



Council of the  
European Union

Brussels, 16 November 2015  
(OR. en)

14177/15

FIN 770

**COVER NOTE**

---

From:	Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Vice-president of the European Commission
date of receipt:	16 November 2015
To:	Mr Pierre GRAMEGNA, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 35/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

---

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 35/2015.

---

Encl.: DEC 35/2015



BRUSSELS, 10/11/2015

GENERAL BUDGET - 2015

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 05, 06, 08, 09, 15

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 35/2015**

---

## INTRODUCTION

With DEC 35, the Commission proposes to move the appropriations related to the savings (EUR 35.8 million) achieved on the budget lines (14 in total) of Executive Agencies, the Horizon 2020 administrative lines and the support expenditure for the European satellite navigation system to the operational lines of the corresponding programmes (15 budget lines in total).

The first round of calls for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport attracted over 700 projects totalling more than EUR 36 billion of requested funding, which exceeded the initially planned budget by more than three times. Given the budgetary constraints, in the projects' evaluation it was decided to focus the available funding first on major cross-border projects and then on projects addressing the main transport bottlenecks or horizontal priorities. Yet, the total for the projects finally selected still exceeded the initial allocation by making use of the flexibility to adjust the indicative budget by up to 20% provided for in the respective work programme. The redeployment from the administrative to the operational lines of the CEF, which the present transfer proposes, will allow covering some of this additional amount already in 2015 as regards in particular projects addressing the objective of integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability as well as projects in the Member States eligible to benefit from the Cohesion Fund. The corresponding payment appropriations will serve for meeting the related pre-financing obligations which fall due with the signature of each individual grant agreement.

Erasmus + is one of the most visible and successful programmes financed by the EU Budget. In order to consolidate such a visibility, the proposed increase will allow the financing of additional projects which are currently on the reserve list for the Strategic Partnerships call for proposals under Key Action 2 of the Erasmus+ programme. Such an increase would grant support to more organisations from different participating countries to work together, to develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative approaches in fields which have always been priorities of the Union such as education, training and youth.

The proposed increase for the Creative Europe "Media Sub-programme" would allow the financing of further grants that can generate a real impact for the audio-visual and multimedia sector across Europe by promoting different initiatives in the related fields, including supporting individual works, initiatives promoting new related skills and international cooperation in the sector.

Horizon 2020 integrates the activities of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) with previous Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programmes; it has a new focus on innovation, is easier accessible due to simplification and offers new instruments that address more stakeholders, like Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). The consequence, which is under close monitoring by the Commission, is an increased oversubscription compared with FP7. Further to measures, like better directing potential applicants to the most appropriate calls and activities or improved presentation on the participants' portal, the Commission proposes to use savings achieved on the administrative lines in commitment appropriations for funding most relevant projects from the reserve lists. The largest is the project European HIV Vaccine Alliance (an EU platform for the discovery and evaluation of novel prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine candidates). The project requires EUR 21.4 million EU funding.

The remaining commitment appropriations are proposed to be used for funding of the additional proposals on the reserve list of Horizon 2020 calls in the areas of space, food security and bioeconomy, new technologies, inclusive Europe, reflective societies, SMEs and renewable energy.

The major part of savings in payments appropriations on Horizon 2020 administrative lines (i.e. EUR 21.6 million) will be used to pay the pre-financing of twelve projects of the call Personalising health and care (PHC-2015), for which, given the smooth evaluation the estimated signature date and start date of the projects has been advanced to the end of 2015, which entails the payment of the pre-financing in November or December 2015. The remaining payment appropriations are proposed to be used mainly for signing already in 2015 grant agreements and payment of pre-financing for the call for proposals under Horizon 2020 – Twinning, as well as for additional payment needs in leadership in space, leadership in nanotechnology and low carbon energy domains.

The savings made on Galileo administrative support expenditure will be used as follows:

- An increase in commitment appropriations is proposed for the Galileo programme operational line in order to reinforce the deployment and exploitation of the Galileo constellation and in particular the security elements of the ground segment;
- An increase in payment appropriations is proposed to cover the needs of the COSME (Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises) programme operational line, where higher appropriations than initially forecasted are needed. They will be used to reinforce the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) which provides business support services, in particular for SMEs. The network provides services encouraging the participation of SMEs in the COSME and Horizon 2020 programme as well as internationalisation services.

