicated organisation, thus anticipating efficient and effective Varroa-resistant bee line distribution. International cooperation with other applied research experts on Varroa resistance will be considered of particular importance. The bee races of European honey bees - Carnica, Buckfast and Black Bee - will be included in the project. After the project has been implemented for one year, an international workshop could be organised to present the results of the experiment.

The measurable value of this action is expected to be EUR 7 billion for the 2016-2020 period, i.e.:

- creation of 10 million hives in the Union, representing a business volume of over EUR 2 billion;
- purchase of equipment needed to keep a hive and produce honey, representing, for hive manufacturers and sellers, a business volume of more than EUR 3 billion;
- increase in honey production in the Union resulting from the creation of 10 million hives, replacing current annual imports (50% of demand) from third countries and representing a business volume of more than EUR 2 billion euros.

Stepping up pollination to the level required to sustain and expand agricultural production of the Union, with more and better products, will mean not only increased agricultural production, but also fewer subsidies paid to farmers to offset productivity losses.

The creation of 30 000 jobs would in turn generate 30 000 associated jobs, making for a total of 60 000 jobs.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 05 09 03 01 — Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
237 123 857	121 648 169	237 123 857	121 648 169	267 923 857	137 048 169	237 123 857	121 648 169	237 123 857	121 648 169

## Remarks:

This activity will focus on developing more sustainable and productive agriculture and forestry systems, while at the same time developing services, concepts and policies for thriving rural livelihoods. In addition, emphasis will be placed on healthy and safe foods for all as well as competitive food processing methods that use fewer resources and produce fewer by-products. In parallel, efforts will be made on sustainably exploiting aquatic living resources (e.g. sustainable and environmentally friendly fisheries). Low carbon, resource-efficient, sustainable and competitive European bio-based industries will also be promoted.

This appropriation will be used for agriculture-related research and innovation in order to secure sufficient supplies of safe and high-quality food and other bio-based products; research projects with direct participation by primary producers will be prioritised in order to maximise the practical applicability of results.

## Legal basis:

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments (OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1).

**Article 06 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Mobility and transport’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
35 749 675	35 378 319	35 749 675	36 147 079	36 147 079

### Item 06 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 367 212	2 325 654	2 367 212	2 404 640	2 404 640

### Item 06 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 032 932	1 961 607	2 032 932	2 032 932	2 032 932

**Article 06 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Mobility and transport’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 257 145	2 185 539	2 257 145	2 257 145	2 257 145

### Item 06 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Transport

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 000 000	1 750 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000

**Item 06 01 06 01** — Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
14 252 226		13 752 226		14 252 226		14 832 226		14 832 226	

**Item 06 02 01 01** — Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 174 293 698	428 362 267	1 141 284 618	427 362 267	1 462 493 698	572 462 267	1 174 293 698	428 362 267	1 174 293 698	428 362 267

**Remarks:**

The objective of 'Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links' refers to Article 4(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013. This objective will be implemented through calls for proposals under the annual and multiannual work programmes constituting financing decisions within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation, of the core network transport projects and Union transport corridors, which are defined in the annexes to the Connecting Europe Facility and TEN-T guidelines. The implementation of this objective is expected to be measured through new and improved cross-border connections and removed bottlenecks, which have benefitted from the Connecting Europe Facility.

Part of the appropriation will be used to support the Trans-European EuroVelo Cycling Network.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article 4(2)(a) thereof.

Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments (OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1).

**Item 06 02 01 02** — Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
59 776 865	43 209 743	59 776 865	43 209 743	77 176 865	51 909 743	59 776 865	43 209 743	59 776 865	43 209 743

**Remarks:**

The objective of 'Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run' refers to Article 4(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013. This objective will be implemented through calls for proposals under the annual and multiannual work programmes constituting the financing decisions within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

In the 2014-2020 period, a follow-up of the Marco Polo programme will be implemented by the Connecting Europe Facility within the framework of the revised TEN-T guidelines. In accordance with Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1), it will introduce a new approach in support of freight transport services in the Union (indicative budget EUR 70-140 million per year). It is important to optimise the use of transport infrastructure by shifting cargo to more sustainable modes, including inland waterways, and increase the efficiency of multimodal

services. Sustainable schemes for partial reimbursement of the cost of modal shift for trucks (eco-bonus) can also be supported.

Digital cargo pooling initiatives as well as shared mobility projects in rural and urban areas can be supported.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article 4(2)(b) thereof.

Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments (OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1).

**Item 06 02 01 03** — Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
360 321 493	83 988 294	322 551 298	81 378 294	414 721 493	111 188 294	410 321 493	83 988 294	410 321 493	83 988 294

### Remarks:

The objective of ‘Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing the interoperability, safety and security of transport’ refers to Article 4(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.

This objective will be implemented through calls for proposals under the annual and multiannual work programmes constituting financing decisions within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

The achievement of this objective will be measured by the number of inland and maritime ports and airports connected to the railway network, by the number of improved multimodal logistics platforms, by the number of improved connections through motorways of the sea and by the number of supply points in alternative sources of energy on the core network.

The implementation of the Single European Sky policy and the deployment of SESAR are pursued under this objective.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article 4(2)(c) thereof.

Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments (OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1).

**Item 06 02 01 05** — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for transport infrastructure projects

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
62 109 000	50 000 000	62 109 000	50 000 000	152 109 000	95 000 000	62 109 000	50 000 000	62 109 000	50 000 000

**Article 06 02 02** — European Aviation Safety Agency

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 184 000	34 184 000	33 545 000	33 545 000	34 184 000	34 184 000	34 184 000	34 184 000	34 184 000	34 184 000

**Article 06 02 04** — European Union Agency for Railways

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 643 000	29 643 000	28 825 000	28 825 000	29 643 000	29 643 000	29 643 000	29 643 000	29 643 000	29 643 000

**Article 06 02 51** — Completion of trans-European networks programme

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	340 000 000	p.m.	333 700 000	p.m.	340 000 000	p.m.	340 000 000	p.m.	340 000 000

**Article 06 02 52** — Completion of Marco Polo programme

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	8 135 000	p.m.	7 725 000	p.m.	8 135 000	p.m.	8 135 000	p.m.	8 135 000

**Item 06 02 77 15** — Pilot project — Raising Awareness of alternatives to private car

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				490 000	400 000			490 000	245 000

**Remarks:**

**Context:**

Around 55% of car journeys are less than five kilometres long. The average occupancy rate is low at around 1.3 persons per car. Those figures show that alternatives to the private car use are still underdeveloped and that there is a huge potential for a shift towards more sustainable modes.

Raising awareness is a first step towards developing alternatives to private car use. The aim is to encourage behavioural change, for instance for home-to-work and home-to-shop journeys. There are already a number of initiatives to change individual car use into non-motorised individual mobility, such as walking and cycling, including using electric bicycles (which has the potential to be the most reliable and fastest mode for distances up to 10 kilometres). But these initiatives, which are mostly used to target individual behaviours, could be speeded up by means of a collective approach.

**Project:**

The pilot project is all about developing new tools to raise awareness at a collective level. There is a high potential for experimentation in public and private companies, local authorities and international conferences to use new tools to measure and set objectives for modal shift at a group level. These tools are called "group-performance-based systems" using crowdsourcing and connected technologies. They allow better flexibility, team spirit and long-term coordination between people, and also provide statistics and mass data on behavioural change. The pilot project will develop and disseminate a new set of tools to limit the use of cars to what is strictly necessary.

Compliance with:

- The COP21 Agreement's main objective, which consists in "(...) holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2° C above pre-industrial levels.";
- The EU Transport White Paper (COM(2011)144) containing ambitious targets for carbon reduction: "By 2030, the goal for transport will be to reduce GHG emissions to around 20% below their 2008 level.";
- The European Parliament own-initiative report on sustainable urban mobility, which emphasises that the European Parliament "is convinced that air pollution has a local, regional, national and cross-border dimension and requires action at all levels of governance; asks, therefore, for a strengthening of the multi-level governance approach where all actors take the responsibility for measures that can and should be taken at that very level";
- The Commission communication on transport decarbonation, published in July 2016, which makes carbon reduction a top priority for EU transport policy.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 06 02 77 16** — Pilot project — Sustainable shared mobility interconnected with public transport in European rural areas (developing the concept of 'smart rural transport areas' (SMARTAs))

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				600 000	600 000			600 000	300 000

### Remarks:

In rural areas in the EU there has been a large increase in projects developing shared mobility interconnected with public transport and non-motorised individual mobility. These are based on different conventional and digital tools (e.g. smartphone apps) and involve, for example, car sharing, car pooling, shared driving, hitchhiking, taxi sharing and flexible call buses. This development is a huge opportunity to give a boost to 'smart rural transport areas' (SMARTAs). The pilot project will improve knowledge and understanding of whether there is a need for a cross-border approach to SMARTAs, such as exchanges of best practice examples, interoperability, sustainable regional development, cohesion, research and development and innovation.

The pilot project has the potential to generate win-win situations, such as reducing CO2 emissions (COP 21 agreement), better mobility connections in remote and rural areas for persons who cannot or do not want to own a car (young, elderly and socially disadvantaged people).

The eighth of the ten goals for a competitive and resource-efficient transport system set out in the EU Transport White Paper (COM(2011)0144) is to establish the framework for a European multimodal transport information, management and payment system by 2020.

Furthermore, initiative 22 in the White Paper (Seamless door-to-door mobility) involves defining 'the measures necessary for further integrating different passenger transport modes to provide seamless multimodal door-to-door travel'. Initiative 27 (Travel information) involves promoting 'awareness of the availability of alternatives to individual conventional transport (drive less, walk and cycle, car sharing, park and ride, intelligent ticketing, etc)'.

Finally, this pilot project is a useful vehicle for applying EU legislation on intelligent transport systems (ITS) (Directive 2010/40/EU on the deployment of ITS and the corresponding work programme of the Commission) as well as for the further development of Horizon 2020 and for implementation of the Digital Agenda.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 06 02 77 17 — Pilot project — Single European Sky (SES) airspace architecture

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				800 000	800 000			800 000	400 000

### Remarks:

European air traffic management is handled by 28 Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) on the basis of ground national borders. The cost of airspace fragmentation has been put at EUR 4 billion a year. The pilot project will evaluate a new EU airspace architecture based only on traffic flow efficiency, direct routes and the most efficient number of control centres. This will take into account SESAR-related technology in order to establish the most efficient deployment locations.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 06 02 77 18 — Pilot project — Mapping accessible transport for people with reduced mobility

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				600 000	600 000			600 000	300 000

### Remarks:

This pilot project will develop a digital platform for urban transport routes suitable for people with reduced mobility.

One in six people in Europe is affected by disability to some degree and with an ageing population the need for information about barrier-free transport options in cities will only grow with time. While municipalities and transport companies are working on making transport more accessible and harmonised across Europe, information regarding barrier-free mobility options is still not clearly communicated, and many of those affected still need to rely on privately organised transport options.

The Accessibility Act proposed in 2015 laid the groundwork for improving the life of people with disabilities. It aims to overcome the divergent, and often contradictory, national accessibility requirements which have created barriers for business and thus have prevented people with disabilities from benefiting from the potential of the internal market.

The pilot project will first support the collection of information about barrier-free mobility in urban areas and then link the information to a common online platform, which should ideally be accessible via a mobile app and similarly accessible information tools. This platform will, for



example, take into account a more accurate walking speed and the accessibility of public transport options, of certain streets, and of existing specialised transport services.

One focus of the Act is to make transport more accessible for people with disabilities by harmonising Member State accessibility requirements. This pilot project will therefore build on this momentum by helping information about accessible transport to be better communicated to the target group. This should encourage transport companies to improve their accessibility standards more quickly and businesses to take advantage of the digital economy market opportunities offered by this still relatively untapped market.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 06 02 77 19 — Pilot project — Secure parking areas for trucks

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				850 000	850 000			850 000	425 000

### Remarks:

The increased migratory pressure on the EU has seriously affected both traffic security and road haulage industry security in a number of Member States in certain locations, such as Calais, where refugees are trying to get into trucks. It is necessary to react to this crisis and to provide safe parking points for trucks in order to prevent refugee deaths and safeguard truck drivers, as well as to help prevent material damage for hauliers.

The pilot project will cover expenditure on setting up secure and guarded parking areas for trucks along the major road transport routes through Europe to border locations, at points where traffic and truck security is affected by large numbers of refugees trying to climb into trucks to cross a border.

This appropriation will be in addition to the EUR 5 million Commission Vice-President Timmermans promised to the French authorities to deal with the refugee camps in Calais.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 06 03 03 01 — Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
102 781 794	103 235 669	102 781 794	103 235 669	133 581 794	118 635 669	102 781 794	103 235 669	102 781 794	103 235 669

#### Item 06 03 07 32 — Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 (SESAR2) Joint Undertaking

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
96 758 493	65 088 493	58 239 096	64 078 493	96 758 493	65 088 493	96 758 493	65 088 493	96 758 493	65 088 493

**Item 06 03 07 34 — Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
60 043 130	50 800 000	43 280 063	48 143 000	60 043 130	50 800 000	60 043 130	50 800 000	60 043 130	50 800 000

**Article 07 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Environment' policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
45 818 414		45 342 466		45 818 414		46 327 744		46 327 744	

**Item 07 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 583 114		3 520 051		3 583 114		3 640 624		3 640 624	

**Item 07 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 269 144		3 163 666		3 269 144		3 269 144		3 269 144	

**Article 07 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Environment' policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 892 861		2 801 086		2 892 861		2 892 861		2 892 861	

**Item 07 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for Environment**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 600 000		1 520 000		1 600 000		1 600 000		1 600 000	

**Article 07 02 01 — Contributing to a greener and more resource-efficient economy and to the development and implementation of Union environmental policy and legislation**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
139 399 233	67 000 000	139 399 233	67 000 000	144 399 233	72 000 000	139 399 233	67 000 000	139 399 233	67 000 000

**Article 07 02 02 — Halting and reversing biodiversity loss**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
165 584 150	57 000 000	165 584 150	57 000 000	172 084 150	63 500 000	165 584 150	57 000 000	165 584 150	57 000 000

**Article 07 02 03 — Supporting better environmental governance and information at all levels**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
59 383 000	50 000 000	59 383 000	50 000 000	60 883 000	51 500 000	59 383 000	50 000 000	59 383 000	50 000 000

**Article 07 02 06 — European Environment Agency**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
35 166 405	35 166 405	34 850 405	34 850 405	35 166 405	35 166 405	35 166 405	35 166 405	35 166 405	35 166 405

**Item 07 02 77 35 — Pilot project — Mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories: establishing links and pooling resources**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	500 000			1 000 000	500 000

## Remarks:

Action 5 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy urges Member States to map and assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory. A Working Group on Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services (MAES) was established in 2012, but a look at the MAES Digital Atlas clearly shows that ongoing efforts are mainly focused on continental Europe, with some mapping already produced for Macaronesia. This is in contrast with the biodiversity richness of the outermost regions (ORs) and overseas countries and territories (OCTs), which host, for instance, more endemic species than the entire European continent. Europe's overseas entities should therefore, in their own right and given the international commitments of the EU, be central to the MAES initiative. There are several reasons why this is not happening, including insufficiency of land cover/land use datasets, the logistical difficulties of working in small dispersed areas, the linguistic and political barriers and the scarceness of local human capacities.

The ecosystem profiles developed by BEST for all ORs and OCTs confirm the large gaps in biodiversity knowledge which are a major obstacle for the production of satisfactory mapping and assessment of ecosystems. Clearly, there is a need for the development of methodologies adapted to the realities of the Europe's overseas entities. They should make extensive use of local knowledge harnessed through the collaborative tools which NetBiome-CSA has made available and the network it has created.

This pilot project will involve policymakers, researchers and civil society in the development of methodologies for mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in ORs and OCTs. A coordinated and synergistic approach is advocated so as to turn the geographical, political and knowledge base fragmentation of these entities into assets, pooling resources and building robust participatory tools. The project will start by assessing the state of the art of the MAES exercise within the participating overseas entities, and by inventorying and substantiating the human and material capacities present in each of them. It can build on the inventory of species and habitats and the MAES experience planned under the pilot project entitled 'Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions' adopted under the 2016 budget (07 02 77 34). It will then choose as case studies a specific region and a particular contribution on which to focus the work of a dedicated team of local experts, policymakers and civil society members pooled from across the OR and OCTs.

In addition to producing a tangible contribution for the MAES exercise, this project will demonstrate the feasibility and the added value of a bottom-up approach, involving and empowering local actors. If successful, this project will allow testing and implementation of the MAES methodology in different regions of the world, providing methodologies and good practice guidelines and contributing to worldwide EU leadership in this area.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 07 02 77 36 — Pilot project — Network of European Green Capitals

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

## Remarks:

This pilot project will provide financial support for the development of a new 'Network of European Green Cities' (comprising European Green Capital Winners and cities shortlisted for the award) in order to share their experiences, knowledge and expertise on sustainable urban development with other European cities. The network will promote environmental sustainability in European cities through a series of specific actions to help all cities – from 'greener' cities to those whose environmental performance is less advanced – to take further steps towards genuine sustainability.

Each year since 2010, the European Union has awarded the title of European Green Capital to a city in the European Union which has a consistent record of achieving high environmental standards, is committed to ongoing and ambitious goals for further environmental improvement and sustainable development, and can act as a role model to inspire other cities and promote best practices for all other European cities. While winning cities take some action throughout the year to promote the concept of the green city, their budget and scope for Europe-wide dissemination is very limited.

The idea of this project is to draw on the wide range of lessons learnt from all the previous applicants considered worthy of consideration for the award and to consolidate these valuable experiences and communicate them to other cities, so that they might be inspired by such actions and understand what was involved in putting them in place. In effect this will be about enhancing the impact of the European Green Capital Award in the long term and to achieve spill-over effects for the benefit of entire regions and countries.

This project will go beyond simply organising the exchange of examples of good practice (although this is an important element of it) and will also seek to develop a specific set of tool kits and education materials that different types of city administration wishing to take steps towards becoming more sustainable could use. These tools will be combined with strategically targeted seminars, workshops and/or conferences, aimed at maximising the environmental benefits of the work (i.e. based on an analysis of where in the European Union such experience could most usefully be disseminated to greatest effect). The pilot project will also need to provide the necessary appropriations to finance the setting up and running of the network.

As a starting point the cities to be invited to join the 'Network of European Green Cities' will be:

(A) Former winners of the award: Stockholm (2010); Hamburg (2011); Vitoria-Gastiez (2012); Nantes (2013); Copenhagen (2014); Bristol (2015); Ljubljana (2016); and Essen (2017)

(B) Former runners-up: Amsterdam, Freiburg, Münster, Oslo, Barcelona, Malmö, Nuremberg, Reykjavik, Frankfurt, Brussels, Glasgow, Nijmegen, 's-Hertogenbosch and Umeå.

All future winners and runners-up will be invited to join. Management of the network's membership will be handled by the Commission.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 07 02 77 37** — Pilot project — Effect of residential solid waste burning on ambient air quality in Europe and potential mitigation measures

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	500 000			750 000	375 000

## Remarks:

One of the most critical urban air quality issues in Europe, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, is the frequent incidence of high levels of respirable particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>/PM<sub>2.5</sub>), far above EU limit values. Direct links have been established between exposure to high concentrations of particulate matter and premature cardiovascular and respiratory deaths, as well as increased sickness, such as childhood respiratory diseases. Air pollution as a whole, as well as particulate matter (PM) as a separate component of the air pollution mix, were recently classified as carcinogenic. Furthermore, the specific hazard associated with particulate matter is generally linked to the presence of toxic metals and hundreds of carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic organic compounds.

Conventional sources of primary particulate matter such as engine exhausts and industrial processes are reasonably well regulated by now and, except for a few super-emitters, contribute relatively little to urban air pollution. In winter, however, when most breaches of air quality standards occur, burning of solid waste in households represents a substantial source of hazardous particulate matter not only in cities but also in small settlements. Earlier analyses seem to estimate that about one third of solid waste is burned in households. Possibly many tons of tyres, clothes, construction waste, paints and litter may end up in residential stoves. Waste burning generates super-emission of PM in residential areas, potentially exposing many people to very high concentrations of extremely hazardous particulate matter. Soot loaded with lead, mercury, cadmium and other toxic metals, pesticides, hydrochloric acid, isocyanates and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are emitted in large amounts causing adverse acute and chronic health effects in sensitive individuals.

This issue is especially critical in poverty-stricken districts and regions, but due to the nature of atmospheric pollution it affects vast areas under unfavourable meteorological conditions. Severe loss of GDP is anticipated due to the impact of solid waste smoke on the health of large populations, including associated loss in labour productivity as well as health care costs. The problem is expected to become more severe by increasing energy poverty in many parts of Europe. Effective measures are needed to assess the magnitude of the problem and reduce its impact.

The major objectives of the project are the following:

1. to carry out scientific research to determine the magnitude and source contribution of residential solid waste burning to particulate pollution in different regions of Central-Eastern-Southern Europe;
2. to distinguish waste burning practice in urban and rural areas and its effects on local air quality;
3. to identify the predominant source types of solid waste burned by regions (agricultural, waste from (coal) mining, clothing, construction waste, tyre, etc);
4. to map hotspots in the regions where residential waste burning is of particular concern;
5. to assess the relation between poverty and residential solid waste burning, to survey public awareness on the issue;
6. to raise public awareness by specific campaigns (messages, scope, etc.) and identify potential measures to address this issue, including effective legislation control and enforcement.

Key words: Air pollution, particulate matter (PM), air quality standards, limit exceedance, solid waste burning, households, residential stoves, smoke, health hazard, heavy metals, carcinogenic compounds, toxicity, public awareness, energy poverty, poverty-stricken regions, GDP loss, mitigation, legislation, improvement of air quality

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 07 02 77 38 — Pilot project — Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

## Remarks:

The objective of this pilot project is to put in place a tool for evaluation of pesticide exposure in the environment with the help of bees and bee products. This approach combines environmental contaminant monitoring with animal health and food safety and security.

Honey bees come into contact with diverse environmental matrices due to their biological needs and behaviour. As a result of their foraging behaviour bees cover large areas (up to 15 km radius). Numerous plants are visited every day to collect nectar, secretions from sap-feeding insects, pollen and water, while plant gums are collected for propolis production. While flying they also come into contact with airborne particles, which stick to their body hairs, or substances diluted in the air. Scattered studies have been performed using bees and beekeeping products as biological 'monitoring instruments' to measure environmental quality. Various levels of environmental monitoring with honey bees have already been described, differing in their degree of complexity and sensitivity.

Concerned about honey bee colony losses, beekeepers and scientists in specific areas of Europe started analysing the pesticide content of bees and bee products. The results are often the same: bees are exposed to a wide variety of contaminants simultaneously and consecutively. Surprisingly, on many occasions the pesticides detected were not authorised, while in others they were found in natural areas away from the sources of contamination.

This pilot project is a citizens' science project in which beekeepers from several countries in Europe will collect weekly pollen samples during two beekeeping seasons. Pollen and pesticide analyses will serve to establish the botanical origin and contamination of the samples, respectively. Analytical data will be put in a geospatial context, aiming to understand the possible sources of both bee food and contaminants. In specific cases, fresh honey samples may be collected in order to understand possible contamination of honeydew. In addition, in specific cases a field survey may be carried out among farmers operating in the area with a radius of 3 km around the sampled apiary in order to know in depth the agricultural practices performed. Analysis will screen for both authorised and non-authorised pesticide and veterinary products, which will allow evaluation of the implementation of European legislation in terms of pesticide application. The project would last 30 months, to include two years of sampling to cover data fluctuations.

