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#### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 34/2017

#### INTRODUCTION

The so-called "End-of-year Transfer" is intended to ensure that, insofar as possible, the outstanding invoices related to funds in shared management can be honoured, by making full use of available payment appropriations.

The rules governing this transfer are set out in Article 179(2) and 179(3) of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union<sup>1</sup>.

The "End of Year Transfer" for the 2017 exercise relates to payment appropriations amounting to EUR 567,7 million in total, which takes into account the actual implementation of expenditure in mid-December 2017.

Of this amount, the major redeployments of appropriations (total EUR 340,6 million) are listed below:

- EUR 150,0 million relate to delays in the payment claims received from the Member States concerning the Fund for European Aid to the Most deprived (FEAD);
- EUR 85,6 million are returned from the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice ('eu-LISA'), as they will not be needed in 2017;
- EUR 105,0 million foreseen for the EU Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced people in Africa are only needed in 2018 because late contributions from Member States arriving after the adoption of Amending Budget 6 cover the remaining needs for 2017.

The amount to be transferred from other budget lines accounts for EUR 227,1 million. This amount is drawn from 58 budget lines, of which 26 concern amounts of EUR 1,0 million or less.

The detailed justifications for each budget line are set out in the annex.

The reductions concern the following headings:

•	Heading 1a:	Competitiveness for growth and jobs	EUR	31,9	million
•	Heading 1b:	Economic, social and territorial cohesion	EUR	150,8	million
•	Heading 2:	Sustainable growth: Natural resources	EUR	32,3	million
•	Heading 3:	Security and Citizenship	EUR	156,6	million
•	Heading 4:	Global Europe	EUR	195,4	million
•	Heading 5:	Administration	EUR	0,5	million

The EUR 567,7 million reinforcement will cover outstanding needs for Rural Development programmes of the period 2014-2020 (budget line 05 04 60 01). This transfer will allow outstanding claims to be covered, and reimburse Member States for payments already undertaken in shared management.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012

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FROM		
CHAPTER - 0102 Economic and monetary union		
ARTICLE - 01 02 01 Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro	Payments	-1 550 000,00
CHAPTER - 0103 International economic and financial affairs		
ARTICLE - 01 03 02 Macro-financial assistance	Payments	-10 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 0403 Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion		
ITEM - 04 03 02 03 Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises	Payments	-6 500 000,00
<b>CHAPTER -</b> 0405 Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance Employment, Social Policies and Human Resources Development		
ARTICLE - 04 05 51 Completion of actions (prior to 2014) Instrument for Pre- Accession Assistance Human resources development	Payments	-1 253 148,80
CHAPTER - 0406 Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived		
ARTICLE - 04 06 01 Promoting social cohesion and alleviating the worst forms of poverty in the Union	Payments	-150 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 0502 Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through interventions in agricultural markets		
ITEM - 05 02 10 02 Promotion measures Direct payments by the Union	Payments	-1 724 000,00
CHAPTER - 0506 International aspects of the `Agriculture and rural development` policy area		
ARTICLE - 05 06 02 International agricultural organisations	Payments	-112 000,00
CHAPTER - 0508 Policy strategy and coordination of the `Agriculture and rural development` policy area		
ARTICLE - 05 08 03 Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys	Payments	-442 000,00
ITEM - 05 08 77 12 Pilot project Social eco-village	Payments	-120 000,00
ITEM - 05 08 77 13 Pilot project Improving crisis prevention and management criteria and strategies in the agricultural sector	Payments	-44 390,66
CHAPTER - 0602 European transport policy		
ITEM - 06 02 03 01 European Maritime Safety Agency	Payments	-4 624 000,00
ARTICLE - 06 02 05 Support activities to the European transport policy and passenger rights including communication activities	Payments	-529 789,33