GENERAL BUDGET - 2015  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 05, 06, 08, 09, 15

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 35/2015

---

**FROM**

<b>CHAPTER - 0201</b> Administrative expenditure of the `Enterprise and industry` policy area		
ITEM - 02 01 04 03 Support expenditure for European satellite navigation programmes	Non-Diff	-1 300 000,00
ITEM - 02 01 05 01 Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-1 000 000,00
ITEM - 02 01 05 03 Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-1 000 000,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0501</b> Administrative expenditure of the `Agriculture and rural development` policy area		
ITEM - 05 01 05 03 Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-200 000,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0601</b> Administrative expenditure of the `Mobility and transport` policy area		
ITEM - 06 01 06 01 Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Non-Diff	-1 061 868,00
ITEM - 06 01 06 03 Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund	Non-Diff	-182 324,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0801</b> Administrative expenditure of the `Research and innovation` policy area		
ITEM - 08 01 05 01 Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-9 146 103,00
ITEM - 08 01 05 02 External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-1 465 668,00
ITEM - 08 01 05 03 Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-10 745 801,00
ITEM - 08 01 06 02 Research Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-4 815 391,20
ITEM - 08 01 06 03 Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises -- Contribution from Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-849 761,00
ITEM - 08 01 06 04 Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020	Non-Diff	-296 204,00
<b>CHAPTER - 1501</b> Administrative expenditure of the `Education and culture` policy area		
ITEM - 15 01 06 01 Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Erasmus+	Non-Diff	-3 282 386,37
ITEM - 15 01 06 02 Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Creative Europe	Non-Diff	-428 256,00

## TO

<b>CHAPTER - 0202</b> Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (Cosme)		
ARTICLE - 02 02 01 Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises	Payments	1 300 000,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0204</b> Horizon 2020 -- Research relating to enterprises		
ITEM - 02 04 02 01 Leadership in space	Commitments	2 000 000,00
	Payments	2 000 000,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0205</b> European satellite navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo)		
ARTICLE - 02 05 01 Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2020	Commitments	1 300 000,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0509</b> 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	Commitments	1 805 130,40
<b>CHAPTER - 0602</b> European transport policy		
ITEM - 06 02 01 03 Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability	Commitments	1 061 868,00
	Payments	1 061 868,00
ITEM - 06 02 01 04 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Cohesion Fund allocation	Commitments	182 324,00
	Payments	182 324,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0802</b> Horizon 2020 -- Research		
ITEM - 08 02 02 01 Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing	Commitments	849 761,00
	Payments	849 761,00
ITEM - 08 02 03 01 Improving lifelong health and wellbeing	Commitments	21 357 572,00
ITEM - 08 02 03 03 Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system	Commitments	296 204,00
	Payments	296 204,00
ITEM - 08 02 03 06 Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies	Commitments	1 605 130,40
ARTICLE - 08 02 04 Spreading excellence and widening participation	Payments	4 815 391,20
<b>CHAPTER - 0904</b> Horizon 2020		
ITEM - 09 04 01 01 Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies	Commitments	1 605 130,40
ITEM - 09 04 03 01 Improving lifelong health and well-being	Payments	21 557 572,00
<b>CHAPTER - 1502</b> Erasmus+		
ITEM - 15 02 01 01 Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market	Commitments	3 282 386,37
	Payments	3 282 386,37

**CHAPTER - 1504 Creative Europe**

ARTICLE - 15 04 03 MEDIA sub-programme -- Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility

Commitments

428 256,00

Payments

428 256,00

Line/Heading							
Initial Budget ± AB (1A)	EFTA (1B)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1A)	Total (4±5)
<b>Non-Diff - 02 01 04 03 - Support expenditure for European satellite navigation programmes</b>							
3 400 000,00	97 240,00	0,00	1 622 048,37	1 875 191,63	-1 300 000,00	-38,24 %	575 191,63
<b>Non-Diff - 02 01 05 01 - Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
10 866 475,00	319 474,00	0,00	9 866 475,00	1 319 474,00	-1 000 000,00	-9,20 %	319 474,00
<b>Non-Diff - 02 01 05 03 - Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
3 520 000,00	103 488,00	0,00	1 455 509,71	2 167 978,29	-1 000 000,00	-28,41 %	1 167 978,29
<b>Payment - 02 02 01 - Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises</b>							
72 183 633,00	57 747,00	2 923 150,91	67 753 110,90	7 411 420,01	1 300 000,00	1,80 %	8 711 420,01
<b>Payment - 02 04 02 01 - Leadership in space</b>							
113 594 175,00	3 339 669,00	-17 559 732,87	30 442 971,57	68 931 139,56	2 000 000,00	1,76 %	70 931 139,56
<b>Commitment - 02 04 02 01 - Leadership in space</b>							
165 847 152,00	5 199 306,00	0,00	152 437 289,14	18 609 168,86	2 000 000,00	1,21 %	20 609 168,86
<b>Commitment - 02 05 01 - Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2020</b>							
817 199 000,00	23 371 891,00	0,00	510 000 000,00	330 570 891,00	1 300 000,00	0,16 %	331 870 891,00
<b>Non-Diff - 05 01 05 03 - Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
800 000,00	23 520,00	0,00	425 889,85	397 630,15	-200 000,00	-25,00 %	197 630,15
<b>Commitment - 05 09 03 01 - Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products</b>							
101 455 799,00	2 982 800,00	0,00	15 677 543,64	88 761 055,36	1 805 130,40	1,78 %	90 566 185,76
<b>Non-Diff - 06 01 06 01 - Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)</b>							
14 413 000,00	21 789,00	0,00	13 372 921,00	1 061 868,00	-1 061 868,00	-7,37 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 06 01 06 03 - Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund</b>							
1 396 025,00	0,00	0,00	1 213 701,00	182 324,00	-182 324,00	-13,06 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 06 02 01 03 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability</b>							
89 137 637,00	0,00	0,00	3 175 825,33	85 961 811,67	1 061 868,00	1,19 %	87 023 679,67
<b>Commitment - 06 02 01 03 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability</b>							
129 002 042,00	0,00	0,00	111 258 781,40	17 743 260,60	1 061 868,00	0,82 %	18 805 128,60
<b>Payment - 06 02 01 04 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Cohesion Fund allocation</b>							
392 121 515,00	0,00	0,00	250 756,62	391 870 758,38	182 324,00	0,05 %	392 053 082,38
<b>Commitment - 06 02 01 04 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Cohesion Fund allocation</b>							
1 215 582 454,00	0,00	0,00	1 214 833 210,6	749 243,38	182 324,00	0,01 %	931 567,38
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 05 01 - Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
104 430 000,00	3 070 242,00	0,00	0,00	107 500 242,00	-9 146 103,00	-8,76 %	98 354 139,00
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 05 02 - External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
27 432 315,00	806 510,00	0,00	0,00	28 238 825,00	-1 465 668,00	-5,34 %	26 773 157,00
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 05 03 - Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020</b>							
51 172 413,00	1 504 469,00	0,00	0,00	52 676 882,00	-10 745 801,00	-21,00 %	41 931 081,00
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 06 02 - Research Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020</b>							
57 578 641,00	1 692 812,00	0,00	54 456 061,80	4 815 391,20	-4 815 391,20	-8,36 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 06 03 - Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises -- Contribution from Horizon 2020</b>							
21 056 283,00	619 055,00	0,00	20 825 577,00	849 761,00	-849 761,00	-4,04 %	0,00

