



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: Budget Committee
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Proposal for transfer of appropriations No Inf 9/2013 within Section VII -
Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 29 November 2013, the Committee of the Regions submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No Inf 9/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a global amount of EUR 540 807 from various items under Title 1, Chapters 14 (*Other staff and outside services*) and 16 (*Other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution*), as well as from various items under Title 2, Chapters 20 (*Buildings and associated costs*), 21 (*Data processing, equipment and furniture: purchase, hire and maintenance*), 23 (*Current administrative expenditure*), 25 (*Meetings and conference*) and 26 (*Expertise and information*), to Item 2001 (*Annual lease payments*), under Title 2.

2. The Committee of the Regions proposes to transfer unused appropriations of its 2013 budget to the line covering lease payments related to its buildings in Brussels. This would allow freeing some appropriations on this line for 2014 which, in turn, would be used to finance additional projects to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings in order to comply with Directive 2012/27/EU.
3. The Budget Committee examined this transfer proposal at its meeting on 5 December 2013. Several delegations raised objections on the budgetary operation proposed and, by virtue of the second sentence of Article 25(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, transfer proposal No Inf 9/2013 was subject to the procedure of Article 27 thereof.
4. At the end of the examination on the basis of Article 27, the Budget Committee did not reach a position in respect to transfer proposal No Inf 9/2013, as there was no qualified majority either to approve or to refuse it. The Permanent Representatives Committee and the Council are invited to take note and to approve the draft letter in the ANNEX in order to inform the institutions concerned.

¹ 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.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Committee of the Regions
copy : President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27(4) of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council did not take a position on transfer of appropriations No Inf 9/2013 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

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