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GENERAL BUDGET - 2014 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 12, 26

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 18/2014

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FROM

CHAPTER - 2602 Multimedia production

ARTICLE - 26 02 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts

acts Commitments - 960 000
Payments - 100 000

TO

CHAPTER - 1202 A Single Market Policy and Free Movement of Services

ARTICLE - 12 02 01 Implementation and development of the internal market

Commitments 960 000

Payments 100 000

I. INCREASE

a) Heading

12 02 01 - Implementation and development of the internal market

b) Figures at 12/06/2014

۵,		Commitments	Payments
1A.	Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB) Appropriation in budget (EFTA) Transfers	7 670 000	7 800 000
1B.		0	0
2.		0	0
3.	Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2) Utilisation of final appropriation	7 670 000	7 800 000
4.		1 038 563	2 225 357
5.	Amount not used/available (3-4) Requirements up to year-end	6 631 437	5 574 643
6.		7 591 437	5 674 643
7.	Increase proposed	960 000	100 000
8.	Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A) Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	12.52%	1.28%
9.		n/a	n/a

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

		Commitments	Payments
1.	Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
۷.	Appropriation available on the 12/06/2014	0	0
3.	Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The budget line "Implementation and development of the internal market" supports actions aimed at the completion of the internal market and its operation and development, inter alia the measures which contribute to strengthening and developing financial and capital markets and financial services.

The Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) will ensure that if a bank subject to the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) faces serious difficulties, its resolution can be managed efficiently with minimal costs to taxpayers and the real economy.

A critical role is to be played by the Single Resolution Board (the Board), a new body which will carry out the preparation for the resolution of credit institutions and their actual resolution where they are failing or are likely to fail. It will also administer the Single Resolution Fund and manage any use of it during the resolution procedure.

The Board will be established from the entry into force of the Regulation on the SRM, which is expected by September 2014. The Board will become fully self-financed from contributions from the banking sector on a structural basis as from the second guarter of 2015.

Taking into account the lead time required to actually set up the Board and to create the contribution mechanism by the banking sector, a bridging contribution from the EU budget is requested to cover the start-up expenses of the Board in 2014, which are estimated at EUR 0.96 million. This amount notably covers the recruitment expenses of the Members of the Board and of a first wave of staff and the costs of the information and technology infrastructure.

The reinforcement focuses on the commitment appropriations which are necessary to sign the contracts already in preparation and provides the necessary payments for the initial actions.

The EU contribution will be made under the form of an advance. In the course of 2015, once the first annual contributions due by the banks to cover the administrative expenditures of the SRB will have been collected, the bridging contribution will be returned to the EU budget, thus offsetting the temporary expenditure requirements for this self-financed body.

II. DECREASE

a) Heading

26 02 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts

b) Figures at 12/06/2014

•		Commitments	Payments
1A.	Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB) Appropriation in budget (EFTA) Transfers	10 890 000	10 022 520
1B.		0	0
2.		0	0
3.	Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2) Utilisation of final appropriation	10 890 000	10 022 520
4.		4 989 722	3 104 360
5.	Amount not used/available (3-4) Requirements up to year-end	5 900 278	6 918 160
6.		4 940 278	6 818 160
7.	Proposed decrease	960 000	100 000
8.	Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A) Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	8.82%	1.00%
9.		n/a	n/a

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

		Commitments	Payments
1.	Appropriation available at start of year	322 239	324 485
2.	Appropriation available on the 12/06/2014	0	15 679
3.	Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100.00%	95.17%

d) Detail grounds for the transfer

The commitment appropriations available on this budget item are based on the cost of the contract as estimated in January 2013, in the framework of the preparation of the Draft Budget 2014. The estimate is the result of the terms of the contract applicable at that moment combined with the expected volume of production. A new contract has been enforced in 2013, whose cost terms are consistently lower for the Office's current production levels. Therefore, the estimate has been updated and a surplus of EUR 960 000 has been identified which can be used for important and urgent measures in another title of the budget.

Moreover, the scheduled payments have also been revised and a surplus of EUR 100 000 can be released in payment appropriations. The identified amount of payment appropriations is the maximum figure that can be released on this budget line at the moment, taking into account the cut on the payment appropriations decided by the Budget authority in the final budget 2014 in comparison to the request by the Commission in the Draft Budget.