Line/Heading							
Initial Budget ± AB (1A)	EFTA (1B)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1A)	Total (4±5)
<b>Non-Diff - 08 01 06 04 - Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020</b>							
3 968 896,00	116 686,00	0,00	3 789 378,00	296 204,00	-296 204,00	-7,46 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 08 02 02 01 - Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing</b>							
178 666 161,00	5 252 785,00	105 807 374,00	259 269 396,85	30 456 923,15	849 761,00	0,48 %	31 306 684,15
<b>Commitment - 08 02 02 01 - Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing</b>							
503 592 719,00	14 805 626,00	0,00	328 040 660,89	190 357 684,11	849 761,00	0,17 %	191 207 445,11
<b>Commitment - 08 02 03 01 - Improving lifelong health and wellbeing</b>							
540 954 714,00	15 904 069,00	1 395 030,00	558 226 985,00	26 828,00	21 357 572,00	3,95 %	21 384 400,00
<b>Payment - 08 02 03 03 - Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system</b>							
137 003 313,00	4 027 897,00	0,00	118 660 450,54	22 370 759,46	296 204,00	0,22 %	22 666 963,46
<b>Commitment - 08 02 03 03 - Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system</b>							
313 168 348,00	9 207 149,00	0,00	317 375 497,23	4 999 999,77	296 204,00	0,09 %	5 296 203,77
<b>Commitment - 08 02 03 06 - Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies</b>							
114 233 382,00	3 358 461,00	2 000 000,00	59 514 784,19	60 077 058,81	1 605 130,40	1,41 %	61 682 189,21
<b>Payment - 08 02 04 - Spreading excellence and widening participation</b>							
62 039 896,00	1 823 973,00	-6 251 000,00	45 479 361,88	12 133 507,12	4 815 391,20	7,76 %	16 948 898,32
<b>Commitment - 09 04 01 01 - Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies</b>							
232 151 334,00	6 825 249,00	0,00	133 071 282,79	105 905 300,21	1 605 130,40	0,69 %	107 510 430,61
<b>Payment - 09 04 03 01 - Improving lifelong health and well-being</b>							
52 428 081,00	1 541 386,00	0,00	38 421 675,99	15 547 791,01	21 557 572,00	41,12 %	37 105 363,01
<b>Non-Diff - 15 01 06 01 - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Erasmus+</b>							
26 312 000,00	781 466,00	0,00	23 811 079,63	3 282 386,37	-3 282 386,37	-12,47 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 15 01 06 02 - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Creative Europe</b>							
12 164 000,00	357 622,00	0,00	12 093 366,00	428 256,00	-428 256,00	-3,52 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 15 02 01 01 - Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market</b>							
1 100 675 667,00	32 690 067,00	0,00	1 022 417 544,4	110 948 189,58	3 282 386,37	0,30 %	114 230 575,95
<b>Commitment - 15 02 01 01 - Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market</b>							
1 348 476 000,00	40 049 737,00	0,00	1 330 235 924,0	58 289 812,95	3 282 386,37	0,24 %	61 572 199,32
<b>Payment - 15 04 03 - MEDIA sub-programme -- Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility</b>							
69 626 046,00	2 047 006,00	0,00	44 974 904,75	26 698 147,25	428 256,00	0,62 %	27 126 403,25
<b>Commitment - 15 04 03 - MEDIA sub-programme -- Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility</b>							
101 570 000,00	2 986 158,00	0,00	57 360 963,20	47 195 194,80	428 256,00	0,42 %	47 623 450,80
<b>Total DECREASE Payments</b>					<b>0,00</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Payments</b>					<b>35 773 762,57</b>		
<b>Total DECREASE Commitments</b>					<b>0,00</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Commitments</b>					<b>35 773 762,57</b>		
<b>Total DECREASE Non-Diff</b>					<b>-35 773 762,57</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Non-Diff</b>					<b>0,00</b>		



## Justifications

### **Decreased 02 01 04 03**

#### **Support expenditure for European satellite navigation programmes**

The delay in the declaration of the "Galileo Initial Services" had an impact on the communication activities. The awareness raising campaign, for which 2015 budget had been earmarked, is postponed and therefore fewer communication activities than planned are performed. The framework contract for the technical support (technical consultancy) for the European satellite navigation (GNSS) programmes has been launched in 2015. The contract is expected to be signed at the end of 2015 or beginning 2016. Therefore, the originally foreseen funds for this activity will be committed in 2016 instead of 2015. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 1.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 02 01 05 01**

#### **Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

This budget line finances the salaries of permanent research staff in DG GROW and DG HOME. Following lower actual staff costs than the estimated average, it appears that there will be exceptionally a surplus of EUR 1 million that could be redeployed on the operational Horizon 2020 budget. While this surplus exists in 2015, the 2016 Draft Budget has been based on a lower average cost, to be aligned with the actual needs. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 1 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 02 01 05 03**

#### **Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

Due to less Horizon 2020 support activities in 2015 than originally foreseen, there is a surplus of EUR 1 million that could be redeployed on the operational Horizon 2020 budget line. Specifically, a set of studies and communication actions in the space domain have been postponed to 2016, allowing for a reinforcement of the operational budget to maximally focus budget on the approval of projects. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 1 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 02 02 01**

#### **Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises**

The payment appropriations freed from the European satellite navigation programme Galileo (GNSS) administrative budget line are intended to reinforce the COSME actions (Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises). Higher appropriations than initially forecasted are needed to allow the proper execution of all expected 2015 payments regarding the Europe Enterprise Network (EEN). It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.3 million in payment appropriations.