The expected results are (1) the development of a non-invasive environmental monitoring system, easy to carry out and reproducible across Europe; (2) an increase in knowledge on environmental pollution by using environmental samplers; (3) the identification of problematic areas, both in geographical and chemical terms; (4) the verification of the efficacy of EU legislation in terms of prevention of environmental and food contamination; (5) an indication of the plant biodiversity of the landscape throughout the year; (6) the verification of the quality of the CORINE database for landscape-level exposure modeling.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 07 02 77 39** — Pilot project — Establishing regional or local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores focused on key actions for large carnivores in areas with high levels of conflict

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	250 000			500 000	250 000

## Remarks:

The four main large carnivore species in Europe - brown bear, wolf, Eurasian lynx and wolverine - are among the most challenging groups of species in conservation terms. The Commission has made significant efforts to understand both their biological needs and the conflicts between stakeholders. There is a wide range of conflict mitigation experience available, ranging from local knowledge of traditional animal husbandry and hunting practices to the latest in high-tech research, including from projects applied locally and co-funded by the EU LIFE programme. In 2012, a prioritising exercise involving multiple experts and stakeholders allowed the establishment of cross-cutting and species-specific "key actions" for each large carnivore population. In summer 2014, the EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores was established to allow farmers, herders, conservationists, hunters, landowners and scientists to exchange ideas and best practices. The mission of the platform is "to promote ways and means to minimise, and wherever possible, find solutions to, conflicts between human interests and the presence of large carnivore species, by exchanging knowledge and by working together in an open-ended, constructive and mutually respectful way."

The EU-level platform faces a serious challenge in transmitting the good practices discussed to, and cooperation with, the stakeholders coexisting with large carnivores on the ground. Its members lack the resources to engage fully in communicating with their own members or to travel to regional meetings. In order to tackle the main coexistence problems at their sources, similar groupings are needed locally. At the same time, making the link to the EU level and improving communication both vertically and horizontally between governance levels in order to effectively transmit information is essential. The objective of this project will therefore be to establish several pilot local or regional groupings of stakeholders based on the model of the EU platform. Experience from other regional platforms, e.g. established through LIFE projects, will be built upon.

### Methods and requirements

Select two areas in Europe for the pilot studies where there are serious conflicts involving coexistence between humans and large carnivores and where few solutions have been tested.

Establish a regional Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores involving a grouping of stakeholders representing the main interest groups active in the area, referencing the EU platform's agreement as a starting point and taking into account experience of other regional platforms.

Using the "Key actions for large carnivore populations in Europe" as a basis, carry out a prioritisation exercise with stakeholders to establish which key actions have the greatest potential to be implemented in which locations. The focus will be on actions relating to conflict resolution, communication, reducing socio-economic problems and establishing win-win socio-economic

benefits in line with the objectives of the EU Nature Directives and the EU 2020 biodiversity strategy.

Support the implementation of two or three actions (funded through the pilot project).

In order to drive forward the action, a key beneficiary will be responsible for coordinating the action, taking steps to identify and establish local platforms and managing interaction between the EU and regional platforms. The key beneficiary will manage a budget for each regional platform to encourage stakeholder participation, support individual members on study trips or attending regional meetings and funding the key actions decided upon by the regional platform. Ensuring appropriate mediation, including in the selection of platform members, will also be important.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 07 02 77 40** — Pilot project —Towards evidence-based improvements in BHD implementation: systematic review and meta-analysis

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	250 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

The Commission recently conducted a fitness check on the Birds and Habitats Directives (BHD) to evaluate them in accordance with five criteria: effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance, and EU added value. The evaluation revealed that key barriers to BHD performance relate to insufficient implementation, poor integration and conflicts with other policies and economic sectors, and insufficient cooperation among relevant stakeholders and organisations. Knowledge gaps and insufficient access to information have been identified as significant problems by stakeholders in implementation, including in relation to the effectiveness and efficiency of site and species permitting under the directives. Additionally, the collation and analysis of case studies, tools and recommendations for improving the BHD's implementation was beyond the scope of the Fitness Check.

The pilot project will fill that gap and help improve BHD implementation through systematically collecting and analysing the knowledge, evidence, tools and principles that can help improve BHD performance.

In view of the vast experience gained by scientists and other knowledge-holders across the EU, an effective way forward is therefore to conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis, and to develop a comprehensive set of guidelines for better implementation. Current approaches to do so could be complemented by having the scientific community co-produce the necessary knowledge base as a cost-effective way to maximise comprehensiveness, geographical representation and quality.

The pilot project will focus on conducting such a systematic review and developing the first steps towards a preparatory action to implement the proposed improvements. Key elements of the review will be:

a. To generate a comprehensive database of peer-reviewed publications and other knowledge across all EU Member States, collecting and organising tools, principles, guidelines, recommendations and case-study experiences indicating how to improve BHD implementation. The database will build



on, and extend, the existing literature database already collected during the fitness check and will include categorisation based on scale, geography and policy relevance;

b. To assess how:

Effectiveness could be enhanced in terms of planning, management and monitoring;

Cost-efficiency could be improved by reducing conflicts and improving use of existing funds;

Other EU policies affect BHD implementation and where improvements can be made with a view to reducing conflicts and increasing policy integration;

Enforcement mechanisms and administration can be improved to maximise the EU's role in effective implementation of the BHD;

c. To conduct workshops to collate knowledge, discuss options, interpret the application of the evidence, create evidence-based guidance and identify future knowledge needs (five workshops totalling at least 100 participants);

d. To conduct a robust meta-analysis of the outcomes, including a quantitative comparison of the cost-effectiveness and cost-efficiency of different policy instruments;

e. To generate a set of carefully regionalised, scale-sensitive, non-prescriptive recommendations;

f. To open the recommendations for discussion and a peer review by the scientific community in order to maximise outcome quality and transparency, and subsequently enhance cooperation with all relevant stakeholders.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 07 02 77 41 — Pilot project — Promoting alternatives to animal testing

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

Animal testing is used in Europe for four different purposes: basic research, applied research, toxicology and teaching.

Directive 2010/63/EU lays down a European framework for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, making it a legal requirement to comply with the 3R principle (replacement, reduction, refinement).

As is set out in recital 28 of the directive, the welfare of the animals used in procedures is highly dependent on the quality and professional competence of the personnel supervising procedures, as well as of those performing procedures or supervising those taking care of the animals on a daily basis. It is therefore imperative that, as regards animal welfare issues, the personnel responsible for those tasks in Member States should be properly informed, trained and proficient and that they should have access to all relevant information, tools and know-how needed to be able to make use of alternatives to animal testing.

One of the main obstacles to developing and using alternatives is the lack of linkage and of information pooling between scientific domains, thus preventing existing methods from being taken forward and used by animal testers.

The purpose of the project is to promote the use of alternatives to animal testing in the EU. Additional resources need to be marshalled and better coordinated in order to foster greater use of alternatives, with a view initially to reducing the number of animals used and, ultimately, to ending the practice altogether.

In expanding the remit and resources of existing bodies (e.g. ECVAM), the pilot project seeks to improve information and knowledge exchange between the scientific community, EU agencies, national authorities and users of animal testing in EU Member States, reflecting the policy approach taken by the EU in introducing Directive 2010/63/EU.

It aims actively to promote existing alternatives to animal testing, facilitate validation of new alternative methods, organise information campaigns, foster exchanges of information, knowledge and best practices between scientists and authorities in Member States on existing methods, on how to use them and on what is needed to develop new methods or improve existing ones.

In expanding the remit and resources of the Education and Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science (ETPLAS), the pilot project also seeks to offer specific training courses, including on-line courses, not only for scientists, depending on their area of work (e.g. basic research or toxicology), doctors and veterinarians, but also for industry stakeholders.

The pilot project should also provide a forum for discussion and proposals, with a view to encouraging and optimising scientific research in order to develop alternatives, establish linkage between the EU regulatory set-up and national set-ups, and move towards making alternative methods in the EU more effective.

It should have a pivotal role to play in implementing current legislation and in realising the objective, shared by the Commission, of ultimately replacing animal testing by alternative methods.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 08 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Research and innovation’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
8 937 420	8 844 581	8 937 420	9 036 770	9 036 770

**Item 08 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
326 592	321 706	326 592	333 599	333 599

**Item 08 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
531 032	509 577	531 032	531 032	531 032

**Article 08 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Research and innovation’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
564 287	546 385	564 287	564 287	564 287

**Item 08 01 05 03** — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
45 500 949	43 250 949	45 500 949	45 500 949	45 500 949

**Item 08 01 05 11** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
9 702 170	9 452 170	9 702 170	9 702 170	9 702 170

**Item 08 01 06 01** — European Research Council Executive Agency — contribution from Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
45 122 000	42 017 000	45 122 000	45 122 000	45 122 000

**Item 08 01 06 02** — Research Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
62 627 224	60 632 224	62 627 224	62 627 224	62 627 224

**Item 08 01 06 03** — Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
27 390 168	25 500 168	27 390 168	27 390 168	27 390 168

**Item 08 01 06 04** — Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 351 521	5 100 521	5 351 521	5 351 521	5 351 521

**Item 08 02 01 01** — Strengthening frontier research in the European Research Council

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 736 471 644	934 538 152	1 736 471 644	934 538 152	1 751 471 644	949 538 152	1 753 136 644	935 198 152	1 753 136 644	935 198 152

**Item 08 02 01 03** — Strengthening European research infrastructures, including e-infrastructures

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
200 959 521	244 123 783	200 959 521	244 123 783	214 659 521	250 973 783	200 959 521	244 123 783	200 959 521	244 123 783

**Item 08 02 02 01** — Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
556 192 455	415 708 687	556 192 455	415 708 687	584 192 455	429 708 687	556 192 455	415 708 687	556 192 455	415 708 687

**Item 08 02 02 03** — Increasing innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
42 032 876	1 226 502	42 032 876	1 226 502	44 732 876	2 576 502	42 032 876	1 226 502	42 032 876	1 226 502

**Item 08 02 03 01** — Improving lifelong health and well-being

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
530 484 227	448 768 061	530 484 227	448 768 061	562 784 227	464 918 061	530 484 227	448 768 061	530 484 227	448 768 061

**Item 08 02 03 02 — Securing sufficient supplies of safe, healthy and high quality food and other bio-based products**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
185 315 580	160 057 663	185 315 580	160 057 663	192 715 580	163 757 663	185 315 580	160 057 663	185 315 580	160 057 663

**Item 08 02 03 03 — Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
321 697 313	227 788 241	321 697 313	227 788 241	346 197 313	240 038 241	321 697 313	227 788 241	321 697 313	227 788 241

**Item 08 02 03 04 — Achieving a European transport system that is resource-efficient, environmentally friendly, safe and seamless**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
374 512 012	327 823 067	374 512 012	327 823 067	385 812 012	333 473 067	374 512 012	327 823 067	374 512 012	327 823 067

**Item 08 02 03 05 — Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
311 465 457	239 716 355	311 465 457	239 716 355	333 365 457	250 666 355	311 465 457	239 716 355	311 465 457	239 716 355

**Item 08 02 03 06 — Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
115 787 740	106 192 615	115 787 740	106 192 615	124 087 740	110 342 615	115 787 740	106 192 615	115 787 740	106 192 615

**Article 08 02 04 — Spreading excellence and widening participation**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
123 492 850	103 460 005	123 492 850	103 460 005	123 492 850	103 460 005	140 157 850	108 860 005	140 157 850	108 860 005

**Article 08 02 05 — Horizontal activities of Horizon 2020**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
114 734 030	104 622 798	109 162 522	102 142 798	114 734 030	104 622 798	114 734 030	104 622 798	114 734 030	104 622 798

**Article 08 02 06 — Science with and for society**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
58 457 571	54 171 621	58 457 571	54 171 621	62 457 571	56 171 621	58 457 571	54 171 621	58 457 571	54 171 621

**Item 08 02 07 31 — Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 265 453	1 265 453	1 200 000	1 265 453	1 265 453	1 265 453	1 265 453	1 265 453	1 265 453	1 265 453

**Item 08 02 07 32 — Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
173 798 000	74 953 762	173 798 000	71 963 762	173 798 000	74 953 762	173 798 000	74 953 762	173 798 000	74 953 762

**Item 08 02 07 33 — Bio-Based Industries (BBI) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 285 155	2 285 155	1 946 263	2 115 155	2 285 155	2 285 155	2 285 155	2 285 155	2 285 155	2 285 155

**Item 08 02 07 34 — Bio-Based Industries (BBI) Joint Undertaking**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
78 889 310	66 887 748	78 889 310	64 637 748	78 889 310	66 887 748	78 889 310	66 887 748	78 889 310	66 887 748

**Item 08 02 07 35 — Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 037 689	3 037 689	2 625 785	3 037 689	3 037 689	3 037 689	3 037 689	3 037 689	3 037 689	3 037 689

**Item 08 02 07 38 — Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 (FCH2) Joint Undertaking**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
91 990 225	139 529 054	91 990 225	130 309 054	91 990 225	139 529 054	91 990 225	139 529 054	91 990 225	139 529 054

**Article 08 02 51 — Completion of previous research framework programme — Seventh framework programme — EC indirect action (2007 to 2013)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	1 169 097 029	p.m.	1 163 247 029	p.m.	1 169 097 029	p.m.	1 169 097 029	p.m.	1 169 097 029

**Item 08 02 77 09 — Pilot project — Towards a care pathway for clitoral reconstruction in the European Union**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				400 000	350 000			400 000	200 000

**Remarks:**

An important question that has emerged in recent years concerns clitoral reconstruction after female genital mutilation (FGM). Clitoral reconstruction is a relatively new surgical technique and in spite of the interest in the surgery, evidence is lacking as to its safety and effectiveness. Short- and long-term complications rates and long-term outcomes, including sexual function, body self-image and gender, social and aesthetic identity have been repeatedly indicated as future research gaps. More specifically, it is unclear which women could benefit from this surgical intervention and who might be better off with alternative care such as psycho-sexual therapy.

The project will answer the question below. Firstly, the existing (non-official) guidelines, protocols and good practices in the EU will be individualised and analysed. Secondly, complications rate, postoperative sexual desire, sexual function, vulvar pain, body self-image and gender identity will be studied through the use of a validated and standardised tool in women who have undergone the surgery, or will in the course of the project, and women who have not. Finally, recommendations for best practices for a care pathway will be developed for clitoral reconstruction in the EU.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 08 03 01 01 — Euratom — Fusion energy**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
152 023 159	131 090 873	134 523 159	126 090 873	152 023 159	131 090 873	152 023 159	131 090 873	152 023 159	131 090 873

**Item 08 03 01 02 — Euratom — Nuclear fission and radiation protection**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
63 481 598	83 064 877	59 631 598	64 564 877	63 481 598	83 064 877	63 481 598	83 064 877	63 481 598	83 064 877

**Article 09 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Communications networks, content and technology’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
44 234 567		43 775 072		44 234 567		44 726 291		44 726 291	

**Item 09 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 542 430		2 499 433		2 542 430		2 588 036		2 588 036	

**Item 09 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 806 103		1 747 954		1 806 103		1 806 103		1 806 103	

**Article 09 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Communications networks, content and technology’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 792 861		2 704 258		2 792 861		2 792 861		2 792 861	

**Item 09 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — information and communication technologies (ICT)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
519 000		469 000		519 000		609 000		609 000	

**Item 09 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for ‘Creative Europe’ programme — media sub-programme**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 471 680		1 443 280		1 471 680		1 471 680		1 471 680	

**Item 09 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
10 963 044		10 713 044		10 963 044		10 963 044		10 963 044	

**Item 09 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
10 800 000		10 642 000		10 800 000		10 800 000		10 800 000	

**Article 09 02 03 — European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 242 000	10 242 000	10 242 000	10 242 000	12 296 300	12 296 300	10 242 000	10 242 000	10 242 000	10 242 000

## Item 09 02 77 04 — Preparatory action — European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	900 000	p.m.	900 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	p.m.	900 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

### Remarks:

The main objective of this preparatory action is to facilitate the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF). It will follow on from the European Charter of Fundamental Rights and European Charter for Freedom of the Press. The Centre acts as a 'drop-in point' for journalistic organisations, individuals and media companies facing media freedom violations. It will also act as an alarm centre for acute cases, for instance by organising support for journalists around the world who need help. It will perform or coordinate a number of actions aimed at strengthening media freedom and pluralism that could include courses for media professionals, reports, fact-finding missions, conferences and advocacy activities.

The preparatory action benefits from the work of the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism set up by the Commission and follows the recommendations in Parliament's resolution of 21 May 2013 on standard setting for media freedom across the EU and the November 2013 Council conclusions inviting the Commission to 'continue to support projects that aim at enhancing the protection of journalists and media practitioners'.

Moreover, the Leipzig-based ECPMF will implement a specific EUR 500 000 grant scheme for cross-border investigative journalism, following on from a pilot project for European research grants for journalistic investigations with a cross-border dimension. Support for such projects would strengthen the European public sphere at a time when this intensive genre has become more difficult in a changing media landscape. The scheme will be run by the ECPMF and will support investigation involving journalists from at least two Member States. Results will be published in the Member States involved. The preparatory action will establish sustainability for that type of grant by drawing on the results of the pilot project on European research grants, encouraging cross-border investigation and sharing of information.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 09 03 02** — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for telecommunication infrastructure projects — CEF broadband

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 422 150	45 000 000	19 422 150	45 000 000	19 422 150	45 000 000	p.m.	45 000 000	p.m.	45 000 000

**Article 09 03 03** — Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
104 596 108	72 500 000	104 596 108	72 500 000	154 596 108	97 500 000	104 018 258	71 830 000	104 018 258	71 830 000

**Article 09 03 04 — WiFi4EU – Support the deployment of free local wifi**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
						19 330 000	p.m.	19 330 000	p.m.

**Remarks:***New article*

This appropriation is intended to support entities with a public mission for the installation of local wireless access points in centres of public life such as public administrations, libraries, health centres and outdoor public spaces. Such local wireless connectivity should be provided on a non-commercial basis or be ancillary to the provision of other public services.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article 4(4) thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC (OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14) and in particular Article 6(1) to (6) and (9) thereof and Sections 1 and 3 of the Annex thereto.

Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments (OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1).

**Item 09 04 01 01 — Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
322 099 260	216 700 000	322 099 260	216 700 000	360 199 260	235 750 000	322 099 260	216 700 000	322 099 260	216 700 000

**Item 09 04 01 02 — Strengthening European research infrastructure, including e-infrastructure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
108 536 406	100 482 000	108 536 406	100 482 000	121 236 406	106 832 000	108 536 406	100 482 000	108 536 406	100 482 000

**Item 09 04 02 01 — Leadership in information and communications technology**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
779 380 777	842 250 000	779 380 777	842 250 000	875 280 777	890 200 000	796 050 777	843 080 000	796 050 777	843 080 000

**Item 09 04 03 01 — Improving lifelong health and well-being**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
112 415 266	110 408 000	112 415 266	110 408 000	125 015 266	116 708 000	112 415 266	110 408 000	112 415 266	110 408 000

**Item 09 04 03 02 — Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
47 214 020	40 538 000	47 214 020	40 538 000	52 114 020	42 988 000	47 214 020	40 538 000	47 214 020	40 538 000



**Item 09 04 03 03 — Fostering secure European societies**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
49 556 358	42 673 000	49 556 358	42 673 000	55 456 358	45 623 000	49 556 358	42 673 000	49 556 358	42 673 000

**Item 09 04 07 31 — Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 377 397	1 377 397	1 019 130	1 377 397	1 377 397	1 377 397	1 377 397	1 377 397	1 377 397	1 377 397

**Item 09 04 07 32 — Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL) Joint Undertaking**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
168 037 603	128 734 204	152 412 786	126 044 204	168 037 603	128 734 204	168 037 603	128 734 204	168 037 603	128 734 204

**Item 09 04 77 05 — Preparatory action — Open knowledge technologies: mapping and validating knowledge**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	750 000	p.m.	750 000	1 000 000	750 000	p.m.	750 000	1 000 000	750 000

**Item 09 04 77 08 — Preparatory action — REIsearch (Research excellence innovation framework) - Enhancing the competitiveness of the European Research Area by increasing communication among researchers, citizens, industry and policy makers**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	525 000	p.m.	525 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	p.m.	525 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

**Item 09 04 77 10 — Pilot project — Framework of best practices to tackle child sexual abuse**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

Cybercrime is a growing industry. In today's extremely interconnected world, child sexual abuse material (CSAM) sadly transcends national boundaries to an extent never seen before. It is arguably one of the most heinous forms of cybercrime. In recent years the challenges of this horrific crime have grown as technology has become more advanced and the perpetrators and criminal facilitators and producers of CSAM have become more elusive. In addition, on a daily basis, hotline content analysts from the INHOPE network come across more graphic and violent content, with ever-younger victims, including pre-speech children, as the demand for new material grows.

INHOPE member hotlines offer public service value so that digital citizens can take action, by anonymously reporting suspected CSAM if they come across it when they are online. With dedicated police units overstretched globally, national hotlines are essential partners for the police in ensuring that they only receive images that are confirmed CSAM (according to the legislation in the hosting country). INHOPE hotlines have proven instrumental in the process of 'Notice-and-Takedown' across all European countries and beyond since 1999, growing the INHOPE network membership every year, while additionally serving the victim identification imperative.

Because every child has a right to a childhood free from violence and abuse and to be protected from harm, this pilot project will conduct qualitative research to identify the challenges faced by

hotlines tackling child sexual abuse in EU Member States. This research will help create a framework of best practices that can support the development and improvement of hotlines across the EU. What may work in one Member State will not necessarily work in another: Research is therefore required to help navigate the challenges that countries may face and determine how to work with various stakeholders such as law enforcement, ministries and industry. By means of qualitative research the most important challenges faced by national hotlines tackling child sexual abuse in EU Member States will be identified. The research will take the form of interviews, case studies, surveys etc. with the intention of identifying the challenges and obstacles faced by hotlines.

Given its unique position and expertise in the field, this framework could be developed by INHOPE, the global network of Internet hotlines covering all EU Member States.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 09 04 77 11 — Pilot project — Algorithm awareness building initiative

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				600 000	300 000			600 000	300 000

### Remarks:

The pilot project will address the potential impacts and the need for transparency in algorithms for the benefit of citizens and democracies, and to contribute to the development of the Digital Single Market.

The pilot project could focus on the following issues:

Raising end-user awareness of the role of algorithms in digital societies;

Assessing the spectrum of potential positive and negative impacts of algorithms and reflecting on the technical and non-technical aspects leading to discriminatory practices. The assessment could highlight likely opportunities unlocked by algorithms and look at how algorithms impact and create opportunities for innovation, SMEs, privacy, free speech and the free flow of information, and how algorithmic transparency can be balanced with, for example, protecting commercial trade secrets;

Considering, on the basis of the results of the assessment and involving appropriate stakeholders, an appropriate and proportionate policy response addressing the need for transparency, trust and awareness-raising, but also the institutional and capability implications for potential government oversight. This could include monitoring and conducting sporadic tests on algorithms to ensure that algorithms respect ethical and competitive best practices and compiling basic information that is intelligible for customers and citizens. This would provide users with a better understanding of basic types of algorithmic criteria and enable them to make informed choices.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

## Reference acts:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 49(2) of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of June 2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 47), in particular Articles 10 and 169 thereof.

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 389), in particular Articles 8, 11 and 38 thereof.

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), in particular Article 22 thereof.

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled 'Online Platforms and the Digital Single Market, Opportunities and Challenges for Europe' (COM(2016)288 final).

Commission Staff Working Document entitled 'Online Platforms' accompanying the Communication on Online Platforms and the Digital Single Market (SWD(2016) 172).

