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GENERAL BUDGET – 2014

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 01, 05, 07, 08, 09, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23,  
24, 26, 29, 32, 33, 34

## TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 31/2014

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**1. Introduction**

Each year, after reviewing actual implementation and expected utilisation of payment appropriations to the end of the financial year, the Commission proposes the so-called "Global Transfer" designed to rebalance **payment appropriations** for the current budget year. As far as possible, the shortfall in appropriations identified is met by internal transfers within the relevant budget chapters. The global transfer proposal relates to readjustments that cannot be met by such internal transfers.

This global transfer proposal for 2014 relates to payment appropriations amounting to some EUR 175,1 million, corresponding to some 0,1% of the total authorised payments in the 2014 budget. This makes this global transfer the lowest of recent years, as illustrated by the following table:

Budget Year	Value of the Global Transfer (million euro)
2010	1 792,0
2011	719,2
2012	419,7
2013	509,8 <sup>1</sup>
2014	175,1

The global transfer, like any other transfer, must be neutral in its budgetary effect. The additional payment needs of some programmes and actions can only be addressed insofar as there is sufficient availability from other sources, where appropriations are expected to be under-utilised by year-end. Due to the unprecedented pressure on payment appropriations, already explained in the Commission's proposal for Draft Amending Budget 3/2014 (DAB 3/2014), the requests for the reinforcement of budget lines have outstripped the availabilities many times over.

Most payment appropriations made available within a heading have been used to cover the most urgent needs in that same heading, with the emphasis on avoiding late interest payments, and avoiding putting fragile beneficiaries at risk. Some minor movements between headings have also been made, such as the proposed transfer of EUR 433 000 from heading 1b to heading 2. The source is a preparatory action for which the interim payment will now fall in 2015. It is in no way an indication of general availabilities in heading 1b, where the amounts needed, such as those requested in DAB 3, are so great that the volume of this global transfer could in no way satisfy the real requirements for reinforcement.

It should be noted that of the 31 lines with amounts available for redeployment, only four can offer EUR 10 million or more, and 15 of them are offering EUR 1 million or less.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission proposal. The final amount approved by the Budgetary Authority was EUR 109,3 million.

The proposed reinforcements and reductions by heading and main programme are as follows:

Headings		Global Transfer (euro)		
		Increase	Decrease	Net change
1.	<b>SMART AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH</b>	+106 408 214	-100 489 788	+5 918 426
1.1	<b>Competitiveness for growth and jobs</b>	+106 408 214	-100 056 788	+6 351 426
1.2	<b>Economic, social and territorial cohesion</b>	0	-433 000	-433 000
2.	<b>SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	+2 903 358	-2 470 358	+433 000
3.	<b>SECURITY AND CITIZENSHIP</b>	+25 680 000	-32 031 426	-6 351 426
4.	<b>GLOBAL EUROPE</b>	+40 157 861	-40 157 861	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>+175 149 433</b>	<b>-175 149 433</b>	<b>0</b>

In total, 57 budget lines are concerned (26 for reinforcement and 31 for reductions), compared to 96 (59 for reinforcement and 37 for reductions) budget lines included in the Global Transfer presented at the end of 2013.

## 2. Reinforcements and reductions of payment appropriations

The major reinforcements and reductions (greater than EUR 10 million) are summarised in this section. The number of lines concerned is very limited, reflecting the low level of availabilities.

### 2.1 Reinforcements

The transfer request proposes to reinforce **26 budget lines**. The main lines (i.e. for which changes are above EUR 10 million) concerned, by heading and decreasing size of the reinforcement, are the following:

#### 2.1.1 Heading 1a Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs

- + EUR 80,0 million for 09 04 51 Completion of previous research framework programme – Seventh Framework Programme (2007 to 2013). The shortage of payment appropriations in this line is greater than EUR 100 million. Out of this shortage, EUR 25 million have been requested in DAB 3/2014. The additional reinforcement now requested will be used to process 87 interim payments and 25 final payments of the FP7 completion programme. Many of these payments are currently blocked and incurring late interest costs.
- + EUR 12,0 million for 01 04 51 Completion of programmes in the field of small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) (prior to 2014). The increase is requested for the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) 2007 2013 and the Multiannual Programme for Enterprises and Entrepreneurship (MAP) 2001-2005. The amount required for the CIP would be targeted towards the High Growth and Innovation Facility for SMEs (GIF, venture capital). This is based on the significant decrease of the cash balance in the Trust Account (of approx. EUR 25 million) due to drawdowns paid by the European Investment Fund (EIF) towards financial intermediaries between January and July 2014 and also on the increased forecast for the second half of this year. The amount requested for the MAP (2001-2005) will be split between the ETF Start-up Facility (Venture capital) and the SME Guarantee Facility.
- + EUR 10,0 million for 32 02 52 Completion of energy projects to aid economic recovery. As of September 2014 all voted and transferred appropriations on the EEPR (European Energy Programme for Recovery) budget line have been fully consumed and the pending payments are accumulating late interest charges (expected to reach some EUR 1,2 million by the end of the year). All options for internal transfers within the energy policy area as well as for reusing assigned revenue stemming from recoveries have been fully exploited, and the Commission has also requested a reinforcement of EUR 55 million through DAB 3/2014. However, this will still not cover all the payments due by the end of the year, and this additional EUR 10,0 million is essential to cover at least part of these.

### 2.1.2 Heading 3 Security and Citizenship

- + EUR 19,4 million for 18 03 51 Completion of return, refugees and migration flows. Due to the important migratory pressure faced by some Member States and the decision to allocate additional funding following the tragic events which occurred off the coast of Lampedusa in October 2013, a total amount of EUR 28,4 million of additional emergency funding was committed at the end of 2013 to the benefit of eight frontline Member States. This emergency funding was not matched by any additional payment appropriations. Furthermore, the expected costs claims for the closure of the Union actions under the Refugees, Integration and Return Funds, the closure of the annual programmes 2007-2011 in shared management, and the second pre-financings foreseen in the basic acts for the 2012 annual programmes in shared management are higher than originally foreseen.