### **Increased 02 04 02 01**

#### **Leadership in space**

The requested EUR 2 million reinforcement would allow funding additional projects in the domain of Leadership in space and enable meeting 2015 work programme objectives. The work programme was adopted and calls published prior to the decision to redeploy EUR 11 million from the space budget line in 2015 to the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). This reduction was implemented within the 20% budget implementation flexibility on the calls and thus further adjustments were necessary on the basis of the ranked lists cumulative amounts. The calls in space domain are oversubscribed with additional appropriations allowing for the award of more projects from the list of proposals.

The activities in the space part of Horizon 2020 support major EU political priorities in space: the EU flagship programmes Copernicus and Galileo, the EU initiative on Satellite Surveillance and Tracking as well as the EU space industrial policy. In addition, space-based applications of earth observation and satellite navigation are instrumental in supporting a wide range of other EU policies in the areas such as environment, climate, transport, energy, security. The requested reinforcement would allow in particular funding additional proposals for the calls on earth observation and competitiveness of European space sector (EO and COMPET respectively). It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 2 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

#### **Increased 02 05 01**

##### **Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2020**

The commitment appropriations freed from the European satellite navigation programme (GNSS) administrative budget line will be absorbed by the operational GNSS budget line in order to reinforce the deployment and exploitation of the Galileo constellation. The additional appropriations will be used to strengthen the multiannual commitment for the Galileo delegation agreement with the European Space Agency (ESA). It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.3 million in commitment appropriations.

#### **Decreased 05 01 05 03**

##### **Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

Following precise analysis of activities (missions, meetings and communication) remaining to be implemented by the end 2015 the budgetary needs until the end of the year are EUR 0.2 million lower than initially foreseen. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 0.2 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

#### **Increased 05 09 03 01**

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

The transfer of EUR 1.8 million in commitment appropriations will allow funding at least one proposal from the reserve list of one of the following calls for proposals:

- “H2020 – Call for Sustainable Food Security” (“H2020-SFS-2015”) or,
- “H2020 – Call for an Innovative, Sustainable and Inclusive Bioeconomy” (“H2020-ISIB-2015”),

within the 20% margins of each call for proposals. Considering their importance for Research and Innovation in the agricultural sector and the level of oversubscription (higher than in 2014 for the same calls), it is justified to use any additional funding source that could be available. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.8 million in commitment appropriations.

#### **Decreased 06 01 06 01**

##### **Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)**

In 2015, the INEA has identified savings in its annual subsidy totalling EUR 1.5 million, distributed across the three budget items covering the management of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme, the CEF – Cohesion Fund allocation, and the Horizon 2020 programme.

These savings are due mainly to the slower than expected pace of recruitment of new staff, with impact on the related budget items such as medical services, IT expenditure, administrative costs for the management of personnel, etc. The initial 2015 budget was prepared on the assumption that new posts would be filled early in the year. However, due to the insufficient number of candidates in the available CAST lists recruitments were delayed. For 2016, full recruitment is expected given that some job offers have been already accepted, selections are already ongoing and new EPSO CAST lists will be established in the coming weeks for the rest of the new posts.

Additional savings have been possible also for the agency's building costs. These come after the postponement of the agency's relocation to a new building (thus freeing the initial budget for removal costs), and the lower than expected indexation of the offices' rent and charges.

Finally, savings have been achieved on the agency's operational activities due to the reduction of communication events and missions and the more favourable prices of IT services. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 1.1 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 06 01 06 03**

#### **Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund**

In 2015, the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) has identified savings in its annual subsidy totalling EUR 1.5 million, distributed across the three budget items covering the management of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme, the CEF – Cohesion Fund allocation, and the Horizon 2020 programme.