CHAPTER - 0603 Horizon 2020 Research and innovation related to transport		
ITEM - 06 03 03 01 Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system	Payments	-1 700 000,00
CHAPTER - 0702 Environmental policy at Union and international level		
ARTICLE - 07 02 01 Contributing to a greener and more resource-efficient economy and to the development and implementation of Union environmental policy and legislation	Payments	-2 800 000,00
ARTICLE - 07 02 03 Supporting better environmental governance and information at all levels	Payments	-1 400 000,00
ARTICLE - 07 02 04 Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements	Payments	-229 129,13
ARTICLE - 07 02 51 Completion of previous environmental programmes	Payments	-800 000,00
CHAPTER - 0902 Digital single market		
ARTICLE - 09 02 01 Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communications	Payments	-934 046,03
CHAPTER - 0903 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Telecommunications networks		
ARTICLE - 09 03 02 Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for telecommunications infrastructure projects CEF broadband	Payments	-9 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 09 03 03 Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level	Payments	-3 221 629,83
ARTICLE - 09 03 04 WiFi4EU Support the deployment of free local wifi	Payments	-454 290,00
CHAPTER - 1106 European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)		
ARTICLE - 11 06 12 Completion of European Fisheries Fund (EFF) Convergence objective (2007 to 2013)	Payments	-184 522,87
ARTICLE - 11 06 13 Completion of European Fisheries Fund (EFF) Outside convergence objective (2007 to 2013)	Payments	-1 559 024,18
ARTICLE - 11 06 60 Promoting sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture, balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries areas and fostering the implementation of the common fisheries policy	Payments	-21 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 1202 Financial services and capital markets		
ARTICLE - 12 02 03 Standards in the fields of financial reporting and auditing	Payments	-265 901,00
ITEM - 12 02 77 06 Pilot project Horizontal Task Force on Distributed Ledger Technology	Payments	-144 122,00

CHAPTER - 1307 Aid Regulation		
ARTICLE - 13 07 01 Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community	Payments	-1 886 408,00
<b>CHAPTER -</b> 1308 Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) Operational technical assistance		
ARTICLE - 13 08 01 Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) Operational technical assistance transferred from H1b (ESF, ERDF and CF)	Payments	-815 000,00
ARTICLE - 13 08 02 Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) Operational technical assistance transferred from H2 (EAFRD)	Payments	-746 000,00
CHAPTER - 1603 Communication actions		
ITEM - 16 03 02 03 Online and written information and communication tools	Payments	-1 200 000,00
ITEM - 16 03 77 05 Preparatory action Share Europe Online	Payments	-300 000,00
CHAPTER - 1703 Public health		
ARTICLE - 17 03 01 Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)	Payments	-3 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 1704 Food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health ARTICLE - 17 04 03 Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls	Payments	-1 000 000,00
ITEM - 17 04 77 05 Pilot project Establishment of a harmonised internal market for pigmeat obtained from pigs that have not been surgically castrated	Payments	-300 000,00
CHAPTER - 1802 Internal security		
ARTICLE - 18 02 03 European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	Payments	-20 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 18 02 07 European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (`eu-LISA`)	Payments	-85 600 000,00
CHAPTER - 1803 Asylum and migration		
ITEM - 18 03 01 02 Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies	Payments	-45 000 000,00
<b>CHAPTER -</b> 1902 Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) Crisis response, conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness ARTICLE - 19 02 01 Response to crisis and emerging crisis	Payments	-20 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 19 02 02 Support to conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness	Payments	-3 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 19 02 51 Completion of actions in the field of crisis response and preparedness (2007 to 2013)	Payments	-16 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 1903 Common foreign and security policy (CFSP)		
ITEM - 19 03 01 04 Other crisis management measures and operations	Payments	-8 495 353,12
ITEM - 19 03 01 07 European Union Special Representatives	Payments	-1 497 806,74
ARTICLE - 19 03 02 Support to non-proliferation and disarmament	Payments	-806 840,14
CHAPTER - 1905 Cooperation with third countries under the Partnership Instrument (PI)  ARTICLE - 19 05 01 Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests	Payments	-10 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 19 05 51 Completion of actions in the field of relations and cooperation with industrialised third countries (2007 to 2013)	Payments	-1 587 927,42
CHAPTER - 2002 Trade policy		
ARTICLE - 20 02 01 External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries	Payments	-560 000,00
CHAPTER - 2102 Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)		
ARTICLE - 21 02 01 Cooperation with Latin America	Payments	-15 000 000,00
ITEM - 21 02 07 05 Migration and asylum	Payments	-60 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 21 02 09 Pan-African programme to support the Joint Africa-European Union Strategy	Payments	-16 137 425,81
ITEM - 21 02 51 08 Geographical cooperation with Africa, Caribbean and Pacific states	Payments	-17 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 2108 Development and cooperation worldwide		
ARTICLE - 21 08 01 Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures	Payments	-4 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 21 08 02 Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues	Payments	-2 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 2302 Humanitarian aid, food aid and disaster preparedness		
ARTICLE - 23 02 02 Disaster prevention, disaster risk reduction and preparedness	Payments	-3 500 000,00
CHAPTER - 2303 The Union Civil Protection Mechanism		
ITEM - 23 03 02 01 Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters within the Union	Payments	-260 000,00
ITEM - 23 03 02 02 Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries	Payments	-2 370 000,00