## 2.2 Reductions

The transfer request proposes to reduce the level of payment appropriations for **31 budget lines**. The main lines affected (i.e. for which changes are above EUR 10 million), by heading and decreasing size of the reduction, are the following:

### 2.2.1 Heading 1a Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs

- - EUR 71,2 million from 08 04 51 Completion of European Joint Undertaking for ITER – Fusion for Energy (F4E) (2007-2013). The payments related to the Vacuum Vessel contract, and the signature of a Procurement Arrangement with the ITER International Organisation, have been shifted to 2015, while technical discussions continue with the supplier with a view to resolving problems encountered with the manufacturing approach.
- - EUR 10,5 million from 29 02 01 Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System. In the face of a generalised shortage of payment appropriations, all programmes have been scrutinised with a view to minimising the payment appropriations needed in 2014, and so increasing the capacity of the Commission to pay the invoices and the pre-financing which must absolutely be honoured this year. In the case of the European Statistical System, measures have been taken to balance/minimise amounts to be paid in 2014 by: a) making new commitments using an external assigned revenue from the Swiss Confederation contribution, b) decreasing the number of pre-financings related to new commitments, and c) prioritising the payments by predictability of invoices/cost claims and related right to late payment interest. This has allowed for a reduction in the needs for 2014 for the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017, allowing this programme to contribute to facilitating the management of the payment appropriations across the Commission as a whole.

### 2.2.2 Heading 4 Global Europe

- - EUR 24,0 million from 01 03 02 Macro-financial assistance. The MFA operations for Moldova and Armenia foreseen for this year are on hold. As regards Moldova, negotiations for a new IMF arrangement failed at the beginning of 2014 and will probably only restart after the November 2014 elections. Should a new IMF disbursing arrangement be concluded, a new MFA operation will only be possible in 2015. In the case of Armenia, the overall macroeconomic situation and financing needs were not considered as critical by the Commission services last time they were examined. As a result, there will be no corresponding payments this year and, therefore, an amount of EUR 24 million in payment appropriations can be made available.
- - EUR 12,3 million from 13 05 63 02 Cross-border cooperation (CBC) – Contribution from heading 4. The IPA II Regulation was adopted very late this year and programmes will not be ready for adoption in 2014. It is therefore proposed to transfer the available payment appropriations to other policy areas.

### 3. Proposed transfers

All proposed transfers, either for an increase or reduction in appropriations, are summarised in the Summary Table in budget nomenclature order. The table indicates:

- the initial budget appropriations, including amending budgets as of 9 September 2014;
- transfers as of 9 September 2014;
- the implementation as of 9 September 2014;
- the total remaining available appropriations;
- proposed transfers (increase or reduction);
- percentage change, compared to the initial budget (including any amending budgets);
- short justifications for the proposed transfers. For reductions or reinforcements representing less than 10% of the authorised appropriations on the budget line one of the following standard justifications applies:
  - Implementation faster than expected;
  - Implementation slower than expected;
  - Non-implementation of scheduled advance payments;
  - Commitment appropriations not matched by sufficient payment appropriations;
  - Increased absorption of payments which were delayed in the previous year;
  - Payments appropriations not matched by sufficient commitment appropriations;
  - Difficulties arising out of tenders or contract execution;
  - Change in application of legal basis.

For reductions or reinforcements representing more than 10% of the authorised appropriations on the budget line more detailed justifications are provided in the enclosure.

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**FROM****CHAPTER** - 0103 International economic and financial affairs

ARTICLE - 01 03 02 Macro-financial assistance

Payments 23 960 000

**CHAPTER** - 0502 Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through interventions in agricultural markets

ITEM - 05 02 10 02 Promotion measures - Direct payments by the Union

Payments 308 029

**CHAPTER** - 0506 International aspects of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area

ARTICLE - 05 06 01 International agricultural agreements

Payments 3 784 411

**CHAPTER** - 0508 Policy strategy and coordination of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area

ITEM - 05 08 77 06 Preparatory action - European farm prices and margins observatory

Payments 612 329

ITEM - 05 08 77 09 Preparatory action - Union plant and animal genetic resources

Payments 600 000

ITEM - 05 08 77 10 Pilot project - Agropol - Development of a European cross-border Agribusiness Model Region

Payments 600 000

ITEM - 05 08 77 11 Pilot project - Towards an integrated European agroforestry sector

Payments 350 000

**CHAPTER** - 0509 Horizon 2020 - Research and innovation related to agriculture

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

Payments 1 666 954

**CHAPTER** - 0804 ITER Programme

ARTICLE - 08 04 01 Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities - European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E)

Payments 8 800 000

ARTICLE - 08 04 51 Completion of European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E) (2007 to 2013)

Payments 71 200 000

**CHAPTER** - 0902 Regulatory framework for the Digital Agenda

ARTICLE - 09 02 01 Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communication

Payments 271 200

ARTICLE - 09 02 05 Measures concerning the digital content, and audio-visual and other media industries

Payments 592 000

ITEM - 09 02 77 03 Pilot project - European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Payments 456 508

**CHAPTER** - 0903 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Telecommunications networks

ARTICLE - 09 03 03 Promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national services of common interest and contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment

Payments 1 898 831

ITEM - 09 03 51 01 Completion of Safer Internet Programme (2009 to 2013)

Payments 450 000

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<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1202 A Single Market Policy and Free Movement of Services		
ITEM - 12 02 77 03 Preparatory action - Single Market Forum	Payments	150 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1203 Financial services and capital markets		
ARTICLE - 12 03 51 Completion of previous activities in the field of financial services, financial reporting and auditing	Payments	669 803
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1303 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and other regional operations		
ITEM - 13 03 77 09 Preparatory action on an Atlantic Forum for the European Union Atlantic Strategy	Payments	433 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1305 Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance - Regional development and regional and territorial cooperation		
ITEM - 13 05 63 02 Cross-border cooperation (CBC) - Contribution from Heading 4	Payments	12 338 481
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1702 Consumer policy		
ARTICLE - 17 02 01 Safeguarding consumers interest and improving their safety and information	Payments	1 449 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1703 Public health		
ARTICLE - 17 03 10 European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)	Payments	2 000 000
ITEM - 17 03 12 01 Union contribution to European Medicines Agency (EMA)	Payments	7 602 918
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 1802 Internal Security		
ITEM - 18 02 01 01 Support of borders management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel	Payments	7 446 000
ITEM - 18 02 01 02 Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis	Payments	6 985 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2303 The Union Civil Protection Mechanism		
ARTICLE - 23 03 51 Completion of programmes and actions in the field of civil protection within the Union (prior to 2014)	Payments	500 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2602 Multimedia production		
ARTICLE - 26 02 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	Payments	250 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2902 The European statistical programme		
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	Payments	10 500 000
ARTICLE - 29 02 51 Completion of statistical programmes (prior to 2013)	Payments	4 200 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 3302 Rights and Citizenship		
ARTICLE - 33 02 01 Ensuring the protection of rights and empower citizens	Payments	2 000 000
ARTICLE - 33 02 02 Promoting non-discrimination and equality	Payments	3 000 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 3402 Climate action at Union and international level		
ARTICLE - 34 02 04 Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements	Payments	74 969