These savings are due mainly to the slower than expected pace of recruitment of new staff, with impact on the related budget items such as medical services, IT expenditure, administrative costs for the management of personnel, etc. The initial 2015 budget was prepared on the assumption that new posts would be filled early in the year. However, due to the insufficient number of candidates in the available CAST (fixed-term contracts) lists, recruitments were delayed. For 2016, full recruitment is expected given that some job offers have been already accepted, selections are already ongoing and new EPSO CAST lists will be established in the coming weeks for the rest of the new posts.

Additional savings have been possible also for the agency's building costs. These come after the postponement of the agency's relocation to a new building (thus freeing the initial budget for removal costs), and the lower than expected indexation of the offices' rent and charges.

Finally, savings have been achieved on the agency's operational activities due to the reduction of communication events and missions and the more favourable prices of IT services. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 0.2 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 06 02 01 03**

#### **Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability**

Following the high demand for funding in the 2014 multi-annual call for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport, and making use of the flexibility to adjust the indicative budget by up to 20% provided for in the respective work programme, the total for the selected projects has surpassed the initially planned allocation. The proposed increase will serve for covering some of this additional amount already in 2015 as well as meeting the related pre-financing obligations which fall due with the signature of the grants. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.1 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 06 02 01 04**

#### **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Cohesion Fund allocation**

Following the high demand for funding in the 2014 multi-annual call for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility – Cohesion Fund, and making use of the flexibility to adjust the indicative budget by up to 20% provided for in the respective work programme, the total for the selected projects has surpassed the initially planned allocation. The requested increase will serve for covering some of this additional amount already in 2015 as well as meeting the related pre-financing obligations which fall due with the signature of the grants. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 0.2 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 08 01 05 01**

#### **Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

The impact of the taxation on staff within DG Research & Innovation (pensions and transfers) is much more substantial than initially estimated for the Draft Budget 2015 (50 departures were planned but finally there will be around 100). In total, a surplus of EUR 9.1 million in commitment appropriations is proposed to be transferred to the Horizon 2020 operational lines. This proposed transfer has no impact on the Draft Budget 2016 as these elements were already taken into account. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 9.1 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 08 01 05 02**

#### **External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

The decrease of the number of external staff within DG Research & Innovation (pensions and transfers) is much more substantial than initially estimated during the Draft Budget 2015 (25 departures were planned but finally there will be around 50). In total, an amount of EUR 1.5 million in commitment and payment appropriations is therefore proposed to be transferred to Horizon 2020 operational lines. This proposed transfer has no impact on the Draft Budget 2016 as these elements were already taken into account.

### **Decreased 08 01 05 03**

#### **Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes -- Horizon 2020**

During the year 2015, DG RTD focused on rationalising the expenditure for missions, meetings and communications. In addition, the more rapid decrease of the number of staff in DG RTD has also led to a reduction of the needs in this type of expenditure. Furthermore, The Common Support Center (CSC), providing services to all Directorates-General of the Research and Innovation family, reduced its needs in administrative expenditure (especially related to IT expenditures and audits). All these elements allow savings on the line 08 01 05 03 for the year 2015.

In total, a surplus of EUR 10.7 million in commitment and payment appropriations is proposed to be transferred to the operational lines. These elements were already taken into account in the Draft Budget 2016, and there is therefore no impact on it.

### **Decreased 08 01 06 02**

#### **Research Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020**

The total saving of EUR 4.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations from Research Executive Agency (REA) administrative budget are explained by:

- A decrease of 11.5% of the expenditure estimated for the Remunerations, Allowances and Charges
- A decrease of 9.8% of the estimated expenditure for the Common Support Services

The above mentioned decreases are mainly due to the following elements:

- Decrease in the Staff's Full Time Equivalent (FTE) which is the consequence of delays in the planned recruitments;
- Decrease of the average REA Staff salaries and the recruitment of contract staff in lower grades than initially planned;
- Cancellation of the installation of new security gates.

