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BRUSSELS, 22/06/2018

GENERAL BUDGET - 2018
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 01, 21

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 18/2018**

FROM

CHAPTER - 0103 International economic and financial affairs

ARTICLE - 01 03 02 Macro-financial assistance

Commitments

-11 500 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 2102 Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

ITEM - 21 02 07 05 Migration and asylum

Commitments

11 500 000,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

01 03 02 - Macro-financial assistance

b) Figure at 07/06/2018

	Commitments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	42 086 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	42 086 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	72 510,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	42 013 490,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	30 513 490,00
7 Proposed decrease	11 500 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	27,33 %
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

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 07/06/2018	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The current pipeline of macro-financial assistance (MFA) operations indicates that no new MFA operations with a grant component, apart from EUR 10 million for MFA Georgia, will be adopted this year, which implies that EUR 31,5 million in commitment appropriations can be made available from the MFA grants budget line 01 03 02. It is proposed to use these appropriations to reinforce both the Common Foreign and Security Policy (DEC 17 – EUR 20 million) and the Migration and Asylum budget line of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DEC 18 – EUR 11,5 million).

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

21 02 07 05 - Migration and asylum

b) Figure at 07/06/2018

	Commitments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	51 531 564,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	51 531 564,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	51 531 564,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	63 031 564,00
7 Proposed increase	11 500 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	22,32 %
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

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 07/06/2018	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The proposed reinforcement of the budget line Migration and asylum of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) would be channelled to the Sahel and Lake Chad window of the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa (EU TF for Africa) to fund priority actions.

The overall objective and purpose of the EU Trust Fund are to address the crises in the regions of the Sahel and the Lake Chad, the Horn of Africa, and the North of Africa. It supports all aspects of stability and contributes to better migration management as well as addressing the root causes of destabilisation, forced displacement, and irregular migration, in particular by promoting resilience, economic and equal opportunities, and security and development. The EU Trust Fund plays a crucial role in the implementation of the overall European Agenda on Migration.

The pipeline for future actions for the Sahel and Lake Chad window is estimated at EUR 602 million, with only EUR 27 million available at this stage, hence the urgency for a rapid replenishment. So far, contributions from the DCI Migration and asylum budget line to EU Trust Fund Africa (all windows) amount to EUR 255 million (2016 and 2017 budget).

The reinforcement would support the continued EU engagement to provide protection and assistance for evacuation from Libya and other transit countries along the Central Mediterranean Route and to provide support to voluntary return, reintegration and resettlement.