## TO

### **CHAPTER** - 0104 Financial operations and instruments

ARTICLE - 01 04 51 Completion of programmes in the field of small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) (prior to 2014) Payments 12 000 000

### **CHAPTER** - 0702 Environmental policy at Union and international level

ITEM - 07 02 77 03 Preparatory action - Strategic environmental impact assessment on the development of the European Arctic Payments 356 052

### **CHAPTER** - 0904 Horizon 2020

ITEM - 09 04 03 02 Fostering inclusive, innovative and secure European societies Payments 2 784 852

ARTICLE - 09 04 51 Completion of previous research framework programme - Seventh Framework Programme (2007 to 2013) Payments 80 000 000

### **CHAPTER** - 1603 Communication actions

ITEM - 16 03 01 03 Information outlets Payments 1 600 000

ITEM - 16 03 01 04 Communication of the Commission Representations and Partnership actions Payments 1 000 000

ITEM - 16 03 02 03 Online and written information and communication tools Payments 2 900 000

### **CHAPTER** - 1703 Public health

ARTICLE - 17 03 51 Completion of public health programme Payments 749 000

### **CHAPTER** - 1803 Asylum and Migration

ARTICLE - 18 03 51 Completion of return, refugees and migration flows Payments 19 431 000

### **CHAPTER** - 1905 Cooperation with third countries under the Partnership Instrument (PI)

ARTICLE - 19 05 51 Completion of actions 'Relations and cooperation with industrialised third countries' (2007 to 2013) Payments 3 600 000

### **CHAPTER** - 2002 Trade policy

ARTICLE - 20 02 01 External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries Payments 1 181 809

ARTICLE - 20 02 03 Aid for trade - Multilateral initiatives Payments 1 000 000

### **CHAPTER** - 2102 Development cooperation instrument (DCI)

ITEM - 21 02 07 06 Food security and sustainable agriculture Payments 6 000 000

ARTICLE - 21 02 40 Commodities agreements Payments 20 000

ITEM - 21 02 51 01 Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum Payments 4 000 000

ITEM - 21 02 51 02 Cooperation with developing countries in Latin America Payments 4 000 000

ITEM - 21 02 51 03 Cooperation with developing countries in Asia, including Central Asia and the Middle East Payments 8 000 000

ITEM - 21 02 51 05 Non-State actors in development Payments 2 000 000

ITEM - 21 02 51 06 Environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy Payments 2 000 000

### **CHAPTER** - 2103 European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

ARTICLE - 21 03 51 Completion of the programme European Neighbourhood Policy and relations with Russia (prior to 2014) Payments 3 000 000

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<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2104 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights		
ARTICLE - 21 04 51 Completion of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (prior to 2014)	Payments	3 000 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2105 Instrument for Stability (IfS) - Global and trans-regional threats		
ARTICLE - 21 05 51 Completion of actions in the area of global threats to security (prior to 2014)	Payments	2 000 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2402 Promoting activities in the field of the protection of the European Union's financial interests (Hercule III)		
ARTICLE - 24 02 01 Preventing and combating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities against the Union's financial interest	Payments	942 750
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 2404 Anti-fraud information system (AFIS)		
ARTICLE - 24 04 01 Supporting Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters and facilitating secure electronic communication tools for Member States to report irregularities	Payments	680 612
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 3202 Conventional and renewable energy		
ARTICLE - 32 02 52 Completion of energy projects to aid economic recovery	Payments	10 000 000
<b>CHAPTER</b> - 3402 Climate action at Union and international level		
ARTICLE - 34 02 51 Completion of former climate action programmes	Payments	2 903 358

Line / Heading							
Initial Budget +AB (1A)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1A)+(EFTA)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1A)	Total (4±5)	Standard justification
<b>01 03 02 - Macro-financial assistance</b>							
52.153.011	0	41.033	52.111.978	-23.960.000	-45,94%	28.151.978	*
<b>01 04 51 - Completion of programmes in the field of small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) (prior to 2014)</b>							
92.788.874	-244.972	88.248.092	7.107.313	12.000.000	12,93%	19.107.313	*
<b>05 02 10 02 - Promotion measures - Direct payments by the Union</b>							
1.350.000	0	669.270	680.730	-308.029	-22,82%	372.701	*
<b>05 06 01 - International agricultural agreements</b>							
5.590.437	0	1.806.026	3.784.411	-3.784.411	-67,69%	0	*
<b>05 08 77 06 - Preparatory action - European farm prices and margins observatory</b>							
1.000.000	0	387.670	612.330	-612.329	-61,23%	1	*
<b>05 08 77 09 - Preparatory action - Union plant and animal genetic resources</b>							
600.000	0	0	600.000	-600.000	-100,00%	0	*
<b>05 08 77 10 - Pilot project - Agropol - Development of a European cross-border Agribusiness Model Region</b>							
600.000	0	0	600.000	-600.000	-100,00%	0	*
<b>05 08 77 11 - Pilot project - Towards an integrated European agroforestry sector</b>							
500.000	0	0	500.000	-350.000	-70,00%	150.000	*
<b>05 09 03 01 - Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products</b>							
2.290.968	0	21.363	2.338.334	-1.666.954	-72,76%	671.380	
<b>07 02 77 03 - Preparatory action - Strategic environmental impact assessment on the development of the European Arctic</b>							
375.000	0	273.455	101.545	356.052	94,95%	457.597	*
<b>08 04 01 - Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities - European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E)</b>							
69.335.108	-6.900.000	41.127.422	21.307.686	-8.800.000	-12,69%	12.507.686	*
<b>08 04 51 - Completion of European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E) (2007 to 2013)</b>							
486.765.952	-48.100.000	264.991.561	173.674.391	-71.200.000	-14,63%	102.474.391	*
<b>09 02 01 - Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communication</b>							
2.968.000	0	1.536.849	1.431.151	-271.200	-9,14%	1.159.951	*
<b>09 02 05 - Measures concerning the digital content, and audiovisual and other media industries</b>							
1.020.000	0	60.000	960.000	-592.000	-58,04%	368.000	*
<b>09 02 77 03 - Pilot project - European Centre for Press and Media Freedom</b>							
1.000.000	0	175.379	824.621	-456.508	-45,65%	368.113	*