**Item 09 04 77 12** — Pilot project — Digital enablers in SMEs: support for digitalisation to enhance SMEs' capacity to go international and innovate

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	750 000			1 000 000	500 000

## Remarks:

Supporting dynamic, growth-oriented SMEs and start-ups in familiarising themselves with digital technologies so that they integrate them into their core activities represents a crucial factor in helping companies to develop their business, enhance their innovative capacity and enter new markets, thus increasing their competitiveness. The vast majority of SMEs, especially small businesses operating in traditional sectors, face great difficulties in understanding the potential of new digital technologies – such as data analysis, e-commerce, robotics, microelectronics and mechatronics – and the benefits deriving from using them in how they operate, in their production processes and in their relations with customers and clients.

In this context, the main objective of the pilot project is to match small and medium-sized growth-oriented companies with highly skilled digital experts in order to make up for the lack of adequate technological competences in companies, equipping them with the appropriate tools and enabling their digital transformation, as an essential instrument for internationalisation either within the internal market or in non-EU countries.

Quite often growth-oriented SMEs and start-ups cannot use their own human resources to follow the constant evolution of new technologies, even on a part-time basis. This is why matching with a digital enabler will allow companies to discover and apply suitable digital technologies, to explore new opportunities in terms of innovation and to enhance their capacity to enter new markets, including within the EU. It will also provide an opportunity for young digital enablers – experts with specific skills coming from incubator centres or universities – to make use of their technological knowledge inside an established SME.

The project will allow young highly skilled digital experts (not simply IT managers) to work in growth-oriented SMEs established in another Member State for up to six months according to the digitalisation needs of the companies.

Key elements of the pilot project:

- Support for the matching phase (company selection, job vacancies –also involving the EURES Portal – and recruitment);
- Placement of digital enablers in SMEs (EU grant covering consultancy services offered by them);
- Training/coaching package for SMEs and digital enablers;
- Internationalisation, innovation, mobility and entrepreneurship.

The pilot project will help SMEs undergo a digital transformation.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 09 04 77 13 — Preparatory action — Digital hub network

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 500 000	750 000			1 500 000	750 000

### Remarks:

This preparatory action will enhance the potential of digital hubs and accelerators across Europe by making them work together, develop common projects and construct a digital community that can increase European competitiveness in this sector. The action will therefore connect all the European digital stakeholders and hubs in order to develop an integration and cooperation plan designed to generate common projects and create European digital accelerators that can use the full potential existing across Europe. The action will target the most innovative hubs and accelerators, with high added value and multiplier effect potential. The preparatory action will therefore involve identification of the network of hubs and accelerators and of their comparative advantages, assessment of their current status and their development and cooperation potential, creation of an active and animated experts and stakeholders working group, generation of a common integration plan based of concrete projects and elaboration of policy solutions that can help reinforce ties and cooperation between the European hubs and accelerators.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 09 04 77 14 — Preparatory action — Digital transformation of European industry

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 500 000	750 000			1 500 000	750 000

## Remarks:

The preparatory action will ensure a coherent, coordinated and sustainable approach, ensure, develop and enhance engagement of all relevant stakeholders interested in the digitalisation of European industry (business, academia, research organisations and civil society) and inform, prepare and help them develop projects designed to face the new transformations.

The action will cover those regions and sectors heavily affected by digitalisation which do not have a digitalisation programme/plan and those whose industrial capacity needs to be improved.

This preparatory action will identify, assess and support exploitation of the industrial potential of the digitalisation process and explore its innovation potential and possibilities for expansion.

The preparatory action will clearly target identifying the industrial competitive advantages and the potential for digital specialisation at sector level based on entrepreneurship discovery processes, establishing a governance structure and framework for continuous collaboration between businesses and researchers, and support for preparation of the necessary policy documents.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 09 04 77 15** — Pilot project — Application of web accessibility requirements in web-authoring tools and platforms by default (Web Access By Default)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				600 000	600 000			600 000	300 000

## Remarks:

This pilot project will directly encourage and support adoption of the relevant accessibility requirements of European standard EN 301 549 v1.1.2 by awarding grants to firms and associations or other not-for-profit groupings which will incorporate settings that meet the requirements of this European standard as the default option in their authoring tools or platforms. Special priority will be given to open source or free-to-use tools and platforms. These grants will also be open to Member State authorities that develop internal web authoring tools or platforms for public sector websites and may be used to hire user testing services.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 09 04 77 16** — Pilot project — European platform on vulnerable people in the Information Society: mapping best practices and socio-economic impact for the empowerment of vulnerable communities through information and communication technologies (ICTs)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	500 000			750 000	375 000

## Remarks:

The project will develop an interactive online map summarising the existing best practices developed for better integration of vulnerable/disadvantaged groups in the Information Society across the 28 EU Member States.

Best practices will include information on existing tools, practices, capacities, systems, infrastructure and standards.

This initiative will help stakeholders understand what already exists and exploit the experience derived from existing tools at local/national and European levels.

It will allow stakeholders to avoid duplication and 'reinventing the wheel', to consolidate knowledge in order to better integrate vulnerable communities in Europe and to step up information exchange between public, private and civil society stakeholders.

The project could be developed in coordination with the Global Internet Policy Observatory (GIPO) and the European Internet Forum.

Direct outcome: interactive online map hosted by an online platform mapping existing best practices

Global overview:

Aspects of the Information Society are present in all spheres of life and have become an integral part of daily activities at work, at home and when socialising.

The Internet and ICTs are a catalyst for change; they are also a perfect tool that can empower vulnerable people to fully discover the opportunities offered by the information society and fully enjoy their human rights as EU citizens.

ICTs can provide an essential, enabling environment for the empowerment of all, especially people living in vulnerable circumstances, and help address the demographic changes that are taking place throughout the EU.

Target groups of vulnerable people:

- People with disabilities and the elderly
- Marginalised young people and children
- The unemployed or people with social problems
- People defined as marginalised who are affected by current socio-economic or political events (current vulnerabilities)

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 09 04 77 17** — Pilot project — Start This Up! Start-up-based ecosystem (connecting universities, entrepreneurs and a start-up hub in Western Pomerania) harnessing regional potential away from central cities in Poland

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	750 000			750 000	375 000

## Remarks:

Building on the infrastructure of a start-up hub (e.g. Business Link) in Szczecin, the project will bring together entrepreneurs and Western Pomeranian university students, researchers and teachers to establish a more start-up-friendly environment.

To change what is still an unfavourable start-up market within the EU, including in Poland, a start will be made with a pilot project to build an ecosystem meeting three basic needs of the market: sharing knowledge, new ideas and know-how in order to build a start-up scheme.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 09 05 01** — MEDIA subprogramme — Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
107 118 000	101 000 000	102 618 000	99 000 000	118 000 000	111 882 000	107 118 000	101 000 000	107 118 000	101 000 000

**Article 09 05 05** — Multimedia actions

	Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
09 05 05	19 573 000	23 997 455	18 373 000	22 497 455	29 573 000	33 997 455	19 573 000	23 997 455	22 573 000	26 997 455
Reserve					3 000 000	3 000 000				
Total	19 573 000	23 997 455	18 373 000	22 497 455	32 573 000	36 997 455	19 573 000	23 997 455	22 573 000	26 997 455

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to fund general information to citizens on operations concerning the Union, for the purpose of increasing the visibility of the work of the Union institutions, the decisions taken and the stages in the building of Europe, so as to allow citizens to make full use of their right to be informed about and involved in European policies. It concerns essentially the funding or co-funding of the production and/or dissemination of multimedia (radio, TV, internet, etc.), information products, including pan-European networks made up of local and national media delivering news on European affairs, as well as the tools necessary to develop such a policy. Part of this appropriation will be used to ensure continuity of existing actions.

This appropriation also covers support expenditure such as studies, meetings, *ex post* controls, expert technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts, evaluation and audit on current or future activities, feasibility studies, publications, and the repayment of travel and related expenses of experts.

Where appropriate, the procurement and grant procedures may include the conclusion of framework partnerships, with a view to promoting a stable financing framework for the pan-European networks funded under this appropriation.

The Commission, when implementing this item, should take duly into account the outcome of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI).

## Legal basis:

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of 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 Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 09 05 77 03** — Preparatory action — Action on subtitling including crowdsourcing to increase the circulation of European works

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	p.m.	500 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

This preparatory action is a continuation of the preparatory action entitled 'Crowdsourcing subtitling to increase circulation of European works' under a different title.

In spite of existing MEDIA support for subtitling, many European works (TV drama, documentaries, films, etc.) are often not made available, especially in relatively small countries in the European Union which do not share an official language with another country. One of the reasons for that is their relatively low commercial potential and the necessary costs, in particular the cost of providing subtitles. In this context, the action will support any innovative solution, e.g. crowdsourcing, which has the effect of decreasing the cost of producing subtitles. It will allow wider exposure, and potentially a wider audience, for European films, especially via the online services available.

Accordingly, the preparatory action will:

- test and develop innovative subtitling solutions/processes/models for producing subtitles that are more cost-effective than those currently available on the market,
- apply this innovative process to a well-designed catalogue of European works with a clear editorial line,
- support the availability of the works on online services.

Expected results:

- helping to reduce the cost of making European films available by stimulating the development of cost-effective subtitling solutions,
- increasing the supply and raising the profile of European audiovisual works online and enriching the catalogues of video-on-demand services available in the Union,
- improving the circulation of European audiovisual works within the Union and strengthening the competitiveness of the European audiovisual industry.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).



**Item 09 05 77 04 — Pilot project — Media literacy for all**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	200 000	p.m.	200 000	500 000	500 000	p.m.	200 000	500 000	450 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The main goal of the pilot project is to transform people into critical media citizens and committed media fairness advocates who can deconstruct media communication and information media policy. It will furthermore focus on improving citizens' abilities to create media works that reflect their lived experience. Conferences, workshops and training programmes will be organised and particular attention will be paid to activities to enhance the ability to distinguish information from propaganda; improve creativity for media works production; design programmes for the integration of minorities; promote the sharing of best practices among stakeholders and countries; and deliver tools to experience direct democracy. The pilot project as a whole will be focused on all kinds of media tools (radio, internet, broadcasting, newspapers), used in all kinds of environments and targeted at all age groups. Priority will be given to low-skilled people and people at risk of social marginalisation. The pilot project will be the subject of a Commission call for proposals.

The objective of the pilot project is to carry out experimental actions to increase critical thinking about the media among citizens of all ages and to test the feasibility and usefulness of such actions. Critical thinking includes, among other skills, the ability to distinguish information from propaganda, to deconstruct media communication and news media policies and to interact with social media in a mindful way. Its final goal is to improve social, cognitive, creative and technical skills in order to stimulate civic engagement and awareness of the importance of taking action and directly participating in social and democratic life.

All types of media tools should be covered, such as radio, the internet, broadcasting, newspapers and social media.

The target group is composed of citizens of all ages, with a particular focus on minorities, low-skilled people and people at risk of being socially marginalised. Its geographic implementation should cover a wide range of EU Member States or, ideally, all of them.

The pilot project includes a mix of social media campaigns, the dissemination and implementation of best practices, conferences, workshops and training programmes and is designed to promote one or more specific goals in the field of media literacy.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 09 05 77 05 — Preparatory action — Subtitling European cultural television content throughout Europe**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	1 500 000	750 000	p.m.	p.m.	1 500 000	750 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The existing pilot project under Item 09 05 77 02, 'Fostering European integration through culture by providing new subtitled versions of selected European TV programmes across all Europe', has been converted into a preparatory action under Item 09 05 77 05, 'Subtitling European cultural television content throughout Europe'.

This preparatory action is a continuation of the pilot project financed in 2014 and 2015 by Parliament and the preparatory action the institution financed in 2016, the aim of which was to ascertain whether there is a European audience for cultural programmes by providing a range of subtitled versions of selected TV programmes throughout Europe.

The pilot project financed in 2014 is currently being taken forward by ARTE, the European arts TV channel, which has been providing 600 hours a year of TV programming in four languages (French, German, English and Spanish) since October 2015 and will add Polish to those languages in November 2016.

This Preparatory Action would be the continuation of the Pilot Project financed in 2014 and 2015 and of the Preparatory Action financed in 2016 by the Parliament and aiming at testing the existence of a European audience for cultural programs by providing diverse subtitled versions of selected TV programmes across all Europe.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 10 01 05 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
139 760 000	138 320 000	139 760 000	139 760 000	139 760 000

**Item 10 01 05 02** — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
33 300 000	32 800 000	33 300 000	33 300 000	33 300 000

**Article 10 02 01** — Horizon 2020 — Customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
27 183 960	25 500 000	27 183 960	25 500 000	37 083 960	30 450 000	27 183 960	25 500 000	27 183 960	25 500 000

**Article 10 02 51** — Completion of the Seventh Framework Programme — Direct actions (2007 to 2013)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	600 000	p.m.	570 000	p.m.	600 000	p.m.	600 000	p.m.	600 000

**Article 10 03 01 — Euratom activities of direct research**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 773 000	10 500 000	7 573 000	9 705 000	10 773 000	10 500 000	10 773 000	10 500 000	10 773 000	10 500 000

**Article 11 01 01 — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Maritime affairs and fisheries’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
30 093 081		29 780 483		30 093 081		30 427 605		30 427 605	

**Item 11 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 286 076		2 247 922		2 286 076		2 326 625		2 326 625	

**Item 11 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 572 607		2 506 253		2 572 607		2 572 607		2 572 607	

**Article 11 01 03 — Expenditure relating to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Maritime affairs and fisheries’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 900 002		1 839 725		1 900 002		1 900 002		1 900 002	

**Item 11 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for maritime affairs and fisheries — Non-operational administrative and technical assistance**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 700 000		3 589 000		3 700 000		3 700 000		3 700 000	

**Article 11 03 01 — Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters**

	Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 03 01	117 655 478	112 655 478	117 655 478	112 655 478	117 655 478	112 655 478	118 390 478	113 390 478	118 390 478	113 390 478
Reserve	15 544 522	15 544 522	15 544 522	15 544 522	16 344 522	16 344 522	14 809 522	14 809 522	14 809 522	14 809 522
Total	133 200 000	128 200 000	133 200 000	128 200 000	134 000 000	129 000 000	133 200 000	128 200 000	133 200 000	128 200 000

**Item 11 06 63 01 — European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) — Operational technical assistance**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 850 000	4 081 954	3 730 000	3 961 954	3 850 000	4 081 954	3 850 000	4 081 954	3 850 000	4 081 954

**Item 11 06 77 13 — Preparatory action — Common curriculum for skippers of small commercial vessels**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	750 000			750 000	375 000

**Remarks:**

This preparatory action will extend the overall conclusions of the TRECNET Core Curriculum for Skippers of Small Commercial Vessels (TCC-SCV) project by deploying a common curriculum in all EU Member States.

The initial project, which was concluded on 16 June 2016, involved only nine EU countries and this preparatory action will include other interested Member States. Currently, professional qualifications of individual Member States within the small commercial vessels sector are not mutually recognised by Member States. This affects the work-related flexibility and mobility of skippers, in that they can work only in the country where they obtained their qualifications. The target group affected comprises charter boat skippers, marine service staff who move boats professionally in or between ports, delivery skippers and dive boat skippers who ferry their customers to and from diving spots.

Provision of a core curriculum for skippers of SCV and its implementation at EU level should be the aim of this action, with a view to being covered by the directive on mutual recognition of professional qualifications. This preparatory action will complement and be in line with the New Skills Agenda for Europe within one of the six sectors to be piloted in 2017 regarding the maritime sector.

Mutual recognition at EU level will have a direct and indirect impact on national economies. First of all, it will allow Member States that do not have a curriculum on this specific topic to design and implement new SCV qualifications. Secondly, the EU countries that already have such a curriculum can adapt and redesign their SCV CV.

Moreover, this will attract new persons and create new jobs and work opportunities, as some of the restrictions on mobility are diminished. This nautical tourism area is going to create new opportunities also for coastal and insular regions. The impact of this will extend beyond the direct effect on the small commercial vessel sector, as this sector is also an entry point for the growing superyacht industry and for merchant seafarers who are in need of qualified staff.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 12 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Financial stability, financial services and capital markets union’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
34 052 698	33 698 969	34 052 698	34 431 236	34 431 236

**Item 12 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 458 578	3 392 593	3 458 578	3 501 192	3 501 192

**Item 12 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 385 054	2 328 009	2 385 054	2 385 054	2 385 054

**Article 12 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Financial stability, financial services and capital markets union’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 150 003	2 081 794	2 150 003	2 150 003	2 150 003

**Article 12 02 01** — Implementation and development of the single market for financial services

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 700 000	5 094 000	3 500 000	4 294 000	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	5 094 000

## Article 12 02 04 — European Banking Authority (EBA)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 890 504	14 890 504	14 735 504	14 735 504	14 890 504	14 890 504	14 890 504	14 890 504	14 390 504	14 390 504

### Remarks:

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, as well as to Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, the European Supervisory Authority is to form part of a European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS). The main objective of the ESFS is to ensure that the rules applicable to the financial sector are adequately implemented to preserve financial stability and to ensure confidence in the financial system as a whole and sufficient protection for the customers of financial services.

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Banking Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2) and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The European Banking Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation of the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42) constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Banking Authority is set out in the 'Staff' Annex to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 14 543 000. An amount of EUR 152 496, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in 2015, is added to the amount of EUR 14 390 504 entered in the budget. The 2017 EU budget should allow the EBA to have a total staff complement of 155.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/78/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12).

## Article 12 02 05 — European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
8 736 301	8 736 301	8 526 301	8 526 301	8 736 301	8 736 301	8 736 301	8 736 301	8 736 301	8 736 301

## Remarks:

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, as well as to Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010, the European Supervisory Authority forms part of a European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS). The main objective of the ESFS is to ensure that the rules applicable to the financial sector are adequately implemented to preserve financial stability and to ensure confidence in the financial system as a whole and sufficient protection for the customers of financial services.

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2) and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority is set out in the 'Staff' Annex to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 8 946 404. An amount of EUR 210 103, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in 2015, is added to the amount of EUR 8 736 301 entered in the budget. The 2017 EU budget should allow the EIOPA to have a total staff complement of 109 TA.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/79/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 48).

### Item 12 02 77 06 — Pilot project — Horizontal Task Force on Distributed Ledger Technology

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				850 000	850 000			850 000	425 000

## Remarks:

This pilot project will set up a task force staffed with regulatory and technical experts in order to build up technical expertise and regulator capacity and develop use cases, especially for governmental applications, in the field of distributed ledger technology (DLT), as proposed in the European Parliament resolution on virtual currencies (T8-0228/2016).

Distributed ledger technology underpins various virtual currencies, including bitcoin, and could have a transformational impact on the way transactions are conducted in the financial sector and beyond. At present, the use of the technology and its applications are limited in scope. However, this might change soon: fuelled by significant investment and network effects, certain applications could rapidly grow and quickly become systemic.

A dedicated horizontal task force monitoring DLT and its applications could provide the expertise necessary in order properly to counter risks without stifling innovation by means of premature regulatory intervention. The task force will identify standards for best practice, develop stress tests for applications that are set to become systemic and develop use cases for the application of the technology. A horizontal approach will help identify potential and risks associated directly with the technology and will create workflow synergies.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 13 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Regional and urban policy’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
62 561 932	61 912 058	62 561 932	63 257 387	63 257 387

**Item 13 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 111 411	2 074 449	2 111 411	2 141 597	2 141 597

**Item 13 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 555 212	2 502 752	2 555 212	2 555 212	2 555 212

**Article 13 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Regional and urban policy’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 950 004	3 824 692	3 950 004	3 950 004	3 950 004

**Item 13 01 04 01** — Support expenditure for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
11 300 000	10 300 000	11 300 000	11 300 000	11 300 000

**Item 13 01 04 02** — Support expenditure for the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) — Regional development component

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 951 902	1 881 902	1 951 902	1 951 902	1 951 902

**Item 13 01 04 03** — Support expenditure for the Cohesion Fund

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 200 000	3 700 000	4 200 000	4 200 000	4 200 000

**Article 13 03 61** — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Transition regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 719 489 334	2 214 431 000	3 719 489 334	2 204 431 000	3 719 489 334	2 214 431 000	3 719 489 334	2 214 431 000	3 719 489 334	2 204 431 000

**Article 13 03 62 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — More developed regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
4 622 273 189	3 068 052 000	4 622 273 189	3 043 052 000	4 622 273 189	3 068 052 000	4 622 273 189	3 068 052 000	4 622 273 189	3 043 052 000

**Item 13 03 64 01 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — European territorial cooperation**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 731 601 443	884 299 000	1 731 601 443	803 299 000	1 731 601 443	884 299 000	1 731 601 443	884 299 000	1 731 601 443	783 299 000

**Item 13 03 65 01 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
74 000 000	69 400 000	74 000 000	59 400 000	74 000 000	69 400 000	74 000 000	69 400 000	74 000 000	69 400 000

**Article 13 03 66 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
53 090 514	42 472 411	53 090 514	35 472 411	53 090 514	42 472 411	53 090 514	42 472 411	53 090 514	42 472 411

**Item 13 03 77 17 — Preparatory action — EU-CELAC cooperation on territorial cohesion**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	700 000	p.m.	700 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	p.m.	700 000	2 000 000	1 700 000

**Remarks:**

This preparatory action will continue developing a dialogue on territorial cohesion and regional development policies, with a particular focus on cross-border cooperation and on territorial development strategies, as well as on the promotion of good governance by strengthening the administrative capacity of national, regional and local/urban authorities in the fields of economic development, innovation and cohesion. The core objectives of this preparatory action introduced in the 2016 budget are to develop multi-level governance systems through training and technical assistance programmes in the context of strategic planning and to encourage an integrated approach for territorial development. It is promoting cooperation between regional and local authorities and the private sector on both the EU and CELAC sides.