This should have no impact on the 2016 needs since the majority of elements constituting the savings made available under the budget 2015 had already been taken into account when the Draft Budget 2016 was establishing: the updated average salaries for 2015 were used for 2016 calculations and the cancellation for good of the installation of security doors for the Common Support Services and the Common Evaluation Platform. The recruitments foreseen for 2015 should totally be caught up by the end of 2015 making possible the implementation of the 2016 Draft Budget estimates. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 4.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 08 01 06 03**

#### **Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises -- Contribution from Horizon 2020**

The administrative budget of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) is decreased by EUR 0.8 million following a revision of the estimates for staff costs on the basis of the actual recruitments of the first semester of 2015 which are slower than foreseen, the on-going procedures and the planned recruitment until the end of the year. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 0.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Decreased 08 01 06 04**

#### **Innovation and Networks Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon 2020**

In 2015, the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) has identified savings in its annual subsidy totalling EUR 1.5 million, distributed across the three budget items covering the management of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme, the CEF – Cohesion Fund allocation, and the Horizon 2020 programme.

These savings are due mainly to the slower than expected pace of recruitment of new staff, with impact on the related budget items such as medical services, IT expenditure, administrative costs for the management of personnel, etc. The initial 2015 budget was prepared on the assumption that new posts would be filled early in the year. However, due to the insufficient number of candidates in the available CAST lists recruitments were delayed. For 2016, full recruitment is expected given that some job offers have been already accepted, selections are already ongoing and new EPSO CAST lists will be established in the coming weeks for the rest of the new posts.

Additional savings have been possible also for the agency's building costs. These come after the postponement of the agency's relocation to a new building (thus freeing the initial budget for removal costs), and the lower than expected indexation of the offices' rent and charges.

Finally, savings have been achieved on the agency's operational activities due to the reduction of communication events and missions and the more favourable prices of IT services. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 0.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 08 02 02 01**

#### **Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing**

The proposed reinforcement will be used for the Horizon 2020 SME instrument 2015 call which is a part of the Commission's strategy to invest in and support SMEs with a strong growth potential. The appropriations will supplement the funding already received on line 08 02 02 01, for the proposals from BIOTEC (SME boosting biotechnology-based industrial processes driving competitiveness and sustainability) and NMP (Accelerating the uptake of nanotechnologies, advanced materials or advanced manufacturing and processing technologies by SMEs) topics. The smaller topics in the call are running out of funds rapidly which makes it difficult to fund any projects during the later cut-off dates (the calls for proposals are continuously open but there are several cut-off dates per year). The proposed funds are needed to compensate this. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 0.8 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 08 02 03 01**

#### **Improving lifelong health and wellbeing**

It is requested to use EUR 21.4 million surplus of commitment appropriations from the DG RTD administrative lines 08 01 05 01, 08 01 05 02 and 08 01 05 03 in order to fund a project from the call "Personalising health and care" (PHC) - 2015 which is currently on the reserve list.

The project European HIV Vaccine Alliance (EHVA) is an EU platform for the discovery and evaluation of novel prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine candidates. Effective vaccines have always been the best method to prevent infections and have been instrumental for the global eradication of several deadly diseases, such as AIDS. Despite over 30 years of global funding and efforts, there is no vaccine available and eradication of AIDS remains a major public health challenge. According to the 2013 UNAIDS Report on the global AIDS epidemic, an estimated 35.3 million people are living with HIV globally, and in 2012 alone, over 1.6 million people died from AIDS-related causes worldwide.

Funding of the EHVA proposal would increase the chances of success in developing better vaccine candidates and predictive tools at an early stage of the process. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 21.4 million in commitment appropriations.

### **Increased 08 02 03 03**

#### **Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system**

Given the importance of low-carbon energy for the development of the Energy Union and reaching the EU's climate goals, the additional commitment appropriations are requested to reinforce the Low Carbon Energy 15-2. The appropriations will be used to finance one project which is currently in the reserve and ensure an optimisation of the remaining budget currently available. The requested reinforcement in payment appropriations will be allocated to cover the pre-financing payments under the call Low Carbon Energy 15-1. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 0.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 08 02 03 06**

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

The transfer of EUR 1.6 million in commitment appropriations will allow funding at least one proposal from the reserve list of one of the following calls for proposals within the 20% margins of each call for proposals:

- “H2020 – Call – the Young Generation in an Innovative, Inclusive and Sustainable Europe” (“H2020-YOUNG-2015”), or
- “H2020 – Call-Reflective Societies: Cultural Heritage and European Identities” (“H2020-REFLECTIVE-2015”), or

This choice of the calls to be reinforced was made taking into account the high quality assessment of projects in these two calls for proposals. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.6 million in commitment appropriations.