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<b>09 03 03 - Promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national services of common interest and contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment</b>							
9.783.423	-978.342	6.250	8.798.831	-1.898.831	-19,41%	6.900.000	*
<b>09 03 51 01 - Completion of Safer Internet Programme (2009 to 2013)</b>							
6.300.000	0	2.536.121	3.954.769	-450.000	-7,14%	3.504.769	Implementation slower than expected
<b>09 04 03 02 - Fostering inclusive, innovative and secure European societies</b>							
505.313	0	67.720	437.593	2.784.852	551,11%	3.222.445	*
<b>09 04 51 - Completion of previous research framework programme - Seventh Framework Programme (2007 to 2013)</b>							
618.054.637	34.728.342	608.471.253	63.038.782	80.000.000	12,94%	143.038.782	*
<b>12 02 77 03 - Preparatory action - Single Market Forum</b>							
1.200.000	-4.124	438.324	757.552	-150.000	-12,50%	607.552	*
<b>12 03 51 - Completion of previous activities in the field of financial services, financial reporting and auditing</b>							
2.495.000	0	1.825.196	669.804	-669.803	-26,85%	1	*
<b>13 03 77 09 - Preparatory action on an Atlantic Forum for the European Union Atlantic Strategy</b>							
600.000	0	167.000	433.000	-433.000	-72,17%	0	*
<b>13 05 63 02 - Cross-border cooperation (CBC) - Contribution from Heading 4</b>							
27.338.481	-15.000.000	0	12.338.481	-12.338.481	-45,13%	0	*
<b>16 03 01 03 - Information outlets</b>							
12.178.887	1.100.000	13.045.514	233.373	1.600.000	13,14%	1.833.373	Implementation faster than expected
<b>16 03 01 04 - Communication of the Commission Representations and Partnership actions</b>							
12.923.887	1.000.000	12.332.362	1.591.525	1.000.000	7,74%	2.591.525	*
<b>16 03 02 03 - Online and written information and communication tools</b>							
15.759.479	0	12.661.004	3.098.475	2.900.000	18,40%	5.998.475	*
<b>17 02 01 - Safeguarding consumers interest and improving their safety and information</b>							
6.512.000	-2.439.537	193.362	3.879.101	-1.449.000	-22,25%	2.430.101	*
<b>17 03 10 - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</b>							
56.766.000	0	46.040.000	12.446.010	-2.000.000	-3,52%	10.446.010	*
<b>17 03 12 01 - Union contribution to European Medicines Agency (EMA)</b>							
31.333.000	0	12.000.000	20.282.390	-7.602.918	-24,26%	12.679.472	*
<b>17 03 51 - Completion of public health programme</b>							
30.370.000	3.079.789	27.053.224	7.316.776	749.000	2,47%	8.065.776	*
<b>18 02 01 01 - Support of borders management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel</b>							
27.160.000	0	0	27.160.000	-7.446.000	-27,42%	19.714.000	*
<b>18 02 01 02 - Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis</b>							

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Initial Budget ±AB (1A)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1A)+(EFTA)+(2)- (3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1A)	Total (4±5)	Standard justification
16.190.000	-285.142	0	15.904.858	-6.985.000	-43,14%	8.919.858	*
<b>18 03 51 - Completion of return, refugees and migration flows</b>							
96.056.390	12.983.746	100.057.125	8.983.011	19.431.000	20,23%	28.414.011	*
<b>19 05 51 - Completion of actions `Relations and cooperation with industrialised third countries' (2007 to 2013)</b>							
12.974.789	2.566.688	15.352.243	189.234	3.600.000	27,75%	3.789.234	*
<b>20 02 01 - External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries</b>							
6.769.437	0	6.133.740	635.697	1.181.809	17,46%	1.817.506	*
<b>20 02 03 - Aid for trade - Multilateral initiatives</b>							
3.019.437	0	2.592.949	426.488	1.000.000	33,12%	1.426.488	*
<b>21 02 07 06 - Food security and sustainable agriculture</b>							
23.750.638	-23.750.638	0	0	6.000.000	25,26%	6.000.000	*
<b>21 02 40 - Commodities agreements</b>							
3.565.916	-47.445	295.704	3.222.767	20.000	0,56%	3.242.767	*
<b>21 02 51 01 - Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum</b>							
18.900.000	18.294.728	37.194.728	0	4.000.000	21,16%	4.000.000	*
<b>21 02 51 02 - Cooperation with developing countries in Latin America</b>							
226.200.000	-11.920.923	200.167.180	14.111.897	4.000.000	1,77%	18.111.897	*
<b>21 02 51 03 - Cooperation with developing countries in Asia, including Central Asia and the Middle East</b>							
529.564.664	-42.373.021	464.249.474	22.942.169	8.000.000	1,51%	30.942.169	*
<b>21 02 51 05 - Non-State actors in development</b>							
167.700.000	42.994.291	173.659.993	37.034.298	2.000.000	1,19%	39.034.298	Implementation faster than expected
<b>21 02 51 06 - Environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy</b>							
97.422.000	11.407.187	102.651.100	6.178.087	2.000.000	2,05%	8.178.087	*
<b>21 03 51 - Completion of the programme European Neighbourhood Policy and relations with Russia (prior to 2014)</b>							
909.500.000	4.011.454	814.099.341	99.412.113	3.000.000	0,33%	102.412.113	*
<b>21 04 51 - Completion of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (prior to 2014)</b>							
83.300.000	35.820.000	97.365.824	21.754.176	3.000.000	3,60%	24.754.176	*
<b>21 05 51 - Completion of actions in the area of global threats to security (prior to 2014)</b>							
42.810.916	-380.321	36.580.118	5.850.477	2.000.000	4,67%	7.850.477	*
<b>23 03 51 - Completion of programmes and actions in the field of civil protection within the Union (prior to 2014)</b>							
16.000.000	-148.958	13.011.258	3.324.584	-500.000	-3,13%	2.824.584	*
<b>24 02 01 - Preventing and combating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities against the Union's financial interest</b>							
2.200.000	-850.000	563.504	786.496	942.750	42,85%	1.729.246	*