**Legal basis:**

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 13 03 77 18 — Preparatory action — Cohesion policy and synergies with the research and development funds: the stairway to excellence — the way forward**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	1 500 000	1 000 000	p.m.	500 000	1 500 000	1 000 000



## Remarks:

This preparatory action will provide assistance also to regions substantially lagging behind, in their efforts to strengthen their "stairway to excellence", and provide lessons for the future. The action, introduced in the 2016 budget, has two main objectives: (1) more detailed action on specific bottlenecks at national level; (2) more solid support to solve the most recurrent weaknesses in taking up policy recommendations. Specific measures under this preparatory action consist in setting up a review process on the basis of smart specialisation strategies agreed by all stakeholders and in providing policymakers with evidence and experience relating to Horizon 2020 and allocations from the 2014 - 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds, especially as regards R&D expenditure. The aim is also to identify ongoing positive/negative trends with regard to participation in cross-border consortia.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 13 03 77 19** — Preparatory action — Support for growth and governance in regions whose development is lagging behind

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	p.m.	500 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

## Remarks:

This preparatory action builds on the positive outcomes of a previous European Parliament initiative on refinement and implementation of an RIS3 strategy in the Greek region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (REMTh), which served as a test bed for the theory of smart specialisation. It provides appropriate and specific support for activities in selected regions that are lagging behind along with a more horizontal approach to key issues regarding growth and governance of these regions. This preparatory action targets two types of regions that are lagging behind: low-growth regions (regions in Member States with a GDP per capita in purchasing power standards (PPS) below the EU average in 2012 that did not converge with the EU average between 2002 and 2012 - regions in Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal) and underdeveloped regions (regions with a GDP per capita in PPS below 50% of the EU average in 2011 - i.e. a number of regions in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania). This preparatory action introduced in the 2016 budget supports eight regions: four low-growth regions and four underdeveloped regions, focusing on governance, transnational cooperation and refinement of the RIS3 model. The specific activities under this preparatory action require back-to-back on-site events in each region, including stakeholder events and peer reviews, providing support for critical aspects for implementing the RIS3 in each region, as well as the deployment of cross-cutting activities such as evidence-based support for policy development and further development of practical support for regions across EU whose development is lagging behind. This appropriation will also cover the inclusion of Croatia in the preparatory action.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 13 03 77 21** — Pilot project —European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects with genuine added value for the region as a whole

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 300 000	1 300 000			1 300 000	650 000

### Remarks:

This pilot project will organise and develop:

Effective multi-level governance in pursuit of the objectives laid down in the European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region (EUSAIR);

Capacity building among EUSAIR key implementers as a prerequisite for effective implementation of the EUSAIR Action Plan;

Generation, preparation and implementation of initiatives and projects with genuine macro-regional value;

Awareness-raising initiatives, cultural events, training programmes and/or seminars for citizens and especially for young people in the region, with the aim of creating ownership with regard to EUSAIR, emphasising shared regional identity and promoting partnership and networking across the region. These programmes should stress civic education, transnational entrepreneurship, opportunities for cultural events and good-neighbourly relations, and help promote the effective integration of candidate and potential candidate countries for EU membership.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 13 03 77 22** — Preparatory action — Macro-regional strategy 2014-2020: EU strategy for the Alpine Region

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 000 000	1 000 000			2 000 000	1 000 000

### Remarks:

The EU Strategy for the Alpine Region covers seven countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

The general objective is to promote sustainable economic and social prosperity of the Alpine Region through growth and job creation, by improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity, while at the same time protecting the environment and ensuring a healthy and balanced ecosystem reducing the economic and social imbalance between the different areas of the macro-region resulting from the specific features of mountain areas. The Alpine region contains Europe's largest mountain range, with low population density, high vulnerability to climate change and biodiversity loss, a high degree of seasonality, especially in some tourist areas, and ageing populations. Transport and energy infrastructure is also a critical factor because of its impact on the landscape.

The preparatory action will:

- identify, analyse and foster all best innovative practices and existing networks for green solutions in the Alpine region and in the pre- alpine areas, thus facilitating knowledge transfer and exchange of innovation in a circular economy, with a particular focus on strategic sectors such as tourism and agriculture;
- Foster integration, with a particular focus on the role of young people, by identifying solutions for job creation, such as better integration between education, vocational training and business;
- Identify actions for the provision of e-services which could benefit the most vulnerable sections of the Alpine population, such as young people and the elderly;
- Identify pilot actions for sustainable transport at local level.

## Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 13 03 77 23 — Preparatory action — Urban agenda for the EU

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 500 000	2 500 000			2 500 000	1 250 000

## Remarks:

Under the urban agenda for the EU, a number of working groups (called 'Partnerships') will be set up to identify innovative solutions to the problems faced by cities and the potential they could harness. These innovative solutions will concern the main urban issues: urban mobility, air quality, affordable housing, urban poverty, etc. The aim of the preparatory action is to facilitate the participation of cities in this innovative approach and to experiment with a new way of involving cities in policy making and delivery.

This preparatory action will be particularly important, in order to provide input to the (re)designing of various EU policies, including cohesion policy. Indeed, the Partnerships will all have to identify how to make better use of funds and knowledge (base and exchange) to support the work in cities and by cities, thereby providing useful inputs for policy makers.

The preparatory action will support work by the Commission, Member States and cities to come up with these innovative solutions. It will focus on the following activities:

Providing expertise and administrative support to the Partnerships by:

- supporting the coordinators in managing their work (organising meetings, reporting, monitoring, etc.);
- providing specific expertise/experts;

Preparing and organising meetings and workshops to:

- communicate to a wider audience the different urban issues partnerships work on (including consultation on the Action Plans),
- work on synergies between Partnerships on the different urban issues (such as urban poverty and housing),
- gain specific knowledge from experts at expert meetings or subgroup meetings on specific issues organised within the Partnerships (for example on undocumented migrants),

- implement a real multi-level governance approach within the working partners;

Monitoring and reporting on the progress of the work;

Providing an overview of concrete proposals (Action Plan) for changes in the different EU policy fields (with recommendations for better regulation, better funding and better knowledge) resulting from the Partnerships;

Developing and testing innovative solutions for the involvement of cities in policy making and delivery of EU goals;

Developing urban one-stop shops - single point of information on the urban dimension of EU policies.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Article 13 04 60 — Cohesion Fund — Investment for growth and jobs goal

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
9 055 827 791	5 651 952 000	9 055 827 791	5 631 952 000	9 055 827 791	5 651 952 000	9 055 827 791	5 651 952 000	9 055 827 791	5 651 952 000

### Item 13 04 61 01 — Cohesion Fund — Operational technical assistance

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
24 307 786	22 300 000	24 307 786	19 300 000	24 307 786	22 300 000	24 307 786	22 300 000	24 307 786	22 300 000

### Article 13 07 01 — Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
31 836 240	36 031 865	31 836 240	36 031 865	34 836 240	39 031 865	31 836 240	36 031 865	34 836 240	39 031 865

### Article 14 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Taxation and customs union' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
48 081 051	47 581 600	48 081 051	48 615 533	48 615 533

### Item 14 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 306 771	5 207 649	5 306 771	5 360 953	5 360 953

### Item 14 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 616 013	2 504 183	2 616 013	2 616 013	2 616 013

### Article 14 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Taxation and customs union' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 035 717	2 939 410	3 035 717	3 035 717	3 035 717

**Article 14 02 01 — Supporting the functioning and modernisation of the customs union**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
81 895 000	65 000 000	71 733 000	61 000 000	81 895 000	65 000 000	81 895 000	65 000 000	81 895 000	65 000 000

**Article 14 03 01 — Improving the proper functioning of the taxation systems**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
31 809 000	31 000 000	30 859 000	29 250 000	31 809 000	31 000 000	31 809 000	31 000 000	31 809 000	31 000 000

**Item 14 03 77 02 — Pilot project — Capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	500 000	500 000	p.m.	250 000	500 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

This pilot project will help to strengthen a wide range of civil society organisations, including some new actors not actively involved in fighting tax fraud and avoidance, so as to build up their expertise and capacity in connection with European tax rules, enhance awareness-raising efforts and further develop tools and instruments to fight tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud.

In the light of the challenges revealed by the LuxLeaks and SwissLeaks scandals, it is apparent that the Union-level capacity of a wide range of organisations (e.g. consumer organisations, NGOs, trade unions and academic communities) in this field needs to be boosted. Enhanced capacity building for research, training and awareness raising, alliance building (including with journalists) and greater involvement of civil society experts in the design and implementation of, and advocacy for, action to combat tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud will create synergies with current Union efforts to put an end to abusive practices such as aggressive tax planning by multinationals and tax evasion by wealthy individuals.

This pilot project will build on the project launched in 2016 to build up the expertise and capacity of a wide range of civil society organisations to engage in the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud. It will develop a sustainable EU-wide network of civil society organisations, including some new actors not actively involved in campaigning, to cooperate on the design, implementation and advocacy of action to combat tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud. It will also support civil society organisations in developing their positions on tax policies and conducting research on ongoing and upcoming tax reforms. The network's key objective will be to share ideas, develop synergies and launch common initiatives against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud. It will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge on the challenge of tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud and ways to tackle them, as well as on how to run campaigns and other civil society initiatives, tools and instruments in this area.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 15 01 01** — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Education and culture’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
46 270 941	45 790 293	46 270 941	46 785 301	46 785 301

**Item 15 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 433 876	3 376 020	3 433 876	3 487 768	3 487 768

**Item 15 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 866 415	1 820 061	1 866 415	1 866 415	1 866 415

**Article 15 01 03** — Expenditure relating to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Education and culture’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 921 432	2 828 750	2 921 432	2 921 432	2 921 432

**Item 15 01 04 02** — Support expenditure for Creative Europe programme — Culture sub-programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
864 320	847 640	864 320	864 320	864 320

**Item 15 01 05 02** — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
877 339	768 339	877 339	877 339	877 339

**Item 15 01 06 01** — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from Erasmus+

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
25 615 000	25 615 000	26 112 100	25 615 000	25 615 000

**Article 15 01 61** — Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 623 000	6 423 000	6 623 000	6 623 000	6 623 000

**Item 15 02 01 01** — Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 701 963 700	1 579 766 641	1 701 963 700	1 579 766 641	1 715 963 700	1 593 766 641	1 725 463 700	1 579 766 641	1 725 463 700	1 579 766 641

**Item 15 02 01 02** — Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European youth area and the participation of young people in European democratic life

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
201 400 000	198 855 087	201 400 000	198 855 087	202 400 000	199 855 087	227 900 000	198 855 087	227 900 000	198 855 087

**Article 15 02 10** — Special Annual Events

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				6 000 000	6 000 000			6 000 000	6 000 000

## Remarks:

The amount of EUR 6 000 000 Euro is allocated to co-finance the European Special Olympics Winter Games in Graz/Schladming, Austria (14-25 March 2017). This funding will also allow participating athletes from all 28 Member States to train, to prepare and to attend the Games in Austria.

This event will see 3 000 athletes and their delegations from 110 countries competing in eight sports over eight days. More than 3 000 volunteers will help to make this multi-sport event unique. Along with the sports programme, other scientific, educational, cultural and family programmes will be set up. A host town programme and many special events will be organised before, during, and after the Games so as to ensure a strong legacy of inclusion and acceptance for people with intellectual disabilities in Austria and across the EU Member States.

**Item 15 02 77 12** — Pilot project — A European framework for apprentice mobility: developing European citizenship and skills through youth integration in the labour market

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	p.m.	500 000	2 000 000	1 500 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

### 1. Proposal

Despite considerable efforts by the EU with the introduction of the Youth Guarantee scheme and the EUR 6,4 billion provided for under the Youth Employment Initiative, unemployment is still very high in Europe. In June 2015 youth unemployment stood at 4,7 million, with significant differences persisting among Member States. The number of young people aged 15 to 24 that are still not in employment, education or training (NEETs) is even higher, at more than 6 million. Without decisive action, this could lead to a 'lost' generation.

Although youth employment is mainly a responsibility of Member States, the high level of youth unemployment in Europe discredits the European Union project and bodes ill for its future. Member States in which it is easier for young people to find work have well-functioning apprenticeship and mobility systems, which smooths the transition from education and training to the labour market. Apprenticeships are acknowledged as the 'highway' to employment, while mobility is regarded as the most efficient route to European citizenship. Therefore, efforts must be combined and there must be a better connection between these two policy areas so as to allow young European apprentices to gain professional experience in another Member State and further develop their skills.

The Commission defines apprenticeships as long-term vocational education and training programmes that alternate periods at the workplace and in an educational institution or training centre. The apprentice is contractually linked to the employer and receives remuneration (wage or allowance). The employer assumes responsibility for providing the trainee with training leading to a specific occupation. Once completed, these training programmes allow students to gain a nationally recognised VET qualification. Apprentices ideally benefit from a work contract giving them the status of apprentice employee and as such receive a wage.

Under the current arrangements, apprentices with an employment contract and hosted by a foreign company are still employed by, and under the responsibility of, their original employer. This makes it difficult for employers to make their apprentices available to foreign companies, even if those companies are located in Europe. This is because, during the mobility period, the employers still

have to meet their obligations under the original apprenticeship contract (as regards payment, compliance with working hours rules and employment terms and conditions for young workers, social security, insurance).

In spite of the progress achieved by the preparatory action ‘Erasmus for apprentices’ and the Erasmus + programme ‘Key Action 1 Mobility for VET learners and staff’ within the Education and Training 2020 strategic framework, as well as the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, the long-term mobility of apprentices remains too limited.

There are a number of reasons for this, one of which is the age of apprentices seeking Erasmus support. Liability problems arise when young people who are still minors take up apprenticeships in other Member States, in particular when they are away from home for a lengthy period. This shortcoming needs to be addressed through the provision of financial support for the development of support and reception infrastructure (including language teaching and accommodation), and is part of the reason why Erasmus+ is currently failing properly to meet the long-term mobility needs of apprentices in Europe.

Thanks to the involvement of the European Council and the recommendations put forward by parliaments, a large number of measures have been taken to push the Erasmus+ programme forward. The establishment of the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) and the European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET) system, as well as the section on mobility in the Erasmus+ programme, have helped to increase the transparency of and trust between national vocational training systems. However, there are still significant challenges to be addressed, including the issue of validation in the home Member State of the skills and qualifications acquired during periods abroad. *2. Project focus*

The overall goal of this pilot project is to facilitate apprentice mobility by testing various models for putting in place the necessary mobility infrastructure (e.g. services including accommodation, language courses, practical information, coaching and insurance arrangements). The project will also look into ways and means of making apprenticeships more attractive to young people.

Another aim of the project is to formally recognise and validate learning outcomes and to support the mutual recognition of diplomas as well as the progressive application of a ‘European framework for the mobility of apprentices’. The establishment of this framework is essential in order to remove the current barriers to mobility and could be the first step towards an integrated European apprenticeship scheme.

The pilot project was adopted by Parliament in 2015 for inclusion in the 2016 budget, and has attracted a lot of interest from stakeholders. In order to build on that interest, the project should be continued in 2017 in order to offer more apprentices long-term mobility opportunities. An extension for a further year would also allow the conclusions of the assessment currently being conducted to be fleshed out.

The pilot project has three aims, as follows:

1. In the first instance, the project will set out to test how to implement cross-border apprentice mobility schemes, in particular between vocational training institutions, companies and/or other relevant organisations. The aim of this measure is to assess the room available for improvement and the support stakeholders need to be given in order to set up the reference network and make it easier for apprentices to work in other Member States for periods ranging from six to 12 months.
2. Alongside this, the project will seek to build on the lessons learned from the implementation of projects in the first year and from the studies under way. The knowledge gained will be used to determine and validate the main features of a ‘European framework for the mobility of apprentices’. More generally, the project will seek to identify and optimise the various types of public support for



apprentice mobility in Europe. 3. Lastly, the project will contribute to the drive for better regulation and simplification. In line with the simplification of the procedures for Erasmus+ applications, the majority of which are submitted by apprentice training centres, the pilot project will seek to free stakeholders from the cumbersome procedures that have been in place to date, as they can deter even the most determined applicants. The Commission is asked to adopt a trusting and pragmatic attitude, in order to make the project possible. In the same spirit of simplification, the apprentice training centres selected in the first year should be given an extension on their initial agreements or be allowed to go through a simplified application procedure.

Measures to be taken:

1. Call for proposals to fund a limited number of trans-European projects involving key stakeholders in the field of vocational training and seeking to develop sustainable systems and frameworks for cross-border apprentice mobility, with a view to preparing and scaling-up long-term quality mobility with a minimum duration of six months. These pilot operations should be incorporated into the current programmes and should lead to a qualification for the apprentices involved. The projects should help identify and assess the obstacles encountered before, during and after periods of mobility. They should also highlight the benefits that the various stakeholders are likely to draw from long-term mobility. The Commission is asked to issue a call for proposals in early 2017, and to set a response time that will allow the projects to be completed in the third quarter of 2017;

2. Design of a communication plan focusing on apprenticeships and apprentice mobility. The aim is to reach out to all stakeholders, in particular companies and institutions that will host apprentices.

On the basis of an initial estimate, the annual budget required is EUR 2 000 000 for all of the measures set out above, EUR 1 800 000 of which will be allocated to the first measure (call for proposals issued by the Commission).

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 15 02 77 16** — Preparatory action — Evaluation of higher-education entrepreneurship programmes

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

Over recent years there has been an increasing focus on entrepreneurial education and entrepreneurship programs in higher-education institutions. In particular, with HEInnovate, higher-education institutions seek to promote entrepreneurial skills and competences, as well as assessing their own entrepreneurial capabilities. However, the perspective of students on the effectiveness of entrepreneurship projects and programmes has not yet been taken into account. Similarly, companies and the private sector in general are rarely involved in the evaluation of these programmes. While maintaining a close link between private-sector needs and academic curricula, it is necessary to also include all stakeholders (students, teachers and professionals) in the process of evaluating entrepreneurship programmes so as to guarantee that they effectively deliver to students the appropriate set of skills for their careers.

This action will build on the existing HEInnovate instrument and bring feedback from students, the private sector and academic staff as added value to the already tested and proven framework and procedures.

This action will also encourage sharing of best practices at international level, involving in the process also higher-education institutions/universities in order to facilitate the implementation of such tools in student curricula.

Ultimately, with the budget for student evaluation of higher-education entrepreneurship programmes, the aim is to foster the development and improve the quality of entrepreneurship programmes across Europe, thus contributing to turning Europe into an entrepreneurial society.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 15 02 77 17 — Pilot project — Altiero Spinelli Doctoral Scholarship

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	750 000			750 000	375 000

### Remarks:

In recent years, the European project has been seemingly weakened, both from within and from without. Public trust needs to be revived, while knowledge of the European integration process and awareness of European culture and values need to be disseminated to the widest possible audience.

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Altiero Spinelli, one of the founding fathers of the European Union, and ahead of the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, concrete efforts should be made to address this "disenchantment" with the EU.

The aim of the Altiero Spinelli Doctoral Scholarships will be to promote research into the EU integration process, including its history and the history of the European ideal. Current actions in the field of EU studies do not cater for young researchers/doctoral students.

Research carried out under the Altiero Spinelli Doctoral Scholarships should focus on the theory of models of integration (e.g. trade agreements, international organisations, federations) and comparative studies of existing integration models (e.g. the EU, African Union, Mercosur, United States of America, Canada), the role of citizens and civil society organisations in the EU integration process, the intellectual history of European integration and, of course, the life and work of Altiero Spinelli. As part of the scholarship agreement, courses on how to present academic research in such a way that it reaches a wider, non-specialised audience could be included.

Provision could clearly be made for cooperation with existing programmes, i.e. Jean Monnet Actions, and also existing institutions, e.g. the Historical Archives of the European Union at the European University Institute.

The appropriation covers a minimum scholarship of EUR 30 000 a year (awarded to an individual student) and one scholarship per Member State. There is also an additional margin for unforeseen circumstances.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 15 02 77 18** — Pilot project — Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

With the growing number of refugees, there is an increasing need for effective integration and social inclusion initiatives. Sport projects – especially involving football– have proved to be successful tools for the integration of refugees and the promotion of social inclusion in host communities. This pilot project will involve local sport clubs in the integration of refugees. It will leverage the local expertise of existing initiatives in EU Members States with the aim of:

1. Launching a pilot programme supporting concrete community-based football initiatives (European centres of expertise). The focus will be on the integration of refugee communities across the EU and neighbouring regions through local sport projects;
2. Identifying best practices in Europe and developing concepts which can be implemented in third countries, focusing on refugee integration through football. A method to assess impact in a systematic, replicable manner will be developed;
3. Coordinating efforts through a networking platform.

The project will serve as a pilot for establishing and expanding football-based social integration programmes supporting refugees and host communities in Europe and beyond. The expected outcomes include:

1. Promoting the direct engagement of refugees and host communities in strategic locations (within the EU, transit countries, third states) and the establishment of European centres of expertise through capacity building;
2. Developing a methodology of football-based refugee integration programmes which can be adapted for similar, future initiatives;
3. Putting in place a platform to disseminate the practice developed;
4. Promoting a Europe-wide approach, increasing the potential for European host communities to successfully engage and integrate refugees through sport.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 15 02 77 19** — Pilot project — Monitoring and coaching, through sports, of youngsters at risk of radicalisation

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	750 000			750 000	375 000

## Remarks:

The recent terrorist attacks in Europe highlighted an increased security threat posed by young, radicalised European citizens. Arguably, increased inequality, social exclusion and marginalisation are often root causes of this radicalisation trend.

This budget item covers bottom-up sport-related projects organised by local actors and civil society, targeting young people from disadvantaged family backgrounds – especially those who are considered at risk of radicalisation – with the aim of preventing marginalisation and radicalisation, tackling inequalities and helping these youngsters to find an identity and a sense of belonging.

Sports activities are extremely well suited for community building and strengthen social inclusion by respecting diversity and multicultural communities. Therefore, projects should offer sports, education and job coaching to teach essential skills such as social and communicative competences, critical thinking and problem solving.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 15 03 01 01** — Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions — generating, developing and transferring new skills, knowledge and innovation

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
820 241 594	700 365 833	820 241 594	700 365 833	830 241 594	710 365 833	820 241 594	700 365 833	820 241 594	700 365 833

**Article 15 03 05** — European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) — integrating the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
300 426 789	314 253 296	290 360 122	308 013 296	407 426 789	367 753 296	300 426 789	314 253 296	300 426 789	314 253 296

**Article 15 04 01** — Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
30 932 000	14 176 893	28 432 000	14 176 893	35 000 000	18 244 893	30 932 000	14 176 893	30 932 000	14 176 893

**Article 15 04 02** — Culture sub-programme — Supporting cross-border actions and promoting transnational circulation and mobility

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
54 350 000	43 430 071	51 850 000	42 930 071	68 000 000	57 080 071	54 350 000	43 430 071	55 350 000	44 229 071

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the following measures relating to the Culture sub-programme of the Creative Europe programme:

- supporting actions providing operators with skills and knowhow encouraging the adaption to digital technologies, including testing new approaches to audience building and business models,

- supporting actions enabling operators to internationalise their careers in Europe and beyond,
- providing support to strengthen European operators and international cultural networks in order to facilitate access to professional opportunities.

The priorities in the field of promoting transnational circulation shall be the following:

- supporting international touring, events and exhibitions,
- supporting the circulation of European literature,
- supporting audience building as a means of stimulating interest in European cultural works.

#### *Support measures of the Culture sub-programme*

The Culture sub-programme shall provide support for the following measures:

- transnational cooperation measures bringing together operators from different countries to undertake sectoral or cross-sectoral activities,
- activities by European networks of operators from different countries,
- activities by organisations providing a promotional European platform for the development of emerging talent and stimulating the circulation of artists and works, with a systemic and large scale effect,
- support for literary translation,
- special actions aiming to achieve greater visibility for the richness and diversity of European cultures, and stimulate intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding, including European cultural prizes, the European Heritage Label, and the European Capitals of Culture.

This appropriation may also finance the preparation of the European year for Cultural Heritage.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision

of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2014 to 2020) and repealing Decisions No 1718/2006/EC, No 1855/2006/EC and No 1041/2009/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 221).

### Item 15 04 77 11 — Preparatory action — New narrative on Europe

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	357 605	p.m.	357 605	750 000	750 000	p.m.	357 605	750 000	732 605

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The aim of this preparatory action is to enable the cultural committee behind the charter to continue its dialogue with citizens. The charter is to be seen as a beginning, with the arts community and citizens in Europe being invited to engage and participate in the ongoing discussion on the many narratives on Europe.

An overarching approach will be taken in the form of networks of citizens, cultural institutions and organisations spreading knowledge to the public and inviting citizens to play a role. Furthermore a corps of ambassadors will be established. The task of the ambassadors will be to interact with citizens in the ongoing debate about the new narrative and to engage with the European public.

Therefore, the preparatory action will continue to:

- conduct events to publicise the charter on the new narrative on Europe in as many Member States as possible, thereby fostering dialogue and debate,
- support public events with broad media coverage that are organised by cultural, scientific and citizens' organisations and focus on the debate on the new narrative on Europe,
- ensure maximum inclusion of citizens by supporting independent media platforms covering the debate on the new narrative on Europe.

This preparatory action is expected to meet the above three specific objectives.

