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From:	Mr Günther OETTINGER, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Eugen Orlando TEODOROVICI, President of the Council of the European Union

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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 07/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 07/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 15, 27

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 07/2019**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 2701 Administrative expenditure of the `Budget` policy area

ITEM - 27 01 02 09 External personnel -- Non-decentralised management	Non-Diff	-1 391 210,00
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**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1501 Administrative expenditure of the `Education and culture` policy area

ARTICLE - 15 01 61 Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution	Non-Diff	1 391 210,00
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## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**27 01 02 09 - External personnel -- Non-decentralised management**

#### **b) Figures at 28/02/2019**

	<b>Non-Diff</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	3 440 155,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	3 440 155,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>3 440 155,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>1 391 210,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>2 048 945,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	40,44 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	<b>Non-Diff</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 28/02/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

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

In accordance with the budget remarks for this budget item, the related appropriations are not allocated to a specific policy area at the start of the financial year, and may be used to cover the requirements of all Commission departments, following a transfer in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Due to the limited room for manoeuvre within heading 5 *Administration*, it is proposed to redeploy from this budget line the appropriations corresponding to the additional needs for traineeships in the European Commission.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**15 01 61 - Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution**

#### **b) Figures at 28/02/2019**

	<b>Non-Diff</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	6 840 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	6 840 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	6 825 000,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>15 000,00</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>1 391 210,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>1 406 210,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	20,34 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	<b>Non-Diff</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 672 160,24
2 Appropriations available on 28/02/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	100,00 %

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

The administrative traineeships in the European Commission are targeted towards university graduates from Member States and Third Countries ('Blue Book programme'). The aim is to provide a general introduction to the objectives, workings and policies of the European Union and to give an opportunity to obtain or to complete knowledge of the institutions by gaining work experience in the services of the Commission. Two sessions, each lasting 5 months are launched annually, with trainees arriving in March and in October.

This activity contributes to the first priority of the Juncker Commission "Growth, Competitiveness and Jobs" aimed at helping the young Europeans to improve their employability by gaining the knowledge, skills and experience they need to make their first job a reality and continue in the active work environment.

Currently, the Commission the Blue Book programme has been offering traineeship opportunities to about 524 highly-qualified candidates from all over the world for each of the two annual sessions. This number has been static for some time. However, in the light of the positive consequences for both the Institution and the trainees, it is envisaged to increase the number of traineeships opportunities to 1 000 per session. In a first step, an additional 200 trainees will be hosted for the second traineeship session of 2019.

The present proposal for transfer of EUR 1 391 210 in commitment and payment appropriations is intended to cover the additional expenditure related to these 200 additional trainees for the session October 2019 – February 2020.