Line / Heading							
Initial Budget ±AB (1A)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1A)+(EFTA)+(2)- (3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1A)	Total (4±5)	Standard justification
<b>24 04 01 - Supporting Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters and facilitating secure electronic communication tools for Member States to report irregularities</b>							
2.900.000	-868.000	1.298.959	733.041	680.612	23,47%	1.413.653	*
<b>26 02 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts</b>							
10.022.520	-100.000	5.124.786	4.797.734	-250.000	-2,49%	4.547.734	Change in application of legal basis
<b>29 02 01 - Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System</b>							
30.701.655	0	13.208.811	18.190.539	-10.500.000	-34,20%	7.690.539	*
<b>29 02 51 - Completion of statistical programmes (prior to 2013)</b>							
37.604.613	-4.500.000	20.379.155	13.580.023	-4.200.000	-11,17%	9.380.023	*
<b>32 02 52 - Completion of energy projects to aid economic recovery</b>							
85.259.157	26.500.000	111.759.157	0	10.000.000	11,73%	10.000.000	*
<b>33 02 01 - Ensuring the protection of rights and empower citizens</b>							
5.467.000	0	399.432	5.071.942	-2.000.000	-36,58%	3.071.942	*
<b>33 02 02 - Promoting non-discrimination and equality</b>							
7.284.000	0	0	7.292.012	-3.000.000	-41,19%	4.292.012	*
<b>34 02 04 - Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements</b>							
850.000	0	775.031	74.969	-74.969	-8,82%	0	*
<b>34 02 51 - Completion of former climate action programmes</b>							
8.612.958	1.348.000	9.764.696	196.262	2.903.358	33,71%	3.099.620	*
<b>Total DECREASE Payments</b>				<b>- 175.149.433</b>			
<b>Total INCREASE Payments</b>				<b>175.149.433</b>			

(\*) See annex for detailed justification

## Justifications

### **Decrease 01 03 02**

#### **Macro-financial assistance**

The Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) operations for Moldova and Armenia foreseen for this year are on hold. As regards Moldova, negotiations for a new International Monetary Fund (IMF) arrangement failed at the beginning of 2014 and will probably only restart after the November 2014 elections. Should a new IMF disbursing arrangement be concluded, a new MFA operation will only be possible in 2015. In the case of Armenia, the overall macroeconomic situation and financing needs were not considered as critical by the Commission services last time they were examined. As a result, there will be no corresponding payments this year and, therefore, an amount of EUR 24 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

### **Increase 01 04 51**

#### **Completion of programmes in the field of small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) (prior to 2014)**

The amount of EUR 12 million is requested for the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) 2007-2013 and the Multiannual Programme for Enterprises and Entrepreneurship (MAP) 2001-2005.

The amount required for the CIP would be targeted towards the High Growth and Innovation Facility for SMEs (GIF, venture capital). This is based on the significant decrease of the cash balance in the Trust Account (of approximately EUR 25 million) due to drawdowns paid by the European Investment Fund (EIF) towards financial intermediaries between January and July 2014, and also on the increased forecast for the second half of this year. The amount requested for the MAP (2001-2005) will be split between the Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) Start-up Facility (Venture capital) and the SME Guarantee Facility (SMEG01). The requested amount takes into account the minimum balances required on the Trust Accounts (TA).

### **Decrease 05 02 10 02**

#### **Promotion measures - Direct payments by the Union**

The geographical indications campaign in China will start later than initially foreseen since the signature of the EU-China bilateral agreement has been delayed. Therefore, while the commitments will still be made in 2014, part of the payments will be made in 2015, and thus EUR 308 029 can be transferred.

### **Decrease 05 06 01**

#### **International agricultural agreements**

This budget line covers the EU contribution to the International Grains Council (IGC), the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) and the International Olive Oil Council (IOOC). For all these organisations, the EU contributions paid in 2014 were smaller than expected. The main reduction in the EU overall contribution expenditure in 2014 arises from the IOOC agreement, which expires at the end of 2014. The 2014 contributions for the ISO and for the IGC were smaller than foreseen due to the fluctuation of the EUR-GBP exchange rate, and to the final number of votes eventually attributed to the EU in these organisations. On this basis, payment appropriations of EUR 3,8 million can be made available.

### **Decrease 05 08 77 06**

#### **Preparatory action - European farm prices and margins observatory**

Given the country-specific circumstances, and the differences in the national production systems, not every Member State was able to propose appropriate projects, either in content or magnitude. Due to the low response from Member States in 2014, it is proposed to reduce the level of payments for the current year by EUR 612 329.

#### **Decrease 05 08 77 09**

##### **Preparatory action - Union plant and animal genetic resources**

Following the first open call for tenders, a budgetary commitment of EUR 1 488 460 was made in July this year. The contract foresees that the payments will be made in four instalments. According to the payment schedule, the first interim payment request will be received in the second quarter of 2015. Therefore, EUR 600 000 of the foreseen payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decrease 05 08 77 10**

##### **Pilot project - Agropol - Development of a European cross-border Agribusiness Model Region**

Since the individual commitment will only be signed in 2015, no payments will be made in 2014. Hence, for this budget line, EUR 600 000 of the foreseen payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decrease 05 08 77 11**

##### **Pilot project - Towards an integrated European agroforestry sector**

The payments to be made in 2014 for this pilot project are expected to amount to EUR 150 000, and therefore EUR 350 000 can be released.