CHAPTER - 2603 Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens		
ARTICLE - 26 03 01 Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA²)	Payments	-3 000 000,00
ITEM - 26 03 77 02 Pilot project Governance and quality of software code Auditing of free and open-source software	Payments	-471 000,00
ITEM - 26 03 77 03 Pilot project PublicAccess.eu: Online platform for the proactive publication of Union institutions unclassified documents	Payments	-37 000,00
ITEM - 26 03 77 05 Pilot project Promoting linked open data, free software and civil society participation in law-making throughout the Union (Authoring Tool for Amendments (AT4AM)/ Legislation Editing Open Software (LEOS) Linked Open Data (LOD) and Free Software (FS) integration)	Payments	-26 292,36
CHAPTER - 3303 Justice		
ARTICLE - 33 03 01 Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all	Payments	-273 261,00
CHAPTER - 3402 Climate action at Union and international level		
ARTICLE - 34 02 01 Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions	Payments	-1 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 34 02 02 Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change	Payments	-200 000,00
<u>TO</u>		
CHAPTER - 0504 Rural development		
ITEM - 05 04 60 01 Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector	Payments	567 662 308,42

			Line/Heading			
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
		<u> </u>	communication on, the e			
12 000 000,00	0,00	8 420 351,81	3 579 648,19	-1 550 000,00	-12,92 %	2 029 648,19
Payment - 01 03 02 - M						
45 828 000,00	-25 400 000,00	10 162 466,00	10 265 534,00	-10 000 000,00	-21,82 %	265 534,00
			eurship Increasing acce market, and social enter		bility of, financin	g for legal and
27 500 000,00	-725 898,26			-6 500 000,00	-23,64 %	11 391 594,71
Payment - 04 05 51 - C	completion of actio	ns (prior to 2014) -	- Instrument for Pre-Acce	ession Assistance I	Human resources	s development
50 000 000,00	-8 200 000,00	40 041 442,90	1 758 557,10	-1 253 148,80	-2,51 %	505 408,30
Payment - 04 06 01 - P	romoting social co	hesion and allevia	ting the worst forms of p	overty in the Union		
440 000 000,00	0,00	253 707 353,76	186 292 646,24	-150 000 000,00	-34,09 %	36 292 646,24
Payment - 05 02 10 02	- Promotion measu	ures Direct paym	ents by the Union		<u></u>	
12 037 000,00	0,00	2 619 427,12	9 417 572,88	-1 724 000,00	-14,32 %	7 693 572,88
Payment - 05 04 60 01	- Promoting sustai	inable rural develo	pment, a more territoriall	y and environmental	ly balanced, clim	ate-friendly and
innovative Union agric 9 902 000 000,00		10 272 065 630,52	103 125 251,07	567 662 308,42	5,73 %	670 787 559,49
Payment - 05 06 02 - Ir	nternational agricul	tural organisation	s			
180 000,00	-40 000,00	28 000,00	112 000,00	-112 000,00	-62,22 %	0,00
Payment - 05 08 03 - R	estructuring of sys	stems for agricultu	ral surveys			
7 330 573,00	-2 665 166,00	2 751 104,84	1 914 302,16	-442 000,00	-6,03 %	1 472 302,16
Payment - 05 08 77 12	- Pilot project Sc	ocial eco-village				
120 000,00	0,00	0,00	120 000,00	-120 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 05 08 77 13	- Pilot project Im	proving crisis pre	vention and management	criteria and strategi	es in the agricult	ural sector
90 000,00	-45 609,34	0,00	44 390,66	-44 390,66	-49,32 %	0,00
Payment - 06 02 03 01	- European Maritin	ne Safety Agency				
42 650 882,00	-4 500 000,00	33 521 862,86	4 629 019,14	-4 624 000,00	-10,84 %	5 019,14
Payment - 06 02 05 - S	upport activities to	the European trai	nsport policy and passen	ger rights including of	communication a	ctivities
13 052 654,00	1 115 984,00	12 857 058,67	1 311 579,33	-529 789,33	-4,06 %	781 790,00
Payment - 06 03 03 01	- Achieving a reso	urce-efficient, env	ironmentally-friendly, saf	e and seamless Euro	pean transport s	ystem
103 235 669,00	32 169 823,36	131 691 833,79	3 713 658,57	-1 700 000,00	-1,65 %	2 013 658,57
		eener and more re	source-efficient economy	/ and to the developn	nent and implem	entation of Union
environmental policy a 67 000 000,00	and legislation -150 000,00	49 924 040,76	16 925 959,24	-2 800 000,00	-4,18 %	14 125 959,24
ŕ	,		rnance and information a	·	1,10 70	11.120.000,2.1
50 000 000,00					-2,80 %	9 182 738,16
				·	2,00 70	<u> </u>
			ational environment agre		F 00 0/	0.00
3 900 000,00	0,00			-229 129,13	-5,88 %	0,00
Payment - 07 02 51 - C			<u> </u>	000 000 00	0.70.0/	0.540.535.13
105 000 000,00	250 000,00	·				9 546 575,42
	<u> </u>		Inion's policy in the field			
3 580 000,00					<i>'</i>	166 569,56
Payment - 09 03 02 - C broadband	reating an environ	ment more conduc	cive to private investment	t for telecommunicati	ions infrastructu	re projects CEF