To support these activities, the Commission works with contractors under framework contracts to deliver the following: organisation of high-level events, including exhibitions and cultural performances, covering travel and accommodation arrangements for participants and expert support for specific scheduling of events; logistical and advisory support for the cultural committee, covering travel and accommodation arrangements and organisation of attendance by members at dissemination events, as well as expert support for the committee's and others' tasks relating to specific scheduling of events; organisation of events by the Commission Representations in the Member States; communication campaigns, including through social media, across the Member States.

Commitment appropriations were entered for this preparatory action in the 2015 and 2016 budgets, following the pilot project under the 2013 and 2014 budgets. The objective of this action is to foster debate with young people at grassroots level and collect fresh views about the EU's current challenges, ways forward and the future of the European project. Its priority will be to reach out to young people, and with the cooperation and assistance of youth organisations it is expected to meet

the objectives of conducting events to foster dialogue and debate on the narratives for Europe in as many Member States as possible, supporting and participating in public events with broad media coverage that are organised by youth, cultural, scientific and citizens' organisations and focus on the debate on the new narrative for Europe, extending the debate through social media and ensuring maximum inclusion of citizens by supporting independent media platforms covering the debate on the new narrative for Europe.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 15 04 77 12 — Preparatory action — Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe (EFFE)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	175 000	p.m.	175 000	350 000	175 000	p.m.	175 000	350 000	175 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The EFFE pilot project is currently being implemented by the European Festivals Association together with 24 decentralised partner organisations across Europe and in close cooperation with the Commission's DG Education and Culture. On the basis of a preparatory action, the EFFE is expected to:

- create a labelling mechanism and exchange platform for festivals to capitalise on their potential to contribute to various EU policies, including innovation, social inclusion, education and intercultural dialogue. The activities implemented contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy, building on spill-over effects that the creative and cultural sectors have on a number of other fields such as tourism, and regional and urban development.;
- promote Europe's unique and crucial values, by giving them visibility and credibility, through a strong branding and communication strategy capable of providing the platform with the means to reach out to a large number of citizens across Europe, in particular young people.

Given its current success, it can be assumed that a preparatory action will continue to multiply the energy of festivals to enhance promotion of a smart, inclusive, and sustainable Europe.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 15 04 77 13 — Pilot project — Fight against illicit trafficking in cultural objects

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

Project overview

The project will comprise three stages:

1. Research-based analysis of the volume of and routes for illicit trafficking of cultural objects,
2. Awareness raising and training activities modules for judges, police and customs officers, government administrations and art market players, as well as awareness raising campaigns targeted at the general public,
3. Reproduction and dissemination of lost cultural heritage and possible use of new techniques by museums and cultural or educational institutions.

Outcome/possible evolution of the project

A conference and a study for the first stage, training modules for the second stage and an inventory of new techniques for the third stage.

Innovative/experimental nature of the project

The concept of the project is not covered by any existing programme. The project is too complex for a cooperation project under the cultural strand of the Creative Europe programme; in addition, some essential activities could not be covered (for instance the training modules for judges, police and customs officers) and the integrated character of the pilot project would therefore be lost. Co-financing requirements would be very difficult to meet for cultural organisations or even for international organisations.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 15 04 77 14** — Preparatory action — Open micro-business models for innovation in European family owned heritage houses

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

There is a clear momentum for cultural heritage as a strategic resource for a sustainable and peaceful Europe - 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage, EU Council's Conclusions on a Work Plan for Culture 2015-2018 - recalling the importance of activating spill-over effects and synergies across different stakeholders to safeguard, develop and transmit cultural heritage to future generations.

The following preparatory action proposal is targeted to a cluster of specific stakeholders that are not directly benefiting from current policies and programmes and that are key to implement a locally rooted and people-centred approach to cultural heritage able to catalyse open innovation in the sector.

European family-owned heritage houses are a EU cultural heritage key component and contributor to the attractiveness of Europe's regions, cities, towns and rural areas. Current EU actions specifically dedicated to cultural heritage, such as the European Heritage Days, EU Prize for Cultural Heritage, and European Heritage Label, are initiatives that attract larger cultural actors and SMEs better than households and family-owned micro-enterprises managing heritage and historic houses. Lacking the capability to sustain the owned cultural heritage legacies, households and families strive to develop and adopt innovative business models, relying upon traditional solutions



(i.e. visits, events, etc.) and models that aren't adapted to seize the opportunities created by the digital economy and CCI spillover effects on the economy and society.

Furthermore, a long-standing lack of maintenance and a weak culture of stewardship increase the risk of deterioration and neglect that should be prevented by targeting family-owned cultural heritage specific challenges.

The objective of the proposed preparatory actions is to map which micro business models are being used by family-owned heritage houses in the EU, compare and share them between the houses to boost this ecosystem.

In order to quantify and qualify the economic potential of the sector in the EU a study should take place, setting the framework to qualify the peculiarities of the sector, and define the business ecosystem. As a result of those case studies, micro-business models for innovation in European family-owned heritage houses will be typified and made accessible to the concerned actors and stakeholders. Finally, recommendations to the European Commission will be formulated based on the actions promoted during the pilot project.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 15 04 77 15 — Pilot project — Promotion of the EU values through music

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	500 000			1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

At a time when the EU is facing many challenges, this pilot project will bring together young talented musicians from all 28 EU Member States to bring visibility to Europe's core values and assets, building bridges among people through classical music. It will reach out to the younger generation in Europe, especially those most at risk of radicalisation by bringing together, through concerts and mentoring schemes, young classical musicians and young people from diverse backgrounds.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 16 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Communication' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
67 652 867	66 950 110	67 652 867	68 404 916	68 404 916

#### Item 16 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 816 976	5 716 432	5 816 976	5 861 231	5 861 231

**Item 16 01 02 03 — External personnel — Commission Representations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
16 913 000	16 913 000	16 913 000	17 067 000	17 067 000

**Item 16 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 917 858	2 871 164	2 917 858	2 917 858	2 917 858

**Item 16 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 271 433	4 135 924	4 271 433	4 271 433	4 271 433

**Item 16 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for communication actions**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 090 000	1 054 680	1 090 000	1 090 000	1 090 000

**Item 16 03 01 02 — Information for the media and audiovisual productions**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
6 177 000	4 958 000	6 077 000	4 958 000	7 177 000	5 958 000	6 177 000	4 958 000	6 177 000	4 958 000

**Item 16 03 01 04 — Communication of the Commission Representations, Citizens' Dialogues and 'Partnership' actions**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 036 000	14 600 000	16 036 000	13 600 000	17 036 000	14 600 000	17 036 000	14 600 000	17 036 000	14 600 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to fund general information to citizens and covers the expenditure on centralised and decentralised communication as well as the expenditure on Citizens' Dialogues. The aim of local communication activities is in particular to provide target groups with the tools to gain a better understanding of burning topical issues. The aim of Citizens' Dialogues is in particular to provide citizens with first-hand information on major Union policy initiatives and to promote an open dialogue between citizens and the Members of the Commission with regular attendance of representatives of other Union institutions and the Member States, in order to improve citizens' knowledge of Union issues and to allow citizens to make their voice heard to policymakers.

These activities are implemented in the Member States through:

- communication operations linked to specific annual or multiannual communication priorities,
- ad hoc communication operations on a national or international scale that fit in with the communication priorities,
- open door events for citizens from all walks of life,
- dialogues with citizens online on the internet and in social media,
- seminars and conferences as well as workshops with more specific target groups, such as young people, and by applying participatory methods,
- organisation of or participation in European events, exhibitions and public-relations activities, organisation of individual visits, etc.,
- direct communication measures targeted at the general public (e.g. citizens' advice services),

- direct communication measures targeted at opinion multipliers, in particular stepped-up measures involving the regional daily press, which is a major information outlet for a large number of Union citizens,
- the management of information centres for the general public in the Commission Representations.

Communication operations can be organised in partnership with the European Parliament and/or the Member States in order to create synergies between the means of each partner and to coordinate their information and communication activities on the European Union.

This appropriation could also serve to fund awareness raising and information activities on European Citizens' Initiatives in cooperation with representation offices and local Europe Direct Centres in the Member States.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, evaluations, logistical services, technical assistance, in particular for IT including web maintenance and social media services, meetings of experts and expert technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts as well as the repayment of travel and related expenses of persons invited to follow the work of the Commission.

This appropriation is also intended to cover IT expenditure for relevant Information and Management Systems development and maintenance.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 55 000.

### Legal basis:

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 16 03 02 03 — Online and written information and communication tools

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 710 000	26 075 000	23 210 000	25 075 000	24 710 000	27 075 000	23 710 000	26 075 000	23 710 000	26 075 000

#### Article 16 03 04 — House of European History

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 000 000	3 200 000	2 000 000	2 200 000	3 000 000	3 200 000	3 000 000	3 200 000	3 000 000	3 200 000

#### Article 17 01 01 — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the 'Health and food safety' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
71 499 351	70 756 638	71 499 351	72 294 157	72 294 157

#### Item 17 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 339 534	6 230 246	6 339 534	6 439 851	6 439 851

#### Item 17 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 854 304	7 539 991	7 854 304	7 854 304	7 854 304

**Item 17 01 03 01** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 514 291	4 371 076	4 514 291	4 514 291	4 514 291

**Item 17 01 04 02** — Support expenditure for the ‘Third programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020)’

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 500 000	1 400 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

**Item 17 01 04 03** — Support expenditure in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 500 000	1 400 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

**Article 17 03 01** — Third programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
58 820 000	46 000 000	57 820 000	46 000 000	58 820 000	46 000 000	58 820 000	46 000 000	58 820 000	46 000 000

**Article 17 03 11** — European Food Safety Authority

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
76 595 000	77 795 000	75 948 000	77 148 000	76 595 000	77 795 000	76 595 000	77 795 000	76 595 000	77 795 000

**Item 17 03 12 01** — Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 788 000	10 788 000	9 968 000	9 968 000	10 788 000	10 788 000	10 788 000	10 788 000	2 438 000	2 438 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency’s staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3), in order to carry out the tasks provided for in Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004.

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA states pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA states entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Agency’s establishment plan is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 15 204 000. An amount of EUR 12 766 000 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 2 438 000 entered in the budget.

### **Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 of 10 February 1995 on fees payable to the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 141/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1999 on orphan medicinal products (OJ L 18, 22.1.2000, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1) (replacing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2309/93).

### **Reference acts:**

Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products (OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 1).

Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 67).

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2049/2005 of 15 December 2005 laying down, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, rules regarding the payment of fees to, and the receipt of administrative assistance from, the European Medicines Agency by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 329, 16.12.2005, p. 4).

Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1768/92, Directive 2001/20/EC, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2007 on advanced therapy medicinal products and amending Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 (OJ L 324, 10.12.2007, p. 121).

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008 of 24 November 2008 concerning the examination of variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products for human use and veterinary medicinal products (OJ L 334, 12.12.2008, p. 7).

Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 152, 16.6.2009, p. 11).

Regulation (EU) No 1235/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2010 amending, as regards pharmacovigilance of medicinal products for human use, Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency, and Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007 on advanced therapy medicinal products (OJ L 348, 31.12.2010, p. 1).

**Item 17 03 77 28** — Pilot project — Rare 2030 - A participatory foresight study for policy-making on rare diseases

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	400 000			500 000	250 000

**Remarks:**

‘Foresight studies’ look into the longer-term impact of policies and technologies and anticipate emerging societal challenges. They identify and analyse societal challenges that have implications for policies and research over an extended period of time, following a defined methodological approach based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods and techniques (e.g. scenario analysis and trend analysis). They are highly participatory, engaging experts from different backgrounds and gathering widely distributed intelligence.

The objective of a ‘Rare 2030’ foresight study is to propose sustainable policy scenarios in the field of rare diseases for the period 2020-2030 and to address challenges and opportunities up until 2030 in an innovative manner. The study will build on an existing knowledge base and on what has been done to date (e.g. Commission Communication on rare diseases: Europe's challenges (COM(2008)0679), the Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02), activities of Joint Actions on Rare Diseases supporting the implementation of policy priorities, rare disease research funded under EU research and innovation programmes, etc.).

By generating insights on the dynamics of change, future challenges and options, along with new ideas, the study will transmit to EU and local policymakers inputs for policy conceptualisation and design. This in turn will serve to sustain the momentum of scientific and technological advances, address the societal challenges that they bring, be a useful reference for the whole community and guide strategies tailored to patients’ needs.

Method - Rare 2030 is a two-year project, led by a research team, but using inclusive methods to promote a continuous bottom-up approach so as to put more emphasis on interaction and to encourage a broad take-up by patients, stakeholders and society at large.

The methodological steps and timeline for Rare 2030 will include:

- Base research, including literature reviews and exploratory interviews to identify drivers of change and current and future challenges;
- Establishment of an expert, multi-stakeholder panel;
- An interdisciplinary and forward-looking workshop to discuss the study’s methodology, political and scientific drivers, and implications for R&D;
- Scenario-building, based on participatory methods (expert panels, Delphi methods, gaming, etc.), open to large groups of stakeholders on a European level. Scenarios will be used as a decision-making tool, to reveal available choices and their potential consequences;
- A European citizens’ conference to present, discuss and review decision-making results, engaging society to shape and take ownership of the outcomes;
- Policy recommendations bringing together the results of the scenarios and conference;
- A final report, translated into various EU languages, outlining the recommendations and outcomes of the project and measuring its impact.

Background - In Europe a disease or disorder is defined as rare when it affects less than one in 2000 people. An estimated 6000 to 8000 rare diseases affect between 27 and 36 million people in the EU.

They are often chronic, highly complex and debilitating: a burden on the patient, their families and society as a whole.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 17 04 01** — Ensuring a higher animal health status and high level of protection of animals in the Union

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
165 000 000	151 300 000	165 000 000	149 800 000	165 000 000	151 300 000	165 000 000	151 300 000	165 000 000	151 300 000

**Article 17 04 02** — Ensuring timely detection of harmful organisms for plants and their eradication

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
15 000 000	10 000 000	13 800 000	8 300 000	15 000 000	10 000 000	15 000 000	10 000 000	15 000 000	10 000 000

**Article 17 04 03** — Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
53 558 000	49 500 000	51 558 000	49 000 000	53 558 000	49 500 000	53 558 000	49 500 000	53 558 000	49 500 000

**Article 17 04 04** — Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
20 000 000	16 000 000	19 000 000	16 000 000	20 000 000	16 000 000	20 000 000	16 000 000	20 000 000	16 000 000

**Item 17 04 77 05** — Pilot project — Establishment of a harmonised internal market for pigmeat obtained from pigs that have not been surgically castrated

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				600 000	600 000			600 000	300 000

## Remarks:

As shown by the results of the latest special Eurobarometer on animal welfare, an overwhelming majority of European citizens care deeply for the welfare of farmed animals and believe that they should be better protected. The surgical castration of young piglets without pain relief is a common and increasingly controversial pig management practice, currently affecting 63 million animals every year. Yet practical experience from major pork supply chains within the European Union shows that viable and profitable alternatives to surgical castration exist. The pilot project will bring major stakeholders together – slaughterhouses, food processors and retailers, and involving farmers as needed – and foster the sharing and dissemination of techniques and best practices that eliminate the need to castrate pigs surgically. Emphasis will be given to knowledge transfer activities concerning (a) reliable and viable boar taint detection methods, (b) utilisation of boar-tainted carcasses during processing, and (c) marketing and promotion of meat from pigs that are not surgically castrated. Trust building and exchange of information among all market participants in a peer-to-peer environment will be an important communication activity. The project will deliver a practice-based guidance document paving the way for a harmonised internal market for pigmeat obtained from animals that are not surgically castrated.

The European Declaration on Alternatives to Surgical Castration of Pigs is a voluntary and stakeholder-driven agreement to phase out surgical castration of pigs by 2018. The declaration was signed by 33 parties representing European farmers, the meat industry, retailers, scientists, veterinarians and animal welfare NGOs. While some member states have taken concrete initiatives to this end, there is currently no harmonised internal market for pig meat obtained from pigs that have not been surgically castrated. This is hindering the progress of the Declaration. The pilot project will accelerate the process by providing and disseminating practical solutions to commonly perceived problems among key operators of the pork chain, while also showcasing the associated economic and societal advantages of ending the surgical castration of pigs.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 18 01 01** — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Migration and Home affairs’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
47 062 864	46 573 990	47 062 864	47 586 028	47 586 028

**Item 18 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 724 432	2 673 416	2 724 432	2 762 068	2 762 068

**Item 18 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 516 764	2 448 624	2 516 764	2 516 764	2 516 764

**Article 18 01 03** — Expenditure relating to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Migration and home affairs’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 971 432	2 877 164	2 971 432	2 971 432	2 971 432

**Item 18 01 04 03** — Support expenditure for the programme ‘Europe for citizens’

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
167 000	163 200	167 000	167 000	167 000

**Item 18 01 05 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 108 942	1 808 942	2 108 942	2 108 942	2 108 942

**Item 18 02 01 03** — Establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register data on the entry, exit and refusal of entry of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union

	Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 01 03	40 000 000	28 000 000	40 000 000	28 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	40 000 000	28 000 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve					40 000 000	28 000 000			40 000 000	28 000 000
Total	40 000 000	28 000 000	40 000 000	28 000 000	40 000 000	28 000 000	40 000 000	28 000 000	40 000 000	28 000 000



## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the setting up and running of IT systems, their communication infrastructure and equipment supporting the management of migration flows across the external borders of the Union.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with point (e) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

## Conditions for releasing the reserve:

The appropriations have been entered in the reserve and will be released following:

- the conclusion of the legislative procedure establishing the Entry/Exit System.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).

## Reference acts:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 6 April 2016, establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third country national crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 (COM(2016) 194 final).

## Article 18 02 04 — European Police Office (Europol)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
111 711 613	111 711 613	111 711 613	111 711 613	119 279 613	119 279 613	113 051 613	113 051 613	113 726 613	113 726 613

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the Office's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure (Title 3).

The Office must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (point (c) of Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Office's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 114 623 613. An amount of EUR 897 000 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 113 726 613 entered in the budget.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA (OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53).

**Item 18 03 01 01** — Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
952 888 126	740 159 432	952 888 126	740 159 432	952 888 126	740 159 432	951 548 126	738 819 432	951 548 126	738 819 432

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to contribute to strengthen and develop all aspects of the common European asylum system, including its external dimension and to enhance the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows, including through practical cooperation.

In the case of the common European asylum system, this appropriation is intended to cover actions relating to reception and asylum systems and actions enhancing the capacity of Member States to develop, monitor and evaluate their asylum policies and procedures. Particular attention should be paid to the specific situation of vulnerable women, especially women with children, and unaccompanied young girls, and to the imperative of preventing gender based violence in reception and asylum centres.

This appropriation is also intended to cover actions related to the resettlement, transfer of applicants for and beneficiaries of international protection and other ad hoc humanitarian admission

At the Commission's initiative, the appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union. These actions shall, in particular, support:

- the furthering of Union cooperation in implementing Union law and in sharing good practices in the field of asylum, notably on gender-sensitive reception centres, resettlement and transfer of applicants for and/or beneficiaries of international protection from one Member State to another including through networking and exchanging information, including arrival support and coordination activities to promote resettlement with the local communities that are to welcome resettled refugees,
- the setting-up of transnational cooperation networks and pilot projects, including innovative projects, based on transnational partnerships between bodies located in two or more Member States designed to stimulate innovation, and to facilitate exchanges of experience and good practice,
- studies and research on possible new forms of Union cooperation in the field of asylum, and relevant Union law, the dissemination and exchange of information on best practices and on all other aspects of asylum policies, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union,
- development and application by Member States of common statistical tools, methods and indicators for measuring policy developments in the field of asylum, including gender- and age-disaggregated data.
- preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical support, development of an evaluation mechanism, required to implement the policies on asylum,

- cooperation with third countries on the basis of the Union’s global approach to migration and mobility, in particular in the framework of the implementation mobility partnerships, regional protection programmes,
- awareness-raising, information and communication activities in relation to Union home affairs policies, priorities and achievements.

This appropriation shall also cover urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 of 14 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and of Greece (OJ L 239, 15.9.2015, p. 146).

Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece (OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p. 80).

### Reference acts

Commission Recommendation of 11.1.2016 for a voluntary humanitarian admission scheme with Turkey (C(2015) 9490 final, 11.1.2016).

Proposal for a Council Decision, submitted by the Commission on 21 March 2016, amending Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece (COM(2016) 171 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 4 May 2016, establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (COM(2016) 270).

**Item 18 03 01 02** — Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
666 210 994	285 783 460	666 210 994	285 783 460	666 210 994	285 783 460	666 210 994	285 783 460	666 210 994	285 783 460

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to support legal migration to the Member States in line with their economic and social needs such as labour market needs, while safeguarding the integrity of the immigration systems of Member States, to promote the effective integration of third-country nationals, and to enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States, which contribute to combating illegal immigration, with an emphasis on sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries of origin and transit.

As regards legal migration and the integration of third-country nationals, this appropriation is intended to cover immigration and pre-departure measures, integration measures, and practical cooperation and capacity building measures of Member States.

As regards fair and effective return strategies, this appropriation is intended to cover measures accompanying return procedures, return measures, practical cooperation and capacity building measures of Member States.

At the Commission's initiative, the appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union. These actions shall, in particular, support:

- the furthering of Union cooperation in implementing Union law and in sharing good practices in the field of legal migration, integration of third-country nationals, and return; good practices should include examples of successful integration of female third-country nationals,
- the setting-up of transnational cooperation networks and pilot projects, including innovative projects, based on transnational partnerships between bodies located in two or more Member States designed to stimulate innovation, and to facilitate exchanges of experience and good practice,
- studies and research on possible new forms of Union cooperation in the field of immigration, integration and return and relevant Union law, the dissemination and exchange of information on best practices and on all other aspects of immigration, integration and return policies, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union,
- development and application by Member States of common statistical tools, methods and indicators for measuring policy developments in the field of legal migration and integration and return, including gender- and age-disaggregated data and monitoring participation by third-country nationals in education and the labour market,
- preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical support, development of an evaluation mechanism, required to implement the policies on immigration,
- cooperation with third countries on the basis of the Union's global approach to migration and mobility, in particular in the framework of the implementation of readmission agreements, mobility partnerships,
- information measures and campaigns in third countries aimed at raising awareness of appropriate legal channels for immigration and the risks of illegal immigration,
- awareness-raising, information and communication activities in relation to Union home affairs policies, priorities and achievements.

This appropriation shall also cover the European Migration Network for its activities and its future development.

### **Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112).

Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

## Article 18 03 02 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
66 206 000	66 206 000	66 206 000	66 206 000	71 206 000	71 206 000	66 206 000	66 206 000	69 206 000	69 206 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the Office's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2) and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Office must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (point (c) of Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

The Office's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 69 206 000.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office (OJ L 132, 29.5.2010, p. 11).

### Reference acts:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 4 May 2016, on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 (COM(2016) 271 final).

**Item 18 03 77 11** — Pilot project —Private sponsorships: enhancing refugee resettlement opportunities and ensuring the availability of safe and regular routes for refugees to reach the EU

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

Refugee resettlement, typically thought of as a government-led activity, can also be sponsored by private individuals, groups and other entities. Over the past four decades, only a handful of private sponsorship arrangements have been put in place. This pilot project will focus on exploring and implementing private sponsorship programmes as a safe, regular and orderly means for refugees to reach protection in the European Union.

Transparent private sponsorship arrangements developed in cooperation with national, local and regional authorities could significantly enhance refugee resettlement opportunities and ensure the availability of safe and regular routes for refugees to reach the European Union.

The pilot project will investigate the possible benefits, costs and practical implementation of private sponsorship arrangements, with a view to making private sponsorship part of the refugee protection landscape in Europe.

## Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 18 04 01 01** — Europe for citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 231 000	22 760 000	23 231 000	20 760 000	27 881 000	27 410 000	23 231 000	22 760 000	23 231 000	22 760 000

## Remarks:

In accordance with the programme 'Europe for citizens' and under the overall aim of bringing Europe closer to its citizens, the general objectives of the programme are to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union and to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

This appropriation is intended to cover actions such as partnerships, structural support, remembrance projects, Union history and its identity, citizens' meetings, networks of twinned towns, citizens' and civil societies projects, peer reviews, studies and communication services, support measures, events and support structures in the Member States, including projects carried out by civil society organisations promoting integration, linguistic diversity, cohesion, and non-discrimination, with particular focus on European minorities.

This appropriation is also intended to promote European citizenship by informing people, in all the official Union languages, about their rights as Union citizens, the opportunities for civic participation at Union level, and the impact of the Union on their daily lives.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

## Legal basis:

Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p. 3), and in particular Article 2 thereof.

## Reference acts:

### Item 18 04 01 02 — European citizens' initiative

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
840 000	740 000	840 000	740 000	1 000 000	900 000	840 000	740 000	840 000	740 000

#### Remarks:

The general aim of this programme is to reinforce the democratic functioning of the Union by providing European citizens with the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union by way of a European citizens' initiative (ECI).

Part of the appropriation will be used to establish a 'one-stop shop' in each Member State where citizens can be given the best professional guidance on ECI procedures.

This appropriation is also intended to cover communication, administration and support costs for the ECI. It will also cover activities to eliminate the hurdles to using the ECI and to harmonise further the procedure and requirements for the submission of ECIs across Europe.

This appropriation is also intended to fund communication campaigns to raise public awareness of the ECI.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

#### Legal basis:

Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the 'Europe for citizens' programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p. 3), and in particular Article 2 thereof.

### Item 18 05 03 01 — Fostering secure European societies

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
149 923 837	149 485 193	149 923 837	149 485 193	170 723 837	159 885 193	149 923 837	149 485 193	149 923 837	149 485 193

### Article 18 06 01 — Supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 132 000	2 756 200	2 632 000	2 456 200	3 132 000	2 756 200	3 132 000	2 756 200	3 132 000	2 756 200

### Item 19 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Headquarters

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	7 353 573		7 277 186		7 353 573		7 435 317		7 435 317

**Item 19 01 01 02 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 810 868	1 810 868	1 810 868	1 829 787	1 829 787

**Item 19 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 083 983	2 052 088	2 083 983	2 127 246	2 127 246

**Item 19 01 02 02 — External personnel — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
61 685	60 598	61 685	61 685	61 685

**Item 19 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
557 372	543 877	557 372	557 372	557 372

**Item 19 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
80 365	77 450	80 365	80 365	80 365

**Item 19 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
464 286	449 557	464 286	464 286	464 286

**Item 19 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
384 084	378 846	384 084	384 084	384 084

**Item 19 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 980 000	6 550 000	6 980 000	6 980 000	6 980 000

**Item 19 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) — Expenditure related to election observation Missions (EOMs)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
721 211	691 211	721 211	721 211	721 211

**Article 19 02 01 — Response to crisis and emerging crisis**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
170 200 000	181 000 000	170 200 000	181 000 000	221 200 000	232 000 000	170 200 000	181 000 000	170 200 000	181 000 000

**Article 19 02 02 — Support to conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 000 000	17 000 000	29 000 000	17 000 000	32 000 000	20 000 000	29 000 000	17 000 000	29 000 000	17 000 000

**Item 19 03 01 05 — Emergency measures**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
69 480 000	33 212 812	62 850 000	33 212 812	69 480 000	33 212 812	69 480 000	33 212 812	62 850 000	30 043 812



**Item 19 03 01 07 — European Union Special Representatives**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
24 020 000	26 861 438	24 020 000	26 861 438	p.m.	p.m.	10 250 000	13 091 438	24 020 000	26 861 438

**Article 19 04 01 — Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
45 363 394	37 522 500	45 363 394	37 522 500	47 363 394	39 522 500	45 363 394	37 522 500	45 363 394	37 522 500

**Article 19 05 01 — Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
112 899 000	84 191 000	105 599 000	76 891 000	112 899 000	84 191 000	112 899 000	84 191 000	112 899 000	84 191 000

**Item 20 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
54 190 172		53 627 262		54 190 172		54 792 565		54 792 565	

**Item 20 01 01 02 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
14 305 864		14 305 864		14 305 864		14 455 314		14 455 314	

**Item 20 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 936 642		2 885 969		2 936 642		2 986 234		2 986 234	

**Item 20 01 02 02 — External personnel — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
7 340 489		7 211 141		7 340 489		7 340 489		7 340 489	

**Item 20 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
4 345 210		4 252 435		4 345 210		4 345 210		4 345 210	

**Item 20 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 446 578		1 394 092		1 446 578		1 446 578		1 446 578	

**Item 20 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 421 433		3 312 889		3 421 433		3 421 433		3 421 433	

**Item 20 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
6 913 500		6 819 214		6 913 500		6 913 500		6 913 500	

**Article 20 02 01 — External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
13 000 000	11 500 000	12 100 000	11 000 000	20 000 000	18 500 000	13 000 000	11 500 000	13 000 000	11 500 000

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the following actions:

### *Activities supporting the conduct of ongoing and new multi and bilateral trade negotiations*

Actions aim to strengthen the Union's negotiating position in ongoing multilateral trade negotiations (in the context of the Doha Development Agenda) as well as ongoing and new bilateral and regional trade negotiations, to ensure that Union policy conception is based on the highest economic, social and environmental standards, as well as comprehensive and up-to-date expert information and to build coalitions for their successful completion, including:

- meetings, conferences and seminars in connection with the preparation of policy and negotiating positions and with the conduct of ongoing as well as new trade negotiations,
- development and implementation of a consistent and comprehensive communication and information strategy, promoting the Union's trade policy and raising awareness of the detail and objectives of the Union's trade policy and ongoing negotiation positions, both within and outside the Union,
- information activities and seminars for state and non-state actors (including civil society and business actors) to explain the state of play of ongoing negotiations and of the implementation of existing agreements.

### *Studies, evaluations and impact assessments in relation to trade agreements and policies*

Actions to ensure that the Union's trade policy is underpinned by, and takes proper account of, *ex ante* and *ex post* evaluation results, including:

- impact assessments carried out in view of possible new legislative proposals and sustainable impact assessments carried out in support of ongoing negotiations, in order to analyse the potential economic, social and environmental benefits of trade agreements and, where necessary, to propose flanking measures to combat any negative outcomes for specific countries or sectors,
- evaluations of the policies and practices of the Directorate-General for Trade, to be carried out following its multiannual evaluation plan,
- expert, legal and economic studies related to ongoing negotiations and existing agreements, policy developments and trade disputes.

### *Trade-related technical assistance, training and other capacity-building actions towards third countries*

Actions aiming to strengthen the capacity of third countries to participate in international, bilateral or bi-regional trade negotiations, to implement international trade agreements and to participate in the world trading system, including:

- projects involving training and capacity-building actions aimed at developing country officials and operators, mainly in the field of sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, and with regard to equivalent environmental, animal welfare and social standards, thus enabling developing countries to export quality goods to the EU, which also contributes to a more level playing field,
- reimbursement of the expenses of participants in forums and conferences designed to build awareness and expertise in trade affairs among developing country nationals,
- management, operating, further development and promotion of the Export Helpdesk that provides business in partner countries with information on access to Union markets and

facilitates efforts by business to take advantage of market access opportunities offered by the international trading system,

- trade-related technical assistance programmes arranged in the forum of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other multilateral organisations, in particular WTO Trust Funds, in the framework of the Doha Development Agenda.

#### *Market access activities supporting the implementation of the Union's market access strategy*

Actions in support of the Union's market access strategy, which aims at removing or lowering barriers to trade, identifying trade restrictions in third countries and, where appropriate, removing obstacles to trade. These actions may include:

- maintenance, operating and further development of the market access database available to economic operators via the Internet, listing trade barriers and other information affecting Union exports and Union exporters; purchase of the necessary information, data and documentation for this database,
- specific analysis of the various obstacles to trade in key markets, including analysis of the implementation by third countries of their obligations under international trade agreements, in connection with the preparation of negotiations,
- conferences, seminars and other information activities (e.g. production and distribution of studies, information packs, publications and leaflets) to inform businesses, Member States officials and other actors about trade barriers and trade policy instruments aimed at protecting the Union against unfair trading practices such as dumping or export subsidies,
- support to the European industry for the organisation of activities specifically geared towards market access issues.

#### *Activities supporting the implementation of existing rules and monitoring of trade obligations*

Actions to support the implementation of existing trade agreements and the enforcement of related systems that enable effective implementation of these agreements as well as the conduct of investigations and inspection visits to ensure third countries are respecting the rules, including:

- exchange of information, training, seminars and communication activities to support the implementation of existing Union legislation in the area of dual-use export controls,
- activities to facilitate investigations carried out in the context of the trade defence investigations with the aim of defending Union producers against unfair trade practices by third countries (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards instruments) that can be harmful to the economy of the Union. In particular, activities will focus on the development, maintenance, operations and security of information technology systems supporting trade defence activities, the production of communications tools, the purchase of legal services in third countries and the conducting of expert studies,
- activities supporting the advisory groups monitoring the implementation of trade agreements entered into force. This includes financing of the members' and experts' travel expenses and accommodation,
- activities to ensure timely preparation and implementation of Domestic Advisory Group and Joint Consultative Committee tasks,
- activities supporting the acquisition of relevant data to form a basis for Domestic Advisory Group and Joint Consultative Committee discussions,

- activities with a view to promoting the Union’s external trade policy through a process of structured dialogue with key opinion makers of civil society and stakeholders, including small and medium-sized enterprises, on external trade issues,
- activities related to the promotion and communication on trade agreements, both within the Union and in partner countries. This will primarily be implemented by means of production and dissemination of audio-visual, electronic and graphical support and printed publications, subscriptions to trade relevant media and databases, translation of communication materials into non-Union languages, media-oriented actions, including new media products,
- development, maintenance and operating of information systems in support of the operational activities in the ‘Trade’ policy area such as: Integrated Statistical Database (ISDB), Dual-Use e-system, Market Access Database, Export Helpdesk, Export Credit Database, SIGL and SIGL Wood systems, Civil Society platform and tools for monitoring and supporting trade agreements.

#### *Legal and other expert assistance*

Actions to ensure that the Union’s trading partners effectively adhere to and comply with obligations arising under the WTO and other multilateral and bilateral agreements, including:

- expert studies, including inspection visits, as well as specific investigations and seminars on implementation by third countries of their obligations under international trade agreements,
- legal expertise, especially on questions of foreign law, required to facilitate the prosecution by the Union of its positions in WTO dispute-settlement cases, other expert studies necessary for the preparation, management and follow-up to WTO dispute settlement cases,
- arbitration costs, legal expertise and fees incurred by the Union as party to the disputes arising from the implementation of international and bilateral agreements concluded under Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

#### *Investment dispute resolution systems as established by international agreements*

The following expenditure is to support:

- standing costs for the operation of Investment Court Systems (First Tribunal and Appeal Instance) arising from the implementation of international agreements concluded under Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- arbitration costs, legal expertise and fees incurred by the Union as party to disputes brought by investors under these international agreements,
- payment of a final award or of an award settlement paid to an investor in the context of such international agreements.

#### *Activities supporting trade policy*

This appropriation is also intended to cover general expenditure on translations, press events, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme or measures coming under this article, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts, such as the maintenance of the Directorate-General for Trade and Trade Commissioner’s Internet site.

Any revenue in the context of the management by the Union of the financial responsibilities linked to investor-state dispute settlement may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation.

Part of this appropriation is intended to cover a comprehensive approach to communications to engage the general public and all stakeholders and maximise transparency with regard to the activities of the Directorate-General for Trade, especially with regard to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). This will include engagement and dialogue events, such as press or stakeholder events, publishing of information, translations, consultations and follow-up and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the activities coming under this article, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts, such as maintenance of DG TRADE's and the Trade Commissioner's websites. Activities to engage the public and all stakeholders are crucial to a transparent, successful and comprehensive trade policy.

### Legal basis:

Council and Commission Decision 98/181/EC, ECSC, Euratom of 23 September 1997 on the conclusion, by the European Communities, of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects (OJ L 69, 9.3.1998, p. 1).

Council Decision 98/552/EC of 24 September 1998 on the implementation by the Commission of activities relating to the Community market access strategy (OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 31).

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 21 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Headquarters

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
67 426 603	66 726 196	67 426 603	68 176 136	68 176 136

#### Item 21 01 01 02 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Union delegations

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
80 402 579	80 402 579	80 402 579	81 242 523	81 242 523

#### Item 21 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 703 539	2 655 661	2 703 539	2 747 448	2 747 448

#### Item 21 01 02 02 — External personnel — Union delegations

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 467 391	2 423 913	2 467 391	2 467 391	2 467 391

#### Item 21 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure — Headquarters

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 355 427	4 258 034	4 355 427	4 355 427	4 355 427

#### Item 21 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure — Union delegations

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 536 082	3 407 783	3 536 082	3 536 082	3 536 082

#### Item 21 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 257 147	4 122 091	4 257 147	4 257 147	4 257 147

**Item 21 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
16 899 666	16 669 190	16 899 666	16 899 666	16 899 666

**Item 21 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
84 993 151	81 923 151	84 993 151	84 993 151	84 993 151

**Item 21 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
10 108 836	9 908 836	10 108 836	10 108 836	10 108 836

**Item 21 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from Development Cooperation Instruments (DCIs)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 650 000	2 310 000	2 650 000	2 650 000	2 650 000

**Article 21 02 01 — Cooperation with Latin America**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576	333 350 242	245 571 576	333 350 242	245 571 576	333 350 242	245 571 576

**Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	681 719 915	290 000 000	771 719 915	310 000 000	771 719 915	310 000 000

**Article 21 02 03 — Cooperation with Central Asia**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 810 250	56 000 000

**Article 21 02 04 — Cooperation with the Middle East**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000	73 997 174	32 500 000	66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000

**Article 21 02 05 — Cooperation with Afghanistan**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
238 677 685	90 000 000	238 677 685	90 000 000	238 677 685	90 000 000	238 677 685	90 000 000	238 677 685	90 000 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover Union operations in the framework of the Afghanistan reconstruction process. It is supplemented by expenditure from other chapters and articles, to which different procedures apply.

The Commission will monitor compliance with the conditions for the Union contribution to this process, notably full implementation of the post-Bonn process. It will keep the European Parliament and the Council informed on its findings and conclusions.

This appropriation is intended to support basic social services and economic development in Afghanistan.

This appropriation is also intended to support the Afghanistan national drug control strategy, including halting the production of opium in Afghanistan, and the disruption and destruction of the opium networks and illegal export routes to European countries.

A relevant part of this appropriation must be exclusively devoted to fund the start-up of the 5-year plan for phasing out opium cultivation by replacing it with alternative production in order to obtain a verifiable outcome in this field, in line with the demands expressed in the European Parliament resolution of 16 December 2010 on a new strategy for Afghanistan (OJ C 169 E, 15.6.2012, p. 108).

This appropriation is also intended to support the Union contribution to the processes for the return of Afghan refugees and displaced persons to their country and regions of origin in accordance with the commitments entered into by the European Community at the Tokyo Conference in January 2002.

This appropriation is also intended to finance activities of women's organisations which have worked for a long time for Afghan women's rights.

The Union should increase its financial assistance in Afghanistan for areas such as health (construction and renovation of hospitals, prevention of child mortality, strengthening of health systems, eradicating polio in what is one of the last 'endemic' countries) and small and medium-sized infrastructure projects (repairing of road network, embankments, etc.), as well as effectively implementing job security and food security schemes.

Part of this appropriation will be used for the protection of human rights, including freedom of religion and belief.

Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction, based on ownership and national strategies of disaster-prone countries.

Part of this appropriation is intended to be used, with due regard for the Financial Regulation, to improve the situation of women, with priority for actions in the fields of health and education, and to support their active involvement in all areas and at all levels of decision-making.

Particular attention will also be paid to the situation of women and girls in all other actions and projects supported by this appropriation.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

### Article 21 02 06 — Cooperation with South Africa

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	59 770 001	16 446 000	59 770 001	16 446 000	59 770 001	16 446 000

**Item 21 02 07 01 — Environment and climate change**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
178 927 294	95 000 000	172 897 294	94 400 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	178 927 294	95 000 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions under the 'Environment and climate change subtheme', of the 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' programme.

It will be used in particular to finance initiatives in the following areas: climate change adaptation and mitigation and transition to climate resilient low-carbon societies; protection, enhancement and sustainable management of natural capital (e.g. biodiversity, ecosystem services, forests, land, water resources); transformation towards an inclusive green economy; integration of environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction in the Union's development cooperation programmes; international governance of environment and climate. Attention will be paid to relevant governance issues and support be given to the pursuit of relevant global targets, such as sustainability goals set within a post-2015 development framework. This appropriation will also be used to encourage public-private partnerships to fight climate change and support green energy projects in the infrastructure, telecommunications and other sectors.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the transfer agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union trust funds.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

**Item 21 02 07 02 — Sustainable energy**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
78 523 242	63 100 000	76 823 242	63 100 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	78 523 242	63 100 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover provision of financial support to actions under the 'Sustainable energy subtheme' of the 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' programme.

It will be used for promoting access to reliable, secure, affordable, climate-friendly and sustainable energy services as a key driver for poverty eradication and inclusive growth and development with a special emphasis on the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and on ensuring access for poor people in remote regions. Investments and public-private partnerships to improve energy efficiency in generation, transmission, distribution and smart use of energy including through supporting implementation of innovative projects in poor urban and semi-urban communities will be also supported. Likewise, actions for building strategic alliances to achieve



sustainable energy goals through facilitating dialogue and coordination with key players and other donors are envisaged.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the transfer agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union trust funds.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

#### Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	138 000 000

#### Item 21 02 07 04 — Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	192 181 168	110 000 000

#### Item 21 02 07 05 — Migration and asylum

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
48 273 912	35 000 000	48 273 912	35 000 000	63 273 912	50 000 000	448 273 912	155 000 000	404 973 912	115 722 000

#### Item 21 02 08 01 — Civil society in development

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
191 932 988	130 000 000	179 132 988	114 500 000	191 932 988	130 000 000	191 932 988	130 000 000	191 932 988	130 000 000

#### Item 21 02 08 02 — Local authorities in development

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
63 310 996	25 000 000	59 700 996	23 500 000	63 310 996	25 000 000	63 310 996	25 000 000	63 310 996	25 000 000

#### Item 21 02 77 24 — Pilot project — Mapping the global threat posed by antimicrobial resistance

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	300 000	p.m.	300 000	750 000	750 000	p.m.	300 000	750 000	675 000

#### Item 21 02 77 25 — Pilot project — Enhance children's rights, protection and access to education for children and adolescents displaced in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	350 000	p.m.	350 000	750 000	500 000	p.m.	350 000	750 000	500 000

**Item 21 02 77 26** — Pilot project — Education services for children formerly associated with armed forces and groups in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA) in South Sudan

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	1 000 000	500 000	p.m.	p.m.	1 000 000	500 000

**Item 21 02 77 27** — Pilot project — Piloting the use of Participatory Rangeland Management (PRM) in Kenya and Tanzania

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	1 000 000	500 000	p.m.	p.m.	1 000 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation will be used to extend the existing pilot project for a second financial year.

Timeline for the pilot project: a period of 2 years.

Coverage: five villages in one district in Tanzania (Kiteto District) and in three counties in Kenya (Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Turkana).

The estimated appropriation to cover the pilot is based on previous intervention by Cordaid in other districts and counties.

*Stage 1: Investigating PRM (including analysing previous experience) and mapping livestock tracking routes*

Communities traditionally used communal resource areas. Shrinkage in seasonal grazing is perceived by communities as an immediate and real threat to their livelihoods; therefore this activity has also an extra awareness-raising component. Boundaries and land ownership are even bigger threats to sustainable livelihoods in resource-dependent communities in these villages, both in Kenya and Tanzania. This action will apply a combined technique of resource mapping and capacity development:

- mapping — using technically advanced geographic information technologies, such as aerial photography, remote sensing technology and geographic information systems for mapping land and natural resource rights, use and management,
- land and water rights — recognising and documenting small-scale farmers' land and water rights, pastoralists' common grazing areas and routes,
- group rights — recognising and documenting group rights, focusing on range and grazing lands, forests and artisanal fishing areas through a participatory process,
- women's access — strengthening women's access to land and other natural resources,
- inclusive business — documenting best practices in securing land and natural resource rights through business partnerships between small-scale farmers and investors,
- transboundary resources — the sharing of such resources with minimal conflict will be facilitated through proper development of resource maps; information gathering will be a multi-stakeholder process and will use a modern technique (GIS — Geographical Information System); this may also include the use of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) tool developed by Global Tool Land Network (GLTN), which enhances effective participatory identification of natural resources, demarcation/boundaries and corridors.

The identification of resources and the documentation thereof involves producing maps that indicate the specific areas in which resources are located. Map-sketching is done in a participatory manner.

The communities will be aware of what is on their lands, including opportunities for social economic advancement. It has been proved that this approach opens up dialogue between the various groups, with a view to identifying the problems and giving thought to possible solutions.

*Stage 2: Negotiating PRM and facilitating legal support for livestock tracking routes*

Tanzania has institutions such as Village Development Committees, which will assist in community mobilisation. District Councils (at local level) provide appropriate experts such as District Land Officers and District Livestock and Agricultural Officers. In Kenya, for effective rangelands and resources mapping processes, the County Land Management Boards, community land boards and community land assemblies, together with county governments, will be instrumental in the process. There will be close cooperation with the National Land Commission. It is expected that the process of mapping, documenting and authenticating such processes will be effective and inclusive by also including local NGOs involved in practical implementation, which will provide, if necessary, information on areas they are working on.

Other potential activities at this stage will consist in monitoring by local authorities, including the joint formulation of a resilience management strategy and identification of resilience-building requirements for the various groups. Use will be made at this stage of PRM tools and lessons learnt from previous experience. The PRM guidelines developed on the basis of previous intervention will be adapted if necessary.

*Stage 3: Implementation*

The pilot will not stand alone; it will be a component of similar initiatives in other regions of the countries; and, if necessary, there will be coordination with the Sustainable Rangelands Management Programme, the Joint Village Land Use Planning arrangement and the Rangeland Initiative. This will benefit from infrastructure developed through these initiatives; and synergies will be built, including possible scaling up through a strategic partnership with partners such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Land Coalition.

Information collection and documentation involves a capacity-building approach using audiovisual material accessible to community members. Sessions will be facilitated by community leaders and will be filmed (DVD) so that the various groups can look back at discussions and at the way decisions have been taken. In order to ensure that the process is properly and periodically updated, monthly briefings will be produced in a PRM newsletter drawing on Rangelands Initiative Bulletins. To inform policies, technical briefings will be produced for policymakers and partners.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 21 02 77 28** — Pilot project — Supporting the urban dimension of development cooperation: increasing financial capacities of cities in developing countries to deliver productive and sustainable urban development

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	500 000			1 000 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

2015 was a strategic milestone for global governance, poverty eradication and sustainable development. It saw a series of landmark international summits and conferences over the course of

the year (the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the COP 21 Paris Agreement under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) which have collectively recast the way the international community, including the EU, will work to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication for many years.

The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (known as Habitat III, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016) will be among the first UN Conferences to take place following adoption of the 2030 Agenda.