#### **Decrease 05 09 03 01**

##### **Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products**

The calendar of 2014 calls, the expected time to grant the contracts, as well as the transfer of activities to the Research Executive Agency (REA) as of November 2014, means that pre-financing payments will be made in 2015 only. Therefore an amount of EUR 1.7 million can be released for transfer.

#### **Increase 07 02 77 03**

##### **Preparatory action - Strategic environmental impact assessment on the development of the European Arctic**

The Commission has concluded a service contract for an amount of EUR 998 360 to implement this pilot project. The contract ends mid-October 2014 and a final settlement of will be due before the end of the budget year. The requested reinforcement of EUR 356 052 would allow the Commission to fulfil its contractual obligations and fully settle the amount due for the services provided.

#### **Decrease 08 04 01**

##### **Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities - European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E)**

A decrease of EUR 8,8 million is proposed – see justification for article 08 04 51 below.

## **Decrease 08 04 51**

### **Completion of European Joint Undertaking for ITER - Fusion for Energy (F4E) (2007 to 2013)**

A total of EUR 80 million can be made available as some expenditure is postponed to 2015 – EUR 8,8 million on line 08 04 01, and EUR 71,2 million on this line. The payments related to the Vacuum Vessel contract, and the signature of a Procurement Arrangement with the ITER International Organisation, have been shifted to 2015, while technical discussions continue with the supplier to resolve issues encountered after the start of the manufacturing of the first vacuum vessel sector. On the basis of the data provided by the supplier, F4E is not prepared to advance to the next sectors at this point.

## **Decrease 09 02 01**

### **Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communication**

The availability of EUR 271 200 in payment appropriations relates to the rescheduling of the study 'Mapping broadband structures and services' until 2015, and some final payments for ongoing studies where delivery and approval of final reports are pending such that payment will take place next year instead of this year.

## **Decrease 09 02 05**

### **Measures concerning the digital content, and audio-visual and other media industries**

The availability of payment appropriations (EUR 592 000) arises from a delay in the adoption of the work programme. Therefore, the procurement procedures were postponed, and only a few payments are therefore expected to be made this year against new commitments. Payments against RAL (reste à liquider) will also be lower than anticipated due to a longer procedure for the launch of a large study on alcohol advertising.

## **Decrease 09 02 77 03**

### **Pilot project - European Centre for Press and Media Freedom**

The availability of payment appropriations (EUR 456 508) is a consequence of the delay in the launch of the call for proposals. As a result, it is unlikely that any pre-financing payment could still be paid this year. Furthermore, the financial reports for the four ongoing projects recently received show an overall consumption slightly lower than expected.

## **Decrease 09 03 03**

### **Promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national services of common interest and contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment**

EUR 1,9 million are available for transfer due to the delayed adoption of the legal base, and the resulting delays in the adoption of the work programme. Only few commitments linked to procurement associated to the development of the e-Invoicing platform will translate into payments before the end of the year. European Free Trade Association (EFTA) appropriations just received will be sufficient to cover most of the needs.

## **Increase 09 04 03 02**

### **Fostering inclusive, innovative and secure European societies**

The requested payment appropriations (EUR 2.8 million) are mainly needed to pay for the COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) contribution, which cannot be deferred to 2015.



#### **Increase 09 04 51**

##### **Completion of previous research framework programme - Seventh Framework Programme (2007 to 2013)**

The shortage of payment appropriations in this line is greater than EUR 100 million. Out of this shortage, EUR 25 million have been requested in DAB 3/2014. The additional reinforcement of EUR 80 million now requested will be used to process 87 interim payments and 25 final payments of the FP7 completion programme. Many of these payments are currently blocked, and incurring late interest costs.

#### **Decrease 12 02 77 03**

##### **Preparatory action - Single Market Forum**

The Single Market Forum in 2014 will centre on the three following elements: a “state-of-play” conference in Brussels in autumn 2014, a series of decentralised conferences/workshops in the Member States to be held during the last semester of 2014 and a concluding event in Brussels in February or March 2015. The payment forecast was established based on the timeline of these events and on the contractual deadlines, considering that the final payments can only be made once the events have occurred. The calculations show that the payment appropriations can be decreased by EUR 150 000.

#### **Decrease 12 03 51**

##### **Completion of previous activities in the field of financial services, financial reporting and auditing**

The final payments have been completed for all three 2013 grants. Following an on-the-spot check performed at the premises of one beneficiary, non-eligible costs have been identified. As a consequence the 2013 eligible costs were lower than forecasted for this beneficiary and recovery orders have been issued. In total an amount of EUR 669 803 may be transferred.

#### **Decrease 13 03 77 09**

##### **Preparatory action on an Atlantic Forum for the European Union Atlantic Strategy**

The value of the concluded contract is lower than initially planned. In 2014, only the advance payment has been made, while the interim payment will take place in 2015. Therefore, EUR 433 000 of the foreseen payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decrease 13 05 63 02**

##### **Cross-border cooperation (CBC) - Contribution from Heading 4**

The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance II Regulation (IPA II) was adopted very late this year and programmes will not be ready for adoption in 2014. It is therefore proposed to transfer the available payment appropriations of EUR 12,3 million to other policy areas.

#### **Increase 16 03 01 04**

##### **Communication of the Commission Representations and Partnership actions**

Due to lack of payment appropriations in 2013, payments of EUR 2,4 million that should have been made in 2013 could only be implemented in January 2014. Both the average consumption rate of previous years and the estimates provided by the Representations confirm the necessity for additional appropriations (EUR 1 million) under this budget line to cover both payments of the RAL and of 2014 actions.

### **Increase 16 03 02 03**

#### **Online and written information and communication tools**

A reinforcement of EUR 2,9 million is needed in order to cover the operational costs of both staff for the Europa website and of the Euro Direct Contact Centre (EDCC) (invoices covering the period from July to October) and the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Contact Centre (i.e. invoice expected in October). The EDCC contractor will not be able to keep the service operational if this budget line is not reinforced.

### **Decrease 17 02 01**

#### **Safeguarding consumers' interest and improving their safety and information**

Due to a delay in the adoption of the legal base and of the annual work programme, and the subsequent delay in implementation of the 2014 commitment appropriations, part of the payment appropriations (EUR 1,4 million) will not be needed in 2014.