45 000 000,00	-36 000 000,00	0,00	9 000 000,00	-9 000 000,00	-20,00 %	0,00
			Line/Heading			
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
Payment - 09 03 03 - Proinfrastructures, as well			e deployment, operation	and upgrading of tran	s-European digita	al service
71 830 000,00	-5 633 883,00	57 821 147,68	8 374 969,32	-3 221 629,83	-4,49 %	5 153 339,49
Payment - 09 03 04 - Wi	Fi4EU Support	the deployment of	free local wifi			
0,00	580 000,00	125 710,00	454 290,00	-454 290,00	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - 11 06 12 - Co	empletion of Europ	pean Fisheries Fur	nd (EFF) Convergence	objective (2007 to 201	3)	
5 000 000,00	-500 000,00	4 315 477,13	184 522,87	-184 522,87	-3,69 %	0,00
Payment - 11 06 13 - Co	mpletion of Europ	ean Fisheries Fur	nd (EFF) Outside conve	rgence objective (200	7 to 2013)	
5 000 000,00	-500 000,00	2 940 975,82	1 559 024,18	-1 559 024,18	-31,18 %	0,00
			e fisheries and aquacultu	ıre, balanced and incl	usive territorial d	evelopment of
fisheries areas and fost 480 000 000,00	ering the impleme -151 724 787,62	252 283 421,17	75 991 791,21	-21 000 000,00	-4,38 %	54 991 791,21
Payment - 12 02 03 - Sta	andards in the fiel	ds of financial rep	orting and auditing			
5 718 000,00	1 630 557,00	7 082 655,80	265 901,20	-265 901,00	-4,65 %	0,20
Payment - 12 02 77 06 -	Pilot project Ho	orizontal Task Forc	e on Distributed Ledger	Technology		
425 000,00	-75 000,00	72 205,09	277 794,91	-144 122,00	-33,91 %	133 672,91
Payment - 13 07 01 - Fir	nancial support fo	r encouraging the	economic development of	of the Turkish Cypriot	community	
39 031 865,00	-18 000 000,00	12 744 390,62	8 287 474,38	-1 886 408,00	-4,83 %	6 401 066,38
	ructural Reform S	upport Programme	e (SRSP) Operational te	chnical assistance tr	ansferred from H1	lb (ESF, ERDF
and CF) 0,00	4 217 800,00	1 016 917,00	3 200 883,00	-815 000,00	0,00 %	2 385 883,00
·	,	•	e (SRSP) Operational te	•	,	
0,00	1 273 000,00	0,00	1 273 000,00		0,00 %	527 000,00
Payment - 16 03 02 03 -		n information and		,	,	,
26 075 000,00	-2 200 000,00	19 479 422,99		-1 200 000,00	-4,60 %	3 195 577,01
Payment - 16 03 77 05 -					<u> </u>	·
936 000,00	0,00	577 488,09	358 511,91	-300 000,00	-32,05 %	58 511,91
	ird programme fo	r the Union's actio	n in the field of health (20	014-2020)	·	·
46 000 000,00	-3 000 000,00	33 141 069,70	9 858 930,30	-3 000 000,00	-6,52 %	6 858 930,30
Payment - 17 04 03 - En	suring effective, e	efficient and reliab	le controls			
49 500 000,00	-7 597 646,72	36 928 510,20	4 973 843,08	-1 000 000,00	-2,02 %	3 973 843,08
Payment - 17 04 77 05 -	Pilot project Es	tablishment of a h	armonised internal mark	et for pigmeat obtaine	ed from pigs that	have not been
surgically castrated 300 000,00	0,00	0,00	300 000,00	-300 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 18 02 03 - Eu					100,000	3,75
281 267 000,00	0,00	261 267 000,00	20 000 000,00	-20 000 000,00	-7,11 %	0,00
	<u> </u>		management of large-sca		· ·	
justice (`eu-LISA`)		•		•	•	-
153 334 200,00	0,00	64 920 000,00	88 414 200,00		-55,83 %	2 814 200,00
enhancing fair and effe	ctive return strate	gies	nion and promoting the e			
277 783 460,00	-9 834 579,84	217 570 880,03	50 378 000,13	-45 000 000,00	-16,20 %	5 378 000,13
Payment - 19 02 01 - Re	sponse to crisis a	and emerging crisi	s <u> </u>			
181 000 000,00	0,00	151 591 387,44	29 408 612,56	-20 000 000,00	-11,05 %	9 408 612,56
					-	

Payment - 19 02 02 - Support to conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness							
	17 000 000,00	0,00	12 917 425,41	4 082 574,59	-3 000 000,00	-17,65 %	1 082 574,59