It will adopt a global "New Urban Agenda", intended to guide sustainable urban development for the next 20 years, and thus give considerable impetus to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 but also a number of other goals and associated targets with a preeminent urban dimension, and the COP 21 decisions.

The New Urban Agenda should make concrete suggestions on how to address the challenges raised by urbanisation and urban demography and turn them into opportunities that will support sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions.

The aim is to focus on a major challenge encountered by cities in developing countries: urban governance. More specifically the pilot project will make it possible to use EU cities' expertise in related fields for capacity building purposes in order to address financial, legal and urban planning components in an integrated manner.

It will seek to:

- Provide concrete examples of financial, legal and urban planning shortcomings in selected developing countries and cities and identify gaps and needs;
- Facilitate cooperation between cities in developing countries and EU cities with sound experience in urban development and provide capacity building activities in different areas, such as urban mobility, public spaces and housing, with an emphasis on establishing an adequate framework to use innovative means of funding urban development (such as EU blending);
- Based on these experiences, deliver recommendations on how implementation of the urban dimension of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda can be operationalised in developing countries and their cities while using EU experience.

The project will build on the lessons of twinning cities in the EU and in developing countries. It will use the expertise of city platforms and networks in the EU that develop pragmatic solutions for integrated and sustainable urban development.

The pilot project will provide the Commission with the necessary information for the next programming period.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 21 02 77 29** — Preparatory action — Support for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) in developing countries

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

## Remarks:

### Objectives:

This preparatory action will fund, and work with, both private and non-governmental organisations which develop sustainable programmes to support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) in developing countries in the following ways:

- national and regional entrepreneurship competitions,
- access to capital and appropriate financial services in different ways, ranging from capacity strengthening of financial intermediaries to the provision of capital,
- use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as a tool for achieving financial inclusion of the poor,
- legal and financial support for businesses moving from informality into the formal private sector,
- programmes for supporting youth start-ups,
- promoting female entrepreneurship,
- access to equity loans, credits and micro-credits,
- business training for potential entrepreneurs,
- financing for social businesses.

SMMEs, which form the backbone of all market economies, face much heavier regulatory burdens in developing countries than within the EU, and most of them resort to operating in the informal economy, which is wracked with volatility and where they are denied legal protection, labour rights and access to finance.

Concerted action in this area has the potential to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs for local communities in developing countries, creating a vibrant climate where private initiatives can further flourish, expand and generate wealth.

Implementation: The initiative will be implemented by launching a call for proposals to finance such activities during the first quarter of 2017.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 21 02 77 30** — Preparatory action — Integrated approach to developing and rolling out health solutions to tackle neglected tropical diseases in endemic areas

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 500 000	500 000			1 500 000	500 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended for new commitments for a preparatory action following up on the 2015/2016 pilot project, which only started in 2016 and to which no commitment appropriations were allocated in the 2016 budget.

Existing research and development (R&D) funding mechanisms dedicated to neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) tend to take a siloed approach: gaps persist between the different phases of the R&D cycle and linkages with fringe issues such as WASH and education programmes are not addressed as part of a multi-sector approach. Likewise, the need for equally important incremental research, which can help to significantly improve the acceptability of treatments and diagnoses to populations affected by NTDs, tends to be overlooked.

With the objective of addressing some of the R&D gaps for NTDs, this preparatory action will contribute to or cofund an alternative model that relies on an innovative and coordinated approach to address persistent R&D gaps stemming from market failures. The model will identify a specific part of the gap in R&D for NTDs that disproportionately affect developing countries, and will provide crucial elements for the development of high-quality, accessible, affordable and suitable health solutions.

This project will build on the work carried out under previous preparatory actions and pilot projects on global health research and innovation and support efforts to address identified and recognised gaps in line with the WHO process in connection with the report available at [http://www.who.int/phi/cewg\\_report/en/](http://www.who.int/phi/cewg_report/en/) and with the list of demonstration projects identified and preselected by the Global Technical Consultative Meeting on Health R & D Demonstration Projects.

In doing so, while seeking to improve acceptability, the project will contribute to meeting at least one of the following objectives:

- recommending effective and efficient mechanisms for coordination with other current initiatives,
- proposing innovative ways of decoupling the price of final products from R&D costs,
- maximising public-public and public-private partnerships in knowledge sharing, including open knowledge innovation approaches, — strengthening research, development and production capacity, including through technology transfer, in developing countries.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 21 02 77 31** — Pilot project — Santé pour tous — Health for All — A joint project carried out by Aimes-Afrique (Togo) and Aktion PiT-Togohilfe e.V. (Germany)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

### Remarks:

Evolving ideas

In view of the lack of doctors in Togo, people in rural communities are left to their fate and, for almost as long as they live, will never have an opportunity to see a doctor. Aimes-Afrique seeks to eliminate what are real shortcomings in Togo's health system. Accordingly, Aimes-Afrique members who are doctors have decided to do what they have done in the past, in so far as has been possible with the means at their disposal, and provide free medical care in the countryside in all five regions of Togo (Maritime, Plateaux, Centrale, Kara and Savannes).

Humanitarian operations are to be carried out in all five regions of the country, but are organised on a region-specific basis. Each region contains health districts in which healthcare personnel from the various rural clinics will be given initial and continuing training. Examinations will be carried out locally in villages. Operations will be performed in suitable facilities as near as possible to the communities concerned.

The objective is to make hospital care accessible to poor and vulnerable rural communities by providing free medical and surgical treatment and ensuring that local healthcare personnel are well trained.

Free medical and surgical treatment is intended to benefit all people in all regions of Togo, regardless of age, gender or religion.

The amount specified breaks down as follows:

- Investment in medical equipment;
- Purchase of ambulances, including transport;
- Purchase of all-wheel-drive buses and a lorry, including transport;
- Purchase of medical tents and their contents, including transport;
- Missions involving doctors - operating and consumption costs.

#### Geographical aspect

Doctors will be on mission in all five regions of Togo (Maritime, Plateaux, Centrale, Kara and Savannes), i.e. across the entire country, and will be working with local healthcare personnel in rural villages. That is why medical tents are also needed. Unless other arrangements are possible, operations will be performed in regional hospitals in provincial capitals. The project will therefore complement the EU's work in provincial capitals across the country.

#### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 21 04 01** — Enhancing the respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and supporting democratic reforms

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
132 804 486	100 000 000	132 804 486	100 000 000	140 804 486	108 000 000	132 804 486	100 000 000	132 804 486	100 000 000

**Article 21 05 01** — Global, trans-regional and emerging threats

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
64 900 000	44 000 000	64 900 000	44 000 000	70 900 000	50 000 000	64 900 000	44 000 000	64 900 000	44 000 000

#### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the assistance in addressing global and trans-regional threats and emerging threats, defined in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace.

It is intended to cover actions aiming to help safeguard countries and populations against risks either of an intentional, accidental or natural origin. This may, inter alia, include:

- strengthening the capacity of the competent civilian authorities involved in the development and enforcement of effective control of the trafficking in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials or agents (including the equipment for their production, or delivery or effective border controls), including through the installation of modern logistical evaluation and control equipment. The actions relate to natural and industrial disasters as well as criminal activities,
- the development of the legal framework and institutional capacities for the establishment and enforcement of effective export controls on dual-use goods, including measures of regional cooperation,
- the development of effective civilian disaster preparedness, emergency planning, crisis response, and capabilities for clean-up measures in relation to possible major environmental incidents in this field.
- the promotion of civilian research activities as an alternative to defence-related research, and support for the retraining and alternative employment of scientists and engineers having formerly been employed in weapons-related areas,
- support for measures to enhance safety practice related to civilian facilities where sensitive chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials or agents are stored, or are handled in the context of civilian research programmes,
- support, within the framework of Union cooperation policies and their objectives, for the establishment of civil infrastructure and relevant civilian studies necessary for the dismantlement, remediation or conversion of weapons-related facilities and sites where these are declared as no longer belonging to a defence programme,

Other measures in the field of global and trans-regional threats will cover:

- strengthening the capacity of law enforcement and judicial and civil authorities involved in the fight against terrorism,
- countering radicalisation, violent extremism and organised crime, including illicit trafficking of humans, drugs, firearms and explosive materials, cybercrime, falsified medicine and in the effective control of illegal trade and transit; exchanging expertise and best practices on countering radicalisation and violent extremism with partner countries in regions where extremism is on the rise, such as South Asia. A priority is also to address global and trans-regional effects of climate change with a potentially destabilising impact including the promotion of biosafety and biosecurity of facilities handling dangerous microbes,
- support for measures to address threats to international transport, and critical infrastructure, including passenger and freight traffic, energy operations and energy distribution, electronic information and communication networks,
- ensuring an adequate response to major threats to public health, such as pandemics with a potential transnational impact.

Such measures may be adopted under this instrument in the context of stable conditions, where they aim to address specific global and trans-regional threats having a destabilising effect, and only to the extent that an adequate and effective response cannot be provided under related Union instruments for external assistance.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes



financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 633 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union trust funds.

#### *Legal basis*

Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 1).

#### **Article 21 08 01 — Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 044 796	25 521 281	24 044 796	23 721 281	26 044 796	25 521 281	26 044 796	25 521 281	26 044 796	25 521 281

#### **Article 21 08 02 — Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 330 000	13 608 960	10 230 000	11 608 960	10 330 000	13 608 960	10 330 000	13 608 960	10 330 000	13 608 960

#### **Item 22 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
34 957 753		34 594 622		34 957 753		35 346 352		35 346 352	

#### **Item 22 01 01 02 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
22 273 689		22 273 689		22 273 689		22 506 376		22 506 376	

#### **Item 22 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 700 826		1 671 148		1 700 826		1 728 526		1 728 526	

#### **Item 22 01 02 02 — External personnel — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 480 435		1 454 348		1 480 435		1 480 435		1 480 435	

#### **Item 22 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure — Headquarters**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 861 855		1 822 410		1 861 855		1 861 855		1 861 855	

#### **Item 22 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 073 975		1 035 008		1 073 975		1 073 975		1 073 975	

#### **Item 22 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
2 207 145		2 137 125		2 207 145		2 207 145		2 207 145	

#### **Item 22 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure — Union delegations**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
5 132 750		5 062 750		5 132 750		5 132 750		5 132 750	

**Item 22 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
42 161 419	39 461 419	42 161 419	42 161 419	42 161 419

**Item 22 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
47 795 875	45 395 875	47 795 875	47 795 875	47 795 875

**Item 22 02 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis***

	Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 03 02	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000	351 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000
Reserve					400 000 000					
Total	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000	751 187 000	375 400 000

**Remarks:**

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth,
- strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

**Item 22 04 01 02 — Mediterranean countries — Poverty reduction and sustainable development**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
630 535 212	350 000 000	630 535 212	350 000 000	640 535 212	360 000 000	613 835 212	333 300 000	613 835 212	333 300 000

**Item 22 04 01 03 — Mediterranean countries — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
90 360 500	78 000 000	90 360 500	78 000 000	102 360 500	90 000 000	340 360 500	138 000 000	332 480 439	134 805 000

**Item 22 04 01 04 — Support to the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
282 219 939	280 000 000	282 219 939	280 000 000	350 000 000	347 780 061	282 219 939	280 000 000	310 100 000	307 661 000

**Item 22 04 02 02 — Eastern Partnership — Poverty reduction and sustainable development**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
322 125 583	176 000 000	322 125 583	176 000 000	325 125 583	179 000 000	313 825 583	167 700 000	322 125 583	172 135 000

**Item 22 04 02 03 — Eastern Partnership — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
8 000 000	5 000 000	8 000 000	5 000 000	9 668 000	6 668 000	8 000 000	5 000 000	8 000 000	5 000 000

**Item 22 04 77 06 — Pilot project — Developing knowledge-based European journalism relating to Europe's neighbours, through educational activities delivered by the Natolin Campus of the College of Europe.**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				750 000	500 000			750 000	375 000

**Remarks:**

At present, there is a dearth of factual knowledge among journalists in the EU and in European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries regarding relations between the EU and its neighbours, which leads to risks of untrustworthy or irrelevant reporting by those working on or in the European Neighbourhood. Often, the reporting tools used were developed over a century ago, but are not suited to today's demands. Building capacities among relevant journalists is all the more pressing, given the frequently fragile situations in the European Union's neighbourhood.

Consequently, EU and ENP countries' publics and decision-makers need knowledge-based, trustworthy and coherent reporting on the EU's neighbouring countries and regions. Poor-quality journalism can hinder the success of the ENP, while – conversely – knowledge-based and coherent journalism can contribute to its impact and positive visibility.

This pilot project will cover a knowledge-building programme at the College of Europe Natolin Campus for European and ENP countries' journalists working on the European Union's neighbourhood, encompassing a classroom educational component, study visits in ENP countries and training in the field. As part of the classroom educational component, the pilot project will develop and provide a modular academic education programme for EU and ENP countries' journalists, targeting media workers at the beginning of their career and mid-career journalists. It will consist of a series of short (two to three days) and intensive in situ academic classes (for which an appropriate certificate or diploma will be provided) while providing participants with digital tools and communication channels to remain in contact between classes. The programme will also encompass on-site study visits in ENP countries and field training so as to ensure comprehensive

and practical skill development and liaison with key societal actors on the ground. Such a methodology will ensure that professionally active journalists will be permitted by their media outlets to take part in this modular education programme (while allowing their managements to benefit from the journalists' enhanced knowledge acquired through the project). In addition, such an approach will establish and strengthen professional networks of EU and ENP South and East journalists specialising in in-depth sectoral and cooperation policies, thus building a shared network of information sources and broadening the spectrum of reliable information available in the EU and in ENP countries. Geographical balance with regard to participating journalists (between and within EU and the ENP countries) will be ensured during the pilot project. In this geographically balanced group, three best-performing participants (based on objective test and exam scores) from the EU, ENP South and ENP East, respectively, will be granted one-year scholarships to study at Natolin Campus on its advanced master's programme in order to specialise in ENP-related issues.

Such academic classes can only be delivered by a highly acclaimed higher-education institution already specialising in the ENP and the EU's wider neighbourhoods, and an institution that already successfully serves as the link between the EU and its neighbourhoods, which is the Natolin Campus of the College of Europe. Therefore, this pilot project will be implemented by the College of Europe Natolin Campus, which has grown to specialise both in EU studies and in ENP issues, thanks to its specialisation, location (e.g. proximity to the FRONTEX Agency), organised field visits in many countries in the EU's neighbourhood, including ENP-South and ENP-East, its cutting-edge academic activities carried out by its own European Neighbourhood Policy Chair and the European Civilisation Chair, the 'E-Platform for Neighbourhood' project currently being implemented, and its long-standing vast network of professional and academic links in the EU, ENP-East and ENP-South.

The College of Europe Natolin Campus is a unique hub of accumulated expertise with experience and access to a wide network of the highest-level academics and practitioners (including in the EU's neighbouring countries thanks to long-standing academic and educational cooperation) specialising in EU institutions and policies, European integration, the EU's relations with external actors, including all ENP aspects, and Europe's neighbouring countries themselves.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 23 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Humanitarian aid and civil protection' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
26 925 388	26 645 696	26 925 388	27 224 698	27 224 698

**Item 23 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 720 745	2 673 838	2 720 745	2 767 204	2 767 204

**Item 23 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 783 373	1 748 222	1 783 373	1 783 373	1 783 373

**Article 23 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Humanitarian aid and civil protection’ policy area

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 700 002		1 646 070		1 700 002		1 700 002		1 700 002	

**Item 23 01 06 01** — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from EU Aid Volunteers initiative

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 039 000		989 000		1 039 000		1 039 000		1 039 000	

**Article 23 02 01** — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	1 193 100 000	1 389 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885

**Item 23 03 01 01** — Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 525 000	29 525 000	29 025 000	25 525 000	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 525 000

**Item 23 03 01 02** — Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
5 621 000	5 567 707	5 551 000	5 567 707	5 621 000	5 567 707	5 621 000	5 567 707	5 621 000	5 567 707

**Item 23 03 02 02** — Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
15 090 000	14 010 000	12 000 000	14 010 000	15 090 000	14 010 000	15 090 000	14 010 000	15 090 000	14 010 000

**Article 23 04 01** — EU Aid Volunteers initiative — Strengthening the Union’s capacity to respond to humanitarian crises

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
20 972 000	22 678 550	16 472 000	18 178 550	20 972 000	22 678 550	20 972 000	22 678 550	20 972 000	22 678 550

**Article 24 01 07** — European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
59 491 500		59 066 465		59 491 500		59 945 500		59 945 500	

**Article 24 02 01** — Preventing and combating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the Union’s financial interests

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 950 000	13 244 989	14 450 000	12 244 989	14 950 000	13 244 989	14 950 000	13 244 989	14 950 000	13 244 989

**Article 24 04 01** — Supporting mutual assistance in customs matters and facilitating secure electronic communication tools for Member States to report irregularities

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
7 151 200	6 801 592	6 631 200	6 501 592	7 151 200	6 801 592	7 151 200	6 801 592	7 151 200	6 801 592

**Item 25 01 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
172 978 650	171 181 803	172 978 650	174 901 529	174 901 529

**Item 25 01 01 03** — Salaries, allowances and payments of Members of the institution

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
10 087 000	10 087 000	10 087 000	10 190 000	10 190 000

**Item 25 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
8 472 376	8 331 976	8 472 376	8 619 055	8 619 055

**Item 25 01 02 03** — Special advisers

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
955 000	955 000	955 000	960 000	960 000

**Item 25 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
14 848 417	14 686 315	14 848 417	14 848 417	14 848 417

**Article 25 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Commission's policy coordination and legal advice' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
10 921 441	10 574 962	10 921 441	10 921 441	10 921 441

**Item 25 01 77 04** — Pilot project — New technologies and information and communication technology (ICT) tools for the implementation and simplification of European Citizens' Initiatives (ECI)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

**Remarks:**

This pilot project will specifically simplify and promote ECIs through the use of IT platforms and other electronic tools, such as applications that are compatible with mobile devices, in order to simplify what is a very important agenda-setting instrument. In this regard, the reliable collection of signatures and safe access to and use of IT platforms and/or electronic tools should be possible via electronic identification and authentication services (e-IDAS). The use of these digital tools should enable citizens to receive and exchange information about existing or potential ECIs, to actively participate in discussions and to launch and/or support initiatives, in particular including the possibility of signing an ECI. These tools will also make it possible for the Commission to interact efficiently with ECI promoters, exchanging information and providing them with technical guidance in order to contribute to the success of the initiatives, while allowing substantial economic and administrative savings.

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 26 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Commission’s administration’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
119 693 533	118 450 194	119 693 533	121 024 080	121 024 080

**Item 26 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 813 364	6 704 252	6 813 364	6 942 717	6 942 717

**Item 26 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
21 793 180	21 698 353	21 793 180	21 793 180	21 793 180

**Article 26 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Commission’s administration’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 557 152	7 317 403	7 557 152	7 557 152	7 557 152

**Article 26 01 09** — Publications Office

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
82 133 200	81 150 589	82 133 200	82 761 200	82 761 200

**Article 26 01 20** — European Personnel Selection Office

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
26 557 000	26 328 969	26 557 000	26 667 000	26 667 000

**Article 26 01 21** — Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
38 519 500	38 267 446	38 519 500	38 698 500	38 698 500

**Item 26 01 22 01** — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
67 805 000	67 345 694	67 805 000	68 153 000	68 153 000

**Item 26 01 22 03** — Expenditure related to buildings in Brussels

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
78 488 000	75 988 000	78 488 000	78 488 000	78 488 000

**Item 26 01 22 04** — Expenditure for equipment and furniture in Brussels

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 524 000	6 524 000	7 524 000	7 524 000	7 524 000

**Item 26 01 23 01** — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
24 234 000	24 098 473	24 234 000	24 369 000	24 369 000

**Item 26 01 60 02** — Competitions, selection and recruitment expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 570 000	1 070 000	1 570 000	1 570 000	1 570 000

**Item 26 01 60 04** — Interinstitutional cooperation in the social sphere

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 113 000	7 009 667	7 113 000	7 113 000	7 113 000

**Article 26 03 01** — Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA<sup>3</sup>)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 115 000	18 000 000	22 595 000	17 100 000	25 115 000	18 000 000	25 115 000	18 000 000	25 115 000	18 000 000

**Item 26 03 77 06** — Preparatory action — Governance and quality of software code - Auditing of free and open-source software

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 600 000	1 900 000			2 600 000	1 300 000

**Remarks:**

The discovery of a severe vulnerability in the OpenSSL cryptography software library in April 2014 drew broader attention to the need for understanding how governance of code relates to the quality of code and code review. Both the general public and the EU institutions regularly use and depend on free and open-source software - from end-user devices up to server systems. Therefore the need for coordinated efforts to maintain a reasonable level of security and protection of users is a recognised and repeated demand from both citizens and the the European Parliament itself, regardless of how the software is licensed and whether it is maintained by software companies or by volunteers.

Vulnerabilities in software libraries that are by design meant to be used in many locations are especially important. The pilot project proposed going beyond the commendable efforts of CERT-EU to not only warn the EU institutions, bodies and agencies and the general public about upcoming threats, but also to pro-actively work together with software developer communities to aid and contribute to the discovery of security issues in software which carries essential information infrastructure functions. This work should be conducted by using the Debian Social Contract as a reference in terms of effectiveness and trust and in accordance with established procedures on reasonable disclosure.

The preparatory action will build on and extend what the pilot has produced as regards:

- creating an inventory of free software and open standards in use within EU institutions;
- developing a set of reliable criteria for a software and projects auditing framework;
- establishing an infrastructure to encourage developer communities to aid and contribute to the discovery of security-relevant bugs;
- developing and enhancing best practices with regard to mitigation of security threats by conducting and promoting code reviews;
- exploring further incentives to improve IT security such as ‘bug bounty’ approaches;
- conducting code reviews of critical open-source software.

As pointed out in the Commission’s assessment, during the pilot project preceding this preparatory action, the idea of creating a ‘bug bounty’ approach – incentivising the discovery of security-relevant issues in software used by the institutions through financial rewards – had already been considered, but was disregarded in the end because of insufficient provisions. However, such approaches are very common and successful in the industry and would allow broader involvement of the security community in the common objective of ensuring a more secure IT infrastructure.

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[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/informatics/oss\\_tech/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/informatics/oss_tech/index_en.htm)

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 26 03 77 07** — Pilot project — Deployment of online eIDs and digital signatures by way of implementation of the eIDAS Regulation by the European Parliament and the Commission

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				550 000	550 000			550 000	275 000

### Remarks:

This pilot project will provide the European Parliament and the Commission with an online means of authentication to access online services in a secure manner, as well as digital signatures to electronically sign documents required in the daily work of EU institutions. The eIDAS Regulation will be implemented, too, thus enabling mutual recognition of digital signatures and national eID schemes within EU institutions.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 26 03 77 08** — Preparatory action — Encrypted electronic communications of EU institutions

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

This preparatory action will continue support for the implementation of secure electronic communications within the European institutions.

A way of attaining significantly more secure electronic communications would be to apply state-of-the-art encryption technology to the institutions' email services. The project will involve developing EU encryption standards which are guaranteed not to be compromised or weakened by third-country governments.

The current project has reached the recommendations stage. Recommendations have been presented both at working group level and to DG DIGIT management.

The goal of the preparatory action is to continue to support the IT services of the Council, Council Presidency, Commission and Parliament in implementing the systems needed for secure communications by Commissioners, Members of Parliament, officials, administrators and staff members of all institutions involved in EU decision-making.

The preparatory action will allow continuation of the implementation phase of the preceding pilot project. In the longer term, the action could encompass both written (email and text messages) and vocal (fixed and mobile) electronic communications.