### **Decrease 17 03 10**

#### **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**

EUR 2 million can be transferred due to lower than expected cash disbursements in relation to the revision of the salaries weighting factor for the years 2011 to 2013.

### **Decrease 17 03 12 01**

#### **Union contribution to European Medicines Agency (EMA)**

In 2014, EMA processed the revision of the salaries weighting factor for the years 2011 and 2012, for which the budgetary impact was EUR 6 million less than anticipated. Moreover, due to a correction of the 2012 accounts requested by the Court of Auditors, the EMA 2012 outturn was more negative than planned and the resulting subsidy to be financed in 2014 by fresh appropriations was thus lower (EUR 1,6 million). Therefore, an amount of EUR 7,6 million can be transferred.

### **Increase 17 03 51**

#### **Completion of public health programme**

In order to honour the outstanding financial obligations towards beneficiaries from the implementation of actions under the 2008-2013 Health programme a minimum additional amount of EUR 749 000 is needed in 2014.

### **Decrease 18 02 01 01**

#### **Support of borders management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel**

The late adoption of the legal basis of the Funds (published in OJ of 20.5.2014) has resulted in the late submission of the formal draft national programmes by the Member States, and, in turn, has slowed down their approval process. Thus, the first pre-financings will be paid in 2015 only. As a consequence, the appropriations foreseen for shared management can be made available to reinforce other lines (EUR 7,4 million).

## **Decrease 18 02 01 02**

### **Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis**

As explained above, the late adoption of the legal basis of the Funds (published in OJ of 20.5.2014) has resulted in the late submission of the formal draft national programmes by the Member States, slowing down their approval process. As a consequence EUR 7,0 million can be made available for transfer.

## **Increase 18 03 51**

### **Completion of return, refugees and migration flows**

Due to the important migratory pressure faced by some Member States and the decision to allocate additional funding following the tragic events which occurred off the coast of Lampedusa in October 2013, a total amount of EUR 28,4 million of additional emergency funding was committed at the end of 2013 to the benefit of eight frontline Member States. This emergency funding was not matched by any additional payment appropriations. Furthermore, the expected costs claims for the closure of the Union actions under the Refugees, Integration and Return Funds, the closure of the annual programmes 2007-2011 in shared management, and the second pre-financings foreseen in the basic acts for the 2012 annual programmes in shared management are higher than originally foreseen. After redeployment from all possible sources, a reinforcement of EUR 19,4 million is still necessary on budget line 18 03 51.

## **Increase 19 05 51**

### **Completion of actions 'Relations and cooperation with industrialised third countries' (2007 to 2013)**

By 31 August, 96% of the available payment appropriations on this budget line had already been used. After taking mitigating measures, the absolute needs to pay contractual obligations amount to EUR 10,6 million of which EUR 3,6 million under the Erasmus + programme. The beneficiaries under the Erasmus + programme are universities, but the final impact lies on students and teachers who are not in position to pre-finance them. For this reason, it is proposed to reinforce this line through the global transfer for an amount of EUR 3,6 million.

## **Increase 20 02 01**

### **External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries**

Based on the latest forecasts and despite all mitigating measures already applied by the Commission, payment appropriations on this budget line will already run out in October. A reinforcement of EUR 1.2 million is requested through the global transfer, which will be used to honour the legal obligations stemming from outstanding commitments.

## **Increase 20 02 03**

### **Aid for trade - Multilateral initiatives**

Even after applying mitigating measures, it is foreseen that this budget line will already run out of payment appropriations in October. Thus a reinforcement of EUR 1 million is requested through the global transfer.

## **Increase 21 02 07 06**

### **Food security and sustainable agriculture**

To date there are no appropriations left on this budget line as they have transferred earlier in the year to other budget lines of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) to cover more urgent payment needs. An amount of EUR 6 million is requested to cover, at least in part, pending payments under important food security projects in Myanmar and Nepal.

## **Increase 21 02 40**

### **Commodities agreements**

This budget line covers different contributions to International Organisations, for which the amounts for commitments should be matched by an equal amount for payments. To cover the existing commitments, and take account of exchange rate fluctuations, an amount of EUR 20 000 is requested.

## **Increase 21 02 51 01**

### **Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum**

Despite a reinforcement of EUR 18 million earlier in the year, the payment appropriations on this line are now exhausted. The requested reinforcement of EUR 4 million is intended to cover pending payments under two on-going Regional Protection Programmes: "to provide protection and capacity building in the area of asylum and refugees" covering the North of Africa and the Horn of Africa.

## **Increase 21 02 51 02**

### **Cooperation with developing countries in Latin America**

The payment appropriations on this budget line will be exhausted by end September. During the year, this budget line was used as a source of urgent payments for the humanitarian aid budget line (23 02 01) for an amount of EUR 19 million, and the return of this amount was requested in DAB 3/2014. However, even with this, there are not enough payment appropriations to cover pending invoices under important reform projects in countries such as Bolivia, Peru, Honduras and several budget support payments. Therefore a minimum of EUR 4 million is required now, and requested in the global transfer.

## **Increase 21 02 51 03**

### **Cooperation with developing countries in Asia, including Central Asia and the Middle East**

The small amount of payment appropriations left on this line are foreseen to last until end September. As in the case above, this budget line was used as a source of urgent payments for the Human rights (21 04 51) and Humanitarian aid (23 02 01). EUR 55 million was transferred from the line, and of this, EUR 36 million has been requested back in DAB 3/2014.

However, a much greater reinforcement is needed to cover pending budget support payments to countries such as Cambodia, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam, Tajikistan and invoices on important reform projects in Afghanistan, and EUR 8 million is requested through the global transfer.

## **Increase 21 02 51 06**

### **Environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy**

The payment appropriations on this line will shortly be exhausted, and there is a need for reinforcement of EUR 2 million in the global transfer to cover pending payments on existing contracts and payments necessary for the organisation of the Climate Change Conference of Parties in Lima in November 2014.