			Line/Heading			
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
Payment - 19 02 51 - Co	ompletion of action	ns in the field of c	risis response and prepar	redness (2007 to 2013	3)	
26 000 000,00	0,00	7 788 793,40	18 211 206,60	-16 000 000,00	-61,54 %	2 211 206,60
Payment - 19 03 01 04 -	Other crisis man	agement measures	s and operations		<u> </u>	
78 595 750,00	56 104 591,94	106 238 736,86	28 461 605,08	-8 495 353,12	-10,81 %	19 966 251,96
Payment - 19 03 01 07 -	European Union	Special Represent	atives	<u> </u>	<u>'</u>	
26 861 438,00	-13 803 442,71	6 583 658,80	6 474 336,49	-1 497 806,74	-5,58 %	4 976 529,75
Payment - 19 03 02 - Su	pport to non-prol	iferation and disar	mament	'	<u> </u>	
25 500 000,00	0,00	20 128 268,63	5 371 731,37	-806 840,14	-3,16 %	4 564 891,23
Payment - 19 05 01 - Co	poperation with th	ird countries to ad	Ivance and promote Unio	n and mutual interest	s	
84 191 000,00	-19 000 000,00	52 429 484,96	12 761 515,04	-10 000 000,00	-11,88 %	2 761 515,04
Payment - 19 05 51 - Co	ompletion of action	ns in the field of re	elations and cooperation	with industrialised th	ird countries (20	07 to 2013)
7 045 000,00	0,00	4 447 732,91	2 597 267,09	-1 587 927,42	-22,54 %	1 009 339,67
Payment - 20 02 01 - Ex	ternal trade relation	ons, including acc	ess to the markets of thir	d countries		
11 500 000,00	-581 760,29	9 357 733,45	1 560 506,26	-560 000,00	-4,87 %	1 000 506,26
Payment - 21 02 01 - Co	ooperation with La	tin America				
245 571 576,00	-17 000 000,00	154 542 376,55	74 029 199,45	-15 000 000,00	-6,11 %	59 029 199,45
Payment - 21 02 07 05 -	· Migration and as	ylum				
115 722 000,00	0,00	39 236 843,39	76 485 156,61	-60 000 000,00	-51,85 %	16 485 156,6
Payment - 21 02 09 - Pa	an-African progran	nme to support the	<u> </u> e Joint Africa-European	Inion Strategy		
124 670 461,00	-43 848 586,00	64 042 042,25	16 779 832,75	-16 137 425,81	-12,94 %	642 406,94
Payment - 21 02 51 08 -	· Geographical co	operation with Afri	lica, Caribbean and Pacific	states		
260 218 059,00	-134 271 254,57	105 704 729,58	20 242 074,85	-17 000 000,00	-6,53 %	3 242 074,85
Payment - 21 08 01 - Ev	/aluation of the res	sults of Union aid	l and follow-up and audit n	neasures		
25 521 281,00	-1 239 104,00				-15,67 %	1 120 103,47
Payment - 21 08 02 - Co	oordination and pr	omotion of aware	l ness on development iss	ues		
13 608 960,00	-4 060 896,00	4 043 439,71	<u> </u>		-14,70 %	3 504 624,29
Pavment - 23 02 02 - Di	saster prevention	. disaster risk redu	Lction and preparedness			
46 873 968,00	0,00		• •	-3 500 000,00	-7,47 %	6 070 667,23
•	Rapid and efficie		oonse interventions in the	·		