### **Increased 08 02 04**

#### **Spreading excellence and widening participation**

This transfer of EUR 4.8 million in payment appropriations will enable already in 2015 signing grant agreements and payment of pre-financing for the call for proposals “H2020 – Twinning” (“H2020-TWINN-2015”).

Twinning is part of the WIDENING action which was brought in by the Council and the Parliament and it is therefore to be treated as a political priority. Thanks to increased efficiency of the process of signing contracts and proceeding with pre-financing payments, a part of the payments previously foreseen for 2016 can be paid already in 2015.

In addition, since the payment needs for the line 08 02 04 have been revised upwards if this additional amount requested in 2015 is not allocated, there will be a shortage of payment appropriations in 2016 budget. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 4.8 million in payment appropriations.

## **Increased 09 04 01 01**

### **Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies**

The transfer of EUR 1.6 million in commitment appropriations will allow funding at least one proposal from the 3rd cut-off of the Call for proposals "H2020 – Call FET-Open – novel ideas for radically new technologies" ("H2020-FET-OPEN-2014/2015") for which the call for proposals' deadline was on the 29/09/2015. This additional amount remains within the 20% margin foreseen in the 2014-2015 Work Programme.

The "H2020-FET-Open" call for proposals has a bottom up approach which is warmly welcomed by the research community. More than 600 proposals were submitted for each of the cut-off dates (including the last one where also the day before call deadline 30/9/2015 more than 600 proposals were submitted) resulting in a very low funded proposal rate (1st cut-off funded proposal rate 3.7%, budget of EUR 80 million; 2nd cut-off date, budget of EUR 40 million, the funded proposal rate was 1.7%. The additional funds will allow reaching better rate of funded proposals. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 1.6 million in commitment appropriations.

## **Increased 09 04 03 01**

### **Improving lifelong health and well-being**

The total surplus on payment appropriations on RTD administrative lines (08 01 05 01, 08 01 05 02 and 08 01 05 03) amounting to EUR 21.6 million will be used to pay the pre-financing of twelve projects of the call PHC-2015. Originally, it was expected that they would start in 2016, however the smooth evaluation has advanced the estimated signature date and start date of the projects to the end of 2015, which entails the payment of the pre-financing in November or December this year. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 21.6 million in payment appropriations.

## **Decreased 15 01 06 01**

### **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Erasmus+**

As result of the decision to postpone the move of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to its new facilities to 2016, substantial cost savings have been possible, in particular in relation to the double rental charges linked to the occupation of two buildings for three months, the costs of maintenance and security and other commodities, e.g. gas, water and electricity. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 3.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

## **Decreased 15 01 06 02**

### **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency -- Contribution from Creative Europe**

As result of the decision to postpone the move of EACEA to its new facilities to 2016, substantial cost savings have been possible, in particular in relation to the double rental charges linked to the occupation of two buildings for three months, the costs of maintenance and security and other commodities, e.g. gas, water and electricity. It is proposed to decrease this line by EUR 0.4 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

## **Increased 15 02 01 01**

### **Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market**

The proposed increase will allow financing additional projects currently on the reserve list for the Strategic Partnerships call for proposals under Key Action 2 of the Erasmus+ programme. This strategic partnership action is one of the key activities under the Erasmus+ programme, contributing fully to the Europe 2020 flagship initiatives for smart and inclusive growth, such as youth on the move, digital agenda for Europe and the agenda for new skills and jobs. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 3.3 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

### **Increased 15 04 03**

#### **MEDIA sub-programme -- Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility**

These additional sources will allow the financing of further grants for the audio-visual and multimedia sector of the Creative Europe "Media Sub-programme". This increase will contribute to support initiatives that can generate a real impact for the sector across Europe, including supporting individual works, initiatives that promote new related skills along with international cooperation in this sector. It is proposed to increase this line by EUR 0.4 million in commitment and payment appropriations.