### **Increase 21 03 51**

#### **Completion of the programme European Neighbourhood Policy and relations with Russia (prior to 2014)**

For the European Neighbourhood Instrument as a whole, the forecast is that, by the end of 2014, there will be payment claims received which cannot be paid amounting to around EUR 320 million. The forecast shortfall is made up as follows: joint managing authorities are expected to send payment claims of approximately EUR 88 million for cross-border cooperation; three budget support payments worth EUR 105 million would have to be postponed of (including EUR 33 million for Ukraine); payments to the Neighbourhood Investment Facility, which benefits SMEs in the region, will also be postponed (EUR 21 million); and the balance (EUR 106 million) consists of a mass of smaller projects for which payment claims will have to be postponed when they arrive.

Even a small amount (EUR 3 million) in the global transfer will enable one or two of the highest priority claims, likely to be to the benefit of civil society or smaller contractors, to be paid, as opposed to being postponed to 2015.

### **Increase 21 04 51**

#### **Completion of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (prior to 2014)**

This budget line has a very high implementation rate and has already been reinforced by transfer earlier this year. The appropriations left are foreseen to last until November. Nevertheless, a minimum reinforcement of EUR 3 million is still needed to cover pre-financing payments to Non-Governmental Organisations under a 2013 Call for proposals.

### **Increase 21 05 51**

#### **Completion of actions in the area of global threats to security (prior to 2014)**

There is only a limited amount of payment appropriations left on this budget line. Despite all mitigating measures already put in place by the Commission, they are foreseen to last until end of September.

The needs for reinforcement until the end of the year are estimated at EUR 35 million, of which only EUR 2 million will be covered through the Global transfer to cover high priority needs.

Part of these high priority needs will cover pending payments under projects concerning Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear risk mitigation as well as urgent actions in crisis regions such as Ukraine and West Africa. The other part is needed to cover payments under on-going existing contracts in the areas of counter-terrorism and maritime security in Pakistan, the Horn of Africa, Somalia and West Africa.

### **Decrease 23 03 51**

#### **Completion of programmes and actions in the field of civil protection within the Union (prior to 2014)**

Several final reports have been received very late in the year or they are incomplete, which in turn has delayed the final financial liquidation of some projects. As a result, an amount of EUR 0,5 million will not be used at year-end.

#### **Increase 24 02 01**

##### **Preventing and combating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities against the Union's financial interest**

Based on a file by file analysis, and taking into account the amount still available on the budget line, a reinforcement of EUR 942 750 is needed to cover the costs for two databases in order to ensure that access is not blocked. These databases are used by the law enforcement services in the Member States, invoices for database subscriptions are always paid in advance.

#### **Increase 24 04 01**

##### **Supporting Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters and facilitating secure electronic communication tools for Member States to report irregularities**

AFIS (Anti-Fraud Information System project) is an IT application maintained and financed by OLAF and at the disposal of the Member States for which 100% of the funds are used for delivery of IT equipment and to employ maintenance and support staff as well as for training and expertise. Those expenses are all covered by procurement contracts, for which payment obligations must be met immediately after delivery of the equipment or services. Consequently 90% of the AFIS projects are paid within the year following the signature date of the contract. The requested reinforcement of EUR 680 612 is necessary to pay invoices still due this year.

#### **Decrease 29 02 01**

##### **Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System**

In the face of shortages of payment appropriations, measures have been taken to balance/minimise amounts to be paid in 2014 by: a) making new commitments using an external assigned revenue from the Swiss Confederation contribution, b) decreasing number of pre-financings in the new commitments, and c) prioritising the payments by predictability of invoices/cost claims and related right to late payment interest. This has allowed for a reduction in the needs for 2014 for the European Statistical Programme 2013-2017 for a total of EUR 10,5 million.

#### **Decrease 29 02 51**

##### **Completion of statistical programmes (prior to 2013)**

Two main factors allow for the transfer of EUR 4,2 million from this line. First, prioritisation of the payments by predictability of invoices/cost claims along with related right to late payment interest; and second, ex-ante control show that some projects' payments initially planned to be processed at the end of 2014 would be settled later due to additional clarifications needed.

## **Increase 32 02 52**

### **Completion of energy projects to aid economic recovery**

The completion of the EEPR projects is progressing faster than expected. As of September 2014 all voted and transferred appropriations on the EEPR budget line have been fully consumed and the pending payments are accumulating late interest charges (expected to reach some EUR 1.2 million by the end of the year).

All options for internal transfers within the energy policy area as well as for reusing assigned revenue stemming from recoveries are being fully exploited.

The Commission has already requested a reinforcement of EUR 55 million in the 2014 budget through DAB 3/2014. However, in order to honour all payments falling due by the end of the year (14 individual payments), the EEPR budget line still needs to be additionally reinforced. The increase of EUR 10 million proposed in the global transfer will allow at least part of the pending payments to be covered.

## **Decrease 33 02 01**

### **Ensuring the protection of rights and empower citizens**

Due to the late adoption of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 setting up the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, the respective annual work programme for 2014 was adopted only at the end of April 2014.

As a result some calls for proposals will be published only in the second semester of 2014. The conclusion of the corresponding grant agreements and respective pre-financing payments will take place during the first quarter of 2015.

For this reason a total amount of EUR 5 million (EUR 2 million on the budget line 33 02 01- Ensuring the protection of rights and empower citizens and EUR 3 million on the budget line 33 02 02 - Promoting non-discrimination and equality) can be made available.

## **Decrease 33 02 02**

### **Promoting non-discrimination and equality**

As explained above, EUR 3 million can be transferred from this line, due to the late adoption of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 setting up the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, the respective annual work programme for 2014 was adopted only at the end of April 2014.

## **Decrease 34 02 04**

### **Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements**

All voluntary and obligatory contributions to international conventions have been committed and paid in full, and no further transactions will be made on this budget line. Therefore, EUR 74 969 may be used elsewhere.

## **Increase 34 02 51**

### **Completion of former climate action programmes**

Despite earlier reinforcement through redeployment of payment appropriations within the chapter, the available payment appropriations on this budget line are almost exhausted. A thorough inventory of the needs until the end of 2014 has been made and, assuming that only contracts ending before 1/10/2014 would be paid in 2014, a reinforcement of EUR 2,9 million is needed in order to cover legal obligations (this budget line is mainly for procurement contracts with private companies) and avoid the payment of late payment interest.