1 400 000,00	-875 000,00	217 140,61		•	-18,57 %	47 859,39
			oonse interventions in the			
14 010 000,00	-6 400 000,00	4 902 147,32	<u></u>	•	-16,92 %	337 852,68
			n frameworks for Europe	,		
(ISA²)	<u> </u>		·		·	
18 000 000,00	0,00	13 405 029,37	,	,	-16,67 %	1 594 970,63
		-	ality of software code A			
471 000,00	0,00	0,00	,	,	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 26 03 77 03 - documents	Pilot project Pu	ıblicAccess.eu: Or	nline platform for the proa	active publication of I	Union institution	s unclassified
813 000,00	-200 000,00	570 921,67	42 078,33	-37 000,00	-4,55 %	5 078,33
			pen data, free software an slation Editing Open Soft			

377 000,00	-257 000,00	93 707,64	26 292,36	-26 292,36	-6,97 %	0,00

Line/Heading						
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
Payment - 33 03 01 - Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all						
24 600 000,00	-1 590 940,40	15 542 301,56	7 466 758,04	-273 261,00	-1,11 %	7 193 497,04
Payment - 34 02 01 - Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions						
45 000 000,00	-12 761 385,65	27 122 980,92	5 115 633,43	-1 000 000,00	-2,22 %	4 115 633,43
Payment - 34 02 02 - Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change						
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## **Justifications**

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

## Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro

Delays in the execution of ongoing contracts and delays in the award of contracts due to difficult contract negotiations caused a shift of payments to 2018. Furthermore, the possibility of pre-financing in new framework contracts has been limited, which - combined with late contract signatures - also resulted in a shift of the timing of payment requirements. As a result, EUR 1,5 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

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

#### Macro-financial assistance

Because of delays in the ratification process of the MFA operation for Moldova it is not possible to disburse the first tranche of EUR 20,0 million in loans and EUR 10,0 million in grants in 2017. As a result, EUR 10,0 million of payment appropriations can be made available.

## Decreased 04 03 02 03

Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship -- Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

The launch of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) Funded Instrument has been delayed to 2018 due to protracted negotiations with the European Investment Fund (EIF). As a result, EUR 6,5 million are made available.