The way forward will be to follow up on the recommendations made on the basis of the pilot project. There will also be a move towards a more operational / service delivery mode of piloting. It may need to be handed over to an operational team. The first step under the preparatory action will therefore have to be the designation of that team, which will require coordination between the EU Institutions. The second step will be the further, and broader, implementation of piloting at a more operational level.

### Legal basis:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Article 27 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Budget’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
45 479 017	45 006 595	45 479 017	45 984 575	45 984 575

#### Item 27 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 336 926	4 262 107	4 336 926	4 380 204	4 380 204

#### Item 27 01 02 09 — External personnel — Non-decentralised management

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 238 868	5 144 411	5 238 868	5 290 729	5 290 729

#### Item 27 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
7 506 918	7 470 790	7 506 918	7 506 918	7 506 918

#### Item 27 01 02 19 — Other management expenditure — Non-decentralised management

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
9 558 900	9 102 929	9 558 900	9 558 900	9 558 900

#### Article 27 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Budget’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 871 432	2 780 336	2 871 432	2 871 432	2 871 432

#### Article 28 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Audit’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
16 743 518	16 569 592	16 743 518	16 929 644	16 929 644

#### Item 28 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
677 003	666 104	677 003	689 663	689 663

**Item 28 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
550 643	544 120	550 643	550 643	550 643

**Article 28 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Audit’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 057 144	1 023 606	1 057 144	1 057 144	1 057 144

**Article 29 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Statistics’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
68 671 054	67 957 721	68 671 054	69 434 420	69 434 420

**Item 29 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
5 349 473	5 251 055	5 349 473	5 424 272	5 424 272

**Item 29 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 231 251	3 136 785	3 231 251	3 231 251	3 231 251

**Article 29 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Statistics’ policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 335 720	4 198 170	4 335 720	4 335 720	4 335 720

**Article 29 02 01 — Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
57 960 000	42 000 000	56 440 000	40 000 000	57 960 000	42 000 000	57 960 000	42 000 000	57 960 000	42 000 000

**Item 30 01 13 01 — Temporary allowances**

	Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
30 01 13 01	2 525 000	2 525 000	2 020 000	2 552 000	2 552 000
Reserve			505 000		
Total	2 525 000	2 525 000	2 525 000	2 552 000	2 552 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- transitional allowances,
- family allowances,

of Members of the Commission after termination of service.

**Legal basis:**

Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, and of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/300 of 29 February 2016 determining the emoluments of EU high-level public office holders (OJ L 58, 4.3.2016, p. 1).

**Item 30 01 13 03 — Weightings and adjustments to temporary allowances**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
300 000	300 000	300 000	303 000	303 000

**Item 30 01 14 01 — Allowances for staff assigned non-active status, retired in the interests of the service or dismissed**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 900 000	3 468 000	3 900 000	3 900 000	3 900 000

**Item 30 01 15 01 — Pensions, invalidity allowances and severance grants**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 633 397 000	1 633 397 000	1 633 397 000	1 650 993 000	1 650 993 000

**Item 30 01 15 02 — Insurance against sickness**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
53 696 000	53 696 000	53 696 000	54 274 000	54 274 000

**Item 30 01 15 03 — Weightings and adjustments to pensions and allowances**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
58 867 000	58 867 000	58 867 000	59 502 000	59 502 000

**Item 30 01 16 01 — Pensions of former Members of the European Parliament**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 680 000	3 680 000	3 680 000	3 719 000	3 719 000

**Item 30 01 16 03 — Pensions of former Members of the European Commission**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
6 632 000	6 632 000	6 632 000	6 705 000	6 705 000

**Item 30 01 16 04 — Pensions of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
9 512 000	9 512 000	9 512 000	9 613 000	9 613 000

**Item 30 01 16 05 — Pensions of former Members of the European Court of Auditors**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 738 000	4 738 000	4 738 000	4 790 000	4 790 000

**Item 30 01 16 06 — Pensions of former European Ombudsmen**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
210 000	210 000	210 000	212 000	212 000

**Article 31 01 01 — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the 'Language services' policy area**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
330 231 969	326 801 627	330 231 969	333 902 920	333 902 920

**Item 31 01 02 01 — External personnel**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
10 438 094	10 274 977	10 438 094	10 636 511	10 636 511

**Item 31 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure**

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
4 430 672	4 371 971	4 430 672	4 430 672	4 430 672

**Item 31 01 03 01** — Expenditure relating to information and communication technology equipment and services

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
20 850 020	20 188 565	20 850 020	20 850 020	20 850 020

**Article 32 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Energy' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
61 996 272	61 352 274	61 996 272	62 685 440	62 685 440

**Item 32 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 883 226	2 832 577	2 883 226	2 929 038	2 929 038

**Item 32 01 02 11** — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 616 651	1 572 006	1 616 651	1 616 651	1 616 651

**Article 32 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the 'Energy' policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
3 914 290	3 790 111	3 914 290	3 914 290	3 914 290

**Item 32 01 04 01** — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility — Energy

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 978 000	1 728 000	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 978 000

**Item 32 01 05 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 982 934	1 841 934	1 982 934	1 982 934	1 982 934

**Item 32 01 05 22** — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — ITER

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
233 000	227 250	233 000	233 000	233 000

**Item 32 02 01 01** — Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
217 403 954	34 765 600	206 508 927	34 265 600	257 403 954	54 765 600	217 403 954	34 765 600	206 508 927	33 023 600

**Item 32 02 01 02** — Enhancing Union security of energy supply

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
217 403 954	26 032 000	207 441 809	26 032 000	257 403 954	46 032 000	217 403 954	26 032 000	207 441 809	24 839 000

**Item 32 02 01 03** — Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
217 404 002	26 531 000	206 509 070	23 531 000	257 404 002	46 531 000	217 404 002	26 531 000	206 509 070	25 201 000

**Item 32 02 01 04** — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for energy projects

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
85 227 000	31 200 000	77 291 975	30 700 000	85 227 000	31 200 000	85 227 000	31 200 000	77 291 975	28 295 000

**Article 32 02 52** — Completion of energy projects to aid economic recovery

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	110 000 000	p.m.	105 000 000	p.m.	110 000 000	p.m.	110 000 000	p.m.	110 000 000

**Item 32 02 77 09** — Preparatory action — Strengthening cooperation on climate action among islands within and beyond the EU through the creation of an island identity within the Global Covenant of Mayors

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				2 000 000	1 500 000			2 000 000	1 000 000

**Remarks:**

The action is unique in placing islands at the forefront of climate change action through the new framework of the Global Covenant of Mayors. EU islands and island authorities around the world, having a closer understanding of the climate change challenges for island territories and having pushed for an ambitious global climate agreement, will join forces, through this action, to lead efforts to achieve the 1,5° C climate target. EU islands will work closely and in solidarity with island authorities beyond the EU with a view to overall capacity building and, more concretely, to sharing experiences, to transferring knowledge and know-how on sustainable energy and climate planning, to sharing best examples of climate change mitigation and adaptation and to sharing their knowledge of innovative EU financial instruments in support of sustainable energy investments. The action will involve analysis of existing good practices for sustainable energy and climate planning implemented on islands and the development of innovative integrated island strategies that would properly address energy access and energy poverty, climate change mitigation and greenhouse gas emission reduction, as well as adaptation of island territories to climate change. These strategies will be in line with the 2030 climate and energy framework and with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the 'Sustainable Energy for All' objectives. Finally, provision will be made for transparent monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions in line with UNFCCC requirements.

**Legal basis:**

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Item 32 02 77 10** — Pilot project — Fighting energy poverty in the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

**Remarks:**

This pilot project will promote energy efficiency in the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region through the funding of regional/local initiatives supporting energy renovation of public or private residential buildings. Based on the premise that the Ionian-Adriatic macro-region faces a high risk of energy

poverty (well over 50%), the pilot project will seek to address the problem by providing pilot home retrofitting schemes for representative private residential buildings in selected parts of the macro-region. Given the possibility of using renewable energy, of which the macro-region has a huge potential supply, as well as state-of-the-art renovation techniques, the project will reduce energy consumption, tackle energy poverty and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The project will provide a blueprint for making building renovations easier and for increasing renewable energy share in the macro-region. The project outcomes will be assessed at regional level in order to secure efficient use of structural funds and additional funding in order to promote larger-scale energy efficiency programmes rolled out by national or regional authorities.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Item 32 04 03 01 — Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
359 734 448	303 284 894	359 734 448	303 284 894	390 434 448	318 634 894	359 734 448	303 284 894	359 734 448	303 284 894

#### Item 32 05 01 01 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E) — Support expenditure

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
47 547 440	47 547 440	44 727 440	43 938 268	47 547 440	47 547 440	47 547 440	47 547 440	47 547 440	47 547 440

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

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
266 512 997	188 140 000	227 241 664	134 495 070	266 512 997	188 140 000	266 512 997	188 140 000	266 512 997	188 140 000

#### Article 32 05 51 — Completion of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E) (2007 to 2013)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	182 000 000	p.m.	181 000 000	p.m.	182 000 000	p.m.	182 000 000	p.m.	182 000 000

#### Article 33 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Justice and consumers’ policy area

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
39 822 423		39 408 760		39 822 423		40 265 100		40 265 100	

#### Item 33 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
4 279 687		4 205 415		4 279 687		4 348 852		4 348 852	

#### Item 33 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 833 780		1 769 909		1 833 780		1 833 780		1 833 780	

**Article 33 01 03** — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Justice and consumers’ policy area

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 514 289	2 434 524	2 514 289	2 514 289	2 514 289

**Item 33 01 04 01** — Support expenditure for the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 100 000	1 000 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000

**Item 33 01 04 02** — Support expenditure for the Justice programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000

**Item 33 01 04 03** — Support expenditure for the Consumer programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 100 000	1 000 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000

**Item 33 01 06 01** — Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency — Contribution from the Consumer programme

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 691 000	1 691 000	1 691 000	1 691 000	1 691 000

**Article 33 02 01** — Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 451 000	18 500 000	25 951 000	18 000 000	27 451 000	19 500 000	26 451 000	18 500 000	26 451 000	18 500 000

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to help prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, and violence against other groups at risk of domestic violence and protect victims of such acts (one of the goals of the ‘Daphne’ programme); promote and protect the rights of the child; promote and ensure the social and labour rights of workers; ensure the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data; promote and enhance the exercise of the rights that the EU confers on its citizens; and allow individuals, as consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market, to exercise the rights that the Union gives them, taking into account the projects financed by the Consumer programme.

The objective of the ‘Rights, Equality and Citizenship’ programme is to contribute to the further development of an area in which the rights of persons are promoted and protected by enhancing the exercise of rights deriving from Union citizenship, promoting the principle of non-discrimination, contributing to the protection of personal data, enhancing protection of the rights of the child and rights deriving from EU consumer legislation and promoting fundamental rights and citizenship in the digital environment. Funding will be allocated to analytical and training activities and for dissemination, mutual learning, cooperation and awareness raising activities.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of action:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics, where appropriate disaggregated by gender; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, research, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; workshops, seminars, experts’ meetings and conferences,
- training activities such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the development of online training tools or other training modules,



- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme (the ‘Programme’); the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies,
- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, support for key Union actors, Union-level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for networking activities at Union level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating grants.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e) to (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62), and in particular points (e) to (i) of Article 4(1) and Article 5(1) thereof.

### Article 33 02 02 — Promoting non-discrimination and equality

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
35 064 000	24 000 000	34 264 000	23 500 000	35 064 000	24 000 000	35 064 000	24 000 000	35 064 000	24 000 000

### Item 33 02 03 02 — Other activities in the area of fundamental rights

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover information, communication and awareness-raising activities linked to the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and in particular to the protection of those rights in the digital environment. The appropriation will be used to support information and communication activities delivered through web sites, public events, training, communication products, surveys, etc.

This appropriation is intended to cover information, communication and evaluation activities linked to the Charter of Fundamental Rights, consular protection and the dialogue pursuant to Article 17 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union. In particular this appropriation covers information and communication activities delivered through internal websites, public events, communication products, Eurobarometer surveys, etc., as well as the development of impact assessment and evaluation studies on various aspects of the area of fundamental rights and justice.

### Legal basis:

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Article 33 02 06 — European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 463 000	22 463 000	22 258 000	22 258 000	22 463 000	22 463 000	22 463 000	22 463 000	22 463 000	22 463 000

### Item 33 02 77 15 — Pilot project — Creation of shelter houses for women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual exploitation and for undocumented migrant women

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

The extent of physical and sexual violence experienced by women across the European Union requires renewed attention from policy makers. The economic and social crisis, with its procession of unemployed, job insecurity, wage cuts and reduction of social benefits, inter alia, has contributed dramatically to the increase in domestic violence, an increase in prostitution and increased migration.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

### Item 33 02 77 16 — Pilot project — European survey on gender-based violence

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				1 000 000	1 000 000			1 000 000	500 000

### Remarks:

This pilot project covers a Europe-wide survey to gather data on gender-based violence across Member States. This would be added to on a regular basis and could be coordinated by an institution such as Eurostat.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 33 03 01** — Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 710 000	24 600 000	33 510 000	24 100 000	33 710 000	24 600 000	33 710 000	24 600 000	33 710 000	24 600 000

**Article 33 03 02** — Facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
15 789 000	10 500 000	15 789 000	10 500 000	15 789 000	10 500 000	15 789 000	10 500 000	15 789 000	10 500 000

**Article 33 03 04** — The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
47 107 237	46 607 237	46 427 237	45 927 237	50 414 737	50 414 737	47 107 237	46 607 237	47 782 237	47 282 237

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover Eurojust's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

Eurojust must inform the European Parliament and Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (point (c) of Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Eurojust's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for 2017 amounts to a total of EUR 48 379 237. An amount of EUR 597 000 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 47 782 237 entered in the budget.

**Legal basis:**

Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime (OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 1).

Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust and amending Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime (OJ L 138, 4.6.2009, p. 14).

**Article 33 03 51** — Completion of actions in the field of justice

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	2 000 000

**Item 33 03 77 05** — Pilot project — Letterbox companies

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				300 000	300 000			300 000	150 000

**Remarks:**

This pilot project is designed to bring together legal experts, national authorities and international experts, in particular from the OECD.

The aim of the initiative is to explore the different purposes of letterbox companies, but also to address more general questions relating to abuses in registrations and cross-border operations of companies. In this context, legal solutions and standards based on company law could be proposed in order to ensure a level playing field regardless of the nature of the undertaking, so that future EU legislation on company law can benefit from the work carried out under the pilot project. It will also be useful to test the feasibility of EU action to identify and prevent the loopholes for corporate tax avoidance based on national or EU company law without undermining the current work on the Accounting Directive.

### Legal basis:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

#### Article 33 04 01 — Safeguarding consumers' interest and improving their safety and information

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
24 132 000	17 300 000	23 632 000	17 000 000	24 132 000	17 300 000	24 132 000	17 300 000	24 132 000	17 300 000

#### Article 34 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the 'Climate action' policy area

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
17 987 970		17 801 116		17 987 970		18 187 928		18 187 928	

#### Item 34 01 02 01 — External personnel

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 658 832		1 627 747		1 658 832		1 681 732		1 681 732	

#### Item 34 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 834 299		1 778 511		1 834 299		1 834 299		1 834 299	

#### Article 34 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services in the 'Climate action' policy area

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
1 135 716		1 099 686		1 135 716		1 135 716		1 135 716	

#### Item 34 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for climate action

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
3 282 000		3 182 000		3 282 000		3 282 000		3 282 000	

#### Article 34 02 01 — Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
53 310 000	45 000 000	53 310 000	45 000 000	54 810 000	46 500 000	53 310 000	45 000 000	53 310 000	45 000 000

#### Article 34 02 02 — Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
51 730 000	19 500 000	51 730 000	19 500 000	53 230 000	21 000 000	51 730 000	19 500 000	51 730 000	19 500 000

**Article 34 02 03** — Better climate governance and information at all levels

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 162 795	9 500 000	14 162 795	9 500 000	14 662 795	10 000 000	14 162 795	9 500 000	14 162 795	9 500 000

**Item 34 02 77 03** — Pilot project — Study on life cycles of electric, biofuel and traditionally fuelled vehicles.

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
				500 000	500 000			500 000	250 000

**Remarks:**

The aim of the study is to compare the life cycle emissions and broad environmental impacts of different types of light duty vehicles in the context of achieving transport decarbonisation.

Approach

Phase 1:

Mapping of CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, both directly and indirectly, and of other environmental impacts over the entire life cycle of light duty vehicles.

The vehicle type to be studied should include but not be limited to:

Conventional fossil fuel vehicles

Electric vehicles (battery, plug-in hybrid, fuel cell)

Biofuel-using vehicles

Definition of life cycle:

Pre-production

Production

In use (on average annually)

Post use

**Legal basis:**

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

**Article 40 01 40** — Administrative reserve

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
4 644 253		5 769 253		6 274 253		4 644 253		5 769 253	

**Article 40 02 41** — Differentiated appropriations

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
20 400 522	18 811 522	42 900 522	30 061 522	486 700 522	61 861 522	19 665 522	18 076 522	82 165 522	57 326 522

**Article 40 02 42** — Emergency aid reserve

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	1 000 000 000	1 000 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000

**Article 40 02 43 — Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
168 924 000	30 000 000	168 924 000	p.m.	168 924 000	30 000 000	168 924 000	30 000 000	168 924 000	p.m.

**Article 40 02 44 — Reserve for the European Union Solidarity Fund**

Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		EP's position 2017		Revised Draft Budget 2017		Conciliation 2017	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
513 000 000	200 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	513 000 000	200 000 000	513 000 000	200 000 000	p.m.	p.m.

**Remarks:**

*New article*

The aim of this reserve is to cover the European Union Solidarity Fund in the event of major or regional disasters in the Member States or in countries involved in accession negotiations with the Union. Assistance should be provided in connection with natural disasters to the Member States or countries involved in accession negotiations with the Union concerned, with a deadline being laid down for use of the financial assistance awarded and provision being made for beneficiary states to substantiate the use made of the assistance they receive. Assistance received which is subsequently offset by third-party payments, under the 'polluter pays' principle, for example, or received in excess of the final valuation of damage should be recovered.

**Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3).

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884), and in particular Article 10 thereof.

**S 03 01 04 01** — European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions  
(Eurofound)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		1		2		1
AD 13	1	4		3		4
AD 12	2	7	2	4	2	8
AD 11		5	1	4	1	5
AD 10	2	4		1	1	4
AD 9	1	3	1	2	1	3
AD 8	1	6	2	5	1	5
AD 7		7	1	6	2	5
AD 6		4		7		5
AD 5		1	1	6		1
<i>AD Subtotal</i>	7	43	8	40	8	42
AST 11						
AST 10		2		2		2
AST 9		5		3		7
AST 8		8		3		8
AST 7	2	8		9	1	10
AST 6	3	1	1	4	3	
AST 5	1	8	3	3	2	8
AST 4	1	1		5	1	
AST 3		1		4		
AST 2	1		1	4	1	1
AST 1		1	4	1		1
<i>AST Subtotal</i>	8	35	9	38	8	37
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>93</b>		<b>95</b>		<b>95</b>	

**S 03 01 04 02** — European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		2		2		1
AD 12		2		1		2
AD 11		1		1		1
AD 10		3		1		3
AD 9		3		1		1
AD 8		5		6		7
AD 7		7		6		5
AD 6				4		3
AD 5						
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		24		23		24
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8						
AST 7						1
AST 6		3		2		3
AST 5		6		3		4
AST 4		2		7		4
AST 3		4		2		3
AST 2				2		1
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		16		17		17
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>41</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>41</b>



**S 03 01 06 01** — European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		2		1
AD 14		25		23		25
AD 13		32		31		32
AD 12		53		48		53
AD 11		76		72		76
AD 10		98		95		98
AD 9		117		118		117
AD 8		77		81		77
AD 7		52		55		47
AD 6		20		24		20
AD 5		1		2		2
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		552		551		548
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8		4		4		4
AST 7		14		12		13
AST 6		25		22		23
AST 5		33		32		33
AST 4		24		26		25
AST 3		16		18		17
AST 2		8		11		10
AST 1		1		2		2
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		126		128		128
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>678</b>		<b>679</b>		<b>676</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>678</b>		<b>679</b>		<b>676</b>

**S 03 01 18 01** — European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex)

Function group and grade	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		5		4		4
AD 12		15		8		11
AD 11		11		8		8
AD 10		10		7		6
AD 9		20		2		8
AD 8		85		46		55
AD 7		65		9		29
AD 6		34		7		21
AD 5		14		3		13
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		<i>261</i>		<i>95</i>		<i>157</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		5		4		5
AST 7		11		10		11
AST 6		16		11		14
AST 5		27		20		20
AST 4		28		5		14
AST 3		4		4		4
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		<i>91</i>		<i>54</i>		<i>68</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>352</b>		<b>149</b>		<b>225</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>352</b>		<b>149</b>		<b>225</b>

**S 03 01 18 02** — European Police Office (Europol)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		5		2		3
AD 12		11		7		9
AD 11		17		12		15
AD 10		30		11		25
AD 9		61		50		52
AD 8		97		86		106
AD 7		126		100		109
AD 6		139		176		127
AD 5		29		9		17
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		<i>517</i>		<i>455</i>		<i>465</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		2				1
AST 7		5		3		4
AST 6		6		4		8
AST 5		8		6		8
AST 4		8		10		14
AST 3		3		3		3
AST 2		1		2		2
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		<i>33</i>		<i>28</i>		<i>40</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>550</b>		<b>483</b>		<b>505</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>550</b>		<b>483</b>		<b>505</b>

**S 03 01 18 06** — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14						
AD 13						
AD 12		4				
AD 11		1				1
AD 10		9		4		9
AD 9		5		2		8
AD 8		11		5		10
AD 7		41		21		28
AD 6		11		6		5
AD 5		24		10		11
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		<i>107</i>		<i>48</i>		<i>73</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		3				
AST 4		10		2		6
AST 3		26		6		6
AST 2		5		1		2
AST 1		4		4		4
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		<i>48</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>18</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>155</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>91</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>155</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>91</b>

**S 03 01 33 03** — The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Function group and grade						
	2017		2016			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2015		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12						
AD 11						
AD 10		9		7		9
AD 9		10		9		8
AD 8		26		19		22
AD 7		30		19		27
AD 6		12		18		12
AD 5		4		4		3
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		93		78		83
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		3		1		2
AST 5		24		14		19
AST 4		54		48		62
AST 3		22		42		25
AST 2		11		16		11
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		115		122		120
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
<b>Total</b>		<b>208</b>		<b>200</b>		<b>203</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>208</b>		<b>200</b>		<b>203</b>

**Article A2 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
58 540 000	57 329 389	57 912 000	58 540 000	58 540 000

**Item A2 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
2 462 000	2 062 000	2 462 000	2 462 000	2 462 000

**Article A3 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
41 648 000	41 222 965	41 648 000	42 102 000	42 102 000

**Article A4 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
10 227 000	10 048 969	10 227 000	10 337 000	10 337 000

**Item A4 01 02 01** — External personnel

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
1 451 000	1 401 000	1 451 000	1 451 000	1 451 000

**Article A5 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
16 565 000	16 312 946	16 565 000	16 744 000	16 744 000

**Article A6 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
30 604 000	30 144 694	30 604 000	30 952 000	30 952 000

**Article A7 01 01** — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff

Draft budget 2017	Council's position 2017	EP's position 2017	Revised Draft Budget 2017	Conciliation 2017
12 158 000	12 022 473	12 158 000	12 293 000	12 293 000