



Council of the  
European Union

Brussels, 30 October 2015  
(OR. en)

13542/15

FIN 729

**COVER NOTE**

---

From:	Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Vice-president of the European Commission
date of receipt:	30 October 2015
To:	Mr Pierre GRAMEGNA, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 34/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

---

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 34/2015.

---

Encl.: DEC 34/2015



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 29/10/2015

GENERAL BUDGET - 2015  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 34/2015**

---

**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments	-59 840 000,00
Payments	-55 357 500,00

**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

Commitments	59 840 000,00
Payments	55 357 500,00

## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

#### **40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations**

#### b) Figure at 13/10/2015

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	87 802 756,00	87 802 756,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	-13 750 965,00	-13 475 965,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	74 051 791,00	74 326 791,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>74 051 791,00</b>	<b>74 326 791,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>14 211 791,00</b>	<b>18 969 291,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>59 840 000,00</b>	<b>55 357 500,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	68,15 %	63,05 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

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

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 13/10/2015	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The available commitment and payment appropriations under the reserve line are sufficient to cover the reinforcement of the operational line.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters**

#### **b) Figure at 13/10/2015**

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	57 197 244,00	57 197 244,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	13 750 965,00	13 475 965,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	70 948 209,00	70 673 209,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	70 234 468,45	45 068 968,45
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>713 740,55</b>	<b>25 604 240,55</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>60 553 740,55</b>	<b>80 961 740,55</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>59 840 000,00</b>	<b>55 357 500,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	104,62 %	96,78 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

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

	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Payments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	713 740,55	713 740,55
2 Appropriations available on 13/10/2015	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %	100,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

Following the adoption of the Commission Proposal for a Council Decision COM(2015)466 of 30/09/2015 and the Commission Proposal for a Council Decision COM(2015)471 of 01/10/2015, the legislative procedures for the entry into force of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) with the Republic of Liberia and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania are ongoing and are expected to be finalised by mid-November 2015. The timeline for ensuring the availability of necessary appropriations in 2015 means that the proposal for transfer from the reserve line has to be launched before the formal adoption of the two Council Decisions. Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the necessary appropriations (commitments and payments) from the reserve line 40 02 41 to the operational line 11 03 01 to allow for the commitment and payment of the first instalments under the above mentioned Protocols.

From the total transfer proposal of EUR 59 840 000 (commitments), EUR 715 000 relates to the SFPA with Liberia and EUR 59 125 000 is necessary for the SFPA with Mauritania.

From the total transfer proposal of EUR 55 357 500 (payments), EUR 357 500 relates to the SFPA with Liberia and EUR 55 000 000 is necessary for the SFPA with Mauritania.

The difference between commitment and payment appropriations needed is due to the fact that the sectoral support for Mauritania (EUR 4 125 000) and for Liberia (EUR 357 500) will be committed in 2015 but paid in the first quarter of 2016.