#### **Decreased 04 05 51**

# Completion of actions (prior to 2014) -- Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance -- Human resources development

Due to a lower-than-expected level of declared expenditure from Candidate Countries, mainly Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), EUR 1,3 million can be made available.

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

#### Promoting social cohesion and alleviating the worst forms of poverty in the Union

The lower-than-expected execution of payment appropriations for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) is mostly linked to delays in the payment claims received from the Member States. On this basis, EUR 150,0 million can be made available.

## Decreased 05 02 10 02

#### Promotion measures -- Direct payments by the Union

An amount of EUR 1,7 million in payment appropriations will not be consumed in 2017 and can be made available, as one of the beneficiaries renounced the initially foreseen pre-financing payment.

#### Increased 05 04 60 01

## Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector

The payment appropriations released in the context of this end-of-year-transfer (EUR 567,7 million) can be fully absorbed by additional payments for Rural Development programmes 2014-2020 financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), because the claims sent by Member States for the third quarter 2017 turned out higher than expected.

#### **Decreased 05 06 02**

#### International agricultural organisations

The financial contribution to the International Organisation of Vine and Wine for the year 2017 amounts to EUR 28 000. This amount was calculated - pro rata temporis - on the basis of the annual financial contribution of EUR 140 000 laid down in the Council Decision adopted on 9 October 2017 (12221/17). Therefore, the remaining amount of EUR 112 000 can be released.

### **Decreased 05 08 03**

#### Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys

Following an in-depth assessment of all pending payment claims and still available credits, an amount of EUR 442 000 in payment appropriations would remain available by the end of the year and can, therefore, be released.

### Decreased 05 08 77 12

### Pilot project -- Social eco-village

The award of the contract following an open call for tender will take place very late in December 2017. Consequently, no payments will be done this year. All payment appropriations (EUR 120 000) can therefore be released.

#### Decreased 05 08 77 13

## Pilot project -- Improving crisis prevention and management criteria and strategies in the agricultural sector

The award of the contract following an open call for tender will take place very late in December 2017. Consequently, no payments will be done this year. All payment appropriations (EUR 44 391) can therefore be released.

#### Decreased 06 02 03 01

### **European Maritime Safety Agency**

The under-implementation in payment appropriations by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is due to delays in implementing a pilot project of cooperation between Coast Guards. Therefore, EUR 4,6 million can be released in the end-of-year transfer.

### **Decreased 06 02 05**

#### Support activities to the European transport policy and passenger rights including communication activities

According to the latest forecasts based on the received invoices and on the requested pre-financing payments, EUR 0.5 million can be released.

#### Decreased 06 03 03 01

#### Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system

According to the latest forecasts, the payment needs related to the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) Fund are lower than initially expected and, therefore, EUR 1,7 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 07 02 01**

## Contributing to a greener and more resource-efficient economy and to the development and implementation of Union environmental policy and legislation

Following in-depth analysis of the outstanding and expected invoices to be settled before year-end, EUR 2,8 million can be released. Since beneficiaries have not yet consumed the first pre-financing related to the Environment and Climate Action Programme (LIFE) integrated projects and preparatory actions, the second pre-financings cannot yet be paid out.

#### **Decreased 07 02 03**

### Supporting better environmental governance and information at all levels

Following in-depth analysis of the outstanding and expected invoices to be settled before year-end, EUR 1,4 million can be released. Since beneficiaries have not yet consumed the first pre-financing related to the Environment and Climate Action Programme (LIFE) integrated projects and preparatory actions, the second pre-financings cannot yet be paid out.

#### **Decreased 07 02 04**

#### Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements

In the light of the expected requests for contributions to the various Conventions to be settled before year-end, EUR 229 129 can be released. This is due to achieved savings from the exchange rate applied at time of payment (USD to EUR) and because of the delay in the ratification by the European Union of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

#### **Decreased 07 02 51**

### Completion of previous environmental programmes

Following the analysis of the outstanding (mostly final) invoices for the Environment and Climate Action Programme (LIFE) traditional projects, EUR 0,8 million can be released. The under-implementation of payment appropriations on this budget line is due to delays in providing additional information by beneficiaries for treating the final invoices, despite reminders and specific deadlines.

