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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
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 08/2019.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2019  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 18, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 08/2019**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations	Commitments	-370 000 000,00
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**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 1803 Asylum and migration

ITEM - 18 03 01 01 Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States	Commitments	370 000 000,00
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## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

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

#### **b) Figures at 04/03/2019**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	757 529 650,00
2 Transfers	-23 037 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	734 492 650,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>734 492 650,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>370 000 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>364 492 650,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	48,84 %
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>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 04/03/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

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

The reserve line 40 02 41 includes EUR 460,0 million in commitment appropriations as a reserve related to the Commission proposal to recast the Dublin III Regulation<sup>1</sup> pending the adoption of the legal basis. In case the legal act is not adopted by 1 February 2019, the Commission may present one or more proposals for transfers in accordance with Article 31 of the Financial Regulation.

The present transfer proposes to release a first tranche of this reserve. The release of the remaining part will be proposed later in the year, in order to take into account possible new developments on the ground in the area of asylum and migration.

<sup>1</sup> COM(2016) 270, 04.05.2016

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**18 03 01 01 - Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States**

#### **b) Figures at 04/03/2019**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	377 106 629,00
2 Transfers	-0,20
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	377 106 628,80
4 Appropriations already used	151 097 245,32
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>226 009 383,48</b>
<b>6 Increase requested</b>	<b>370 000 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)</b>	<b>596 009 383,48</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	98,12 %
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>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	5 607 880,79
2 Appropriations available on 04/03/2019	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	100,00 %

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

The proposed increase of EUR 370,0 million in commitment appropriations intends to finance actions in Greece in 2019 and 2020 (EUR 239,5 million), emergency support for Italy (EUR 66,5 million) and Spain (EUR 34,0 million), as well as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund's contribution to the EU Trust Fund for Africa, mainly for actions in Morocco (EUR 30 million).

##### **1. Greece**

The absence of an agreement on the Dublin Regulation is particularly affecting Greece. Beyond the funding provided under the Greek National Programme under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the additional funding of EUR 239,5 million will finance a variety of actions addressing Greece's most pressing needs, in particular:

- the continuation of the site management support carried out by the International Organisation for Migration in mainland Greece;
- additional accommodation places in the mainland with first line integration measures for beneficiaries of international protection;
- social integration activities for beneficiaries of international protection;
- the continuation of the support to the Municipal site of Kara Tepe in Lesbos which caters for families and vulnerable persons;

- security services in the reception and identification centres and in camps in mainland Greece;
- support to the Greek Asylum Service and the Greek Appeals Authority;
- the establishment of a new reception and identification centre in Samos;
- the establishment of facilities for the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and provision of interpreters.

## **2. Italy**

The additional funding of EUR 66,5 million to Italy will support in particular:

- the Police and Asylum Commissions dealing with asylum processing;
- the local authorities and communities hosting migrants, by addressing migrants' labour as well as poor health and living conditions;
- the integration of asylum seekers and refugees; and
- assistance with the education of unaccompanied minors.

## **3. Spain**

The additional funding of EUR 34,0 million will support the Spanish authorities with:

- the establishment of four centres for temporary assistance to foreigners, for the identification, registration, fingerprinting and health screening of migrants (first 72 hours);
- the deployment of emergency pre-reception centres; and
- the provision of humanitarian assistance by the Red Cross.

## **4. Morocco**

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund's contribution to the EU Trust Fund for Africa will enable the Trust Fund to finance activities that strengthen the border management capacities of Morocco. The additional funding of EUR 30,0 million will provide support to strategic development, purchase and maintenance of priority equipment, capacity building and development of necessary standards and procedures at national level.