#### **Decreased 09 02 01**

#### Definition and implementation of the Union's policy in the field of electronic communications

Due to significant delays in both the submission and approval of a number of reports together with a substantial delay in concluding a contract, some payments cannot take place until 2018. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,9 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 09 03 02**

## Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for telecommunications infrastructure projects - CEF broadband

The conditions for the payment to the fund manager selected to operate the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund will not be met before the end of 2017. Therefore, the amount of EUR 9.0 million can be released.

## **Decreased 09 03 03**

## Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level

The needs for payment appropriations are lower than anticipated for two reasons: first, a reduction in the interim cost claims for the 2015 Safer Internet Actions; and second, a reduction in pre-financing needs for Core Services Platforms and actions selected under the 2016 calls. In total, EUR 3,2 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 09 03 04**

#### WiFi4EU -- Support the deployment of free local wifi

Due to the late adoption of the legal basis for the WiFi4EU initiative (Regulations (EU) 2017/1953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017), no other payment will be made this year. The amount of EUR 454 290 can therefore be released.

#### **Decreased 11 06 12**

#### Completion of European Fisheries Fund (EFF) -- Convergence objective (2007 to 2013)

No further operational programme will be proposed for closure in 2017 and no further payments are expected on this budget line, so that EUR 184 523 can be released.

#### **Decreased 11 06 13**

#### Completion of European Fisheries Fund (EFF) -- Outside convergence objective (2007 to 2013)

No further operational programmes will be proposed for closure in 2017 and no further payments are expected on this budget line, so that EUR 1,6 million can be released in the end-of-year transfer.

#### **Decreased 11 06 60**

## Promoting sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture, balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries areas and fostering the implementation of the common fisheries policy

Following an in-depth analysis of revised forecasts, expected claims to be received and outstanding payment needs per Member State up to the end of the year, EUR 21,0 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 12 02 03**

#### Standards in the fields of financial reporting and auditing

The proposed decrease of EUR 265 901 is due to the fact that, at the interim payment stage, a grant beneficiary (International Financial Reporting Standards) declared lower costs than initially estimated. This amount can be released.

#### Decreased 12 02 77 06

## Pilot project -- Horizontal Task Force on Distributed Ledger Technology

The proposed decrease of EUR 144 122 is due to the fact that the Feasibility Study on Distributed Ledger Technology for the European Financial Transparency Gateway has been extended until mid-December 2017. Therefore, the final payment will be executed in 2018 and not in 2017 as initially planned. Hence, this amount can be released.

## **Decreased 13 07 01**

## Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community

The aid programme is implemented in a unique diplomatic, legal and political context that raises a number of operational and legal challenges, which may delay project preparation and contracting. Although steps have been taken to streamline the outstanding commitments, the signature of some contracts were somewhat delayed and, therefore, the expected pre-financing payments can only be effected at the beginning of 2018. The figures also include the revised payment forecast for the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX). Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,9 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 13 08 01**

## Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) -- Operational technical assistance transferred from H1b (ESF, ERDF and CF)

The Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) entered into force on 20 May 2017 and the implementation could only start after the adoption of the 2017 Annual Work Programme on 28 August 2017. A substantial number of requests for technical support under the first round of the SRSP have already been received from 16 Member States and the files are currently being dealt with. Nevertheless, on the basis of the revised payment forecast, EUR 0,8 million will not be used before the end of 2017 and can be released.

#### **Decreased 13 08 02**

## Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) -- Operational technical assistance transferred from H2 (EAFRD)

The Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) entered into force on 20 May 2017 and the implementation could only start after the adoption of the 2017 Annual Work Programme on 28 August 2017. A substantial number of requests for technical support under the first round of the SRSP were received from 16 Member States and the files are currently being dealt with. Nevertheless, on the basis of the revised payment forecast, EUR 0,7 million will not be used before the end of 2017 and can be released.

### Decreased 16 03 02 03

#### Online and written information and communication tools

Based on all invoices expected to be received until the end of the year, EUR 1,2 million in payment appropriations can be released.

### Decreased 16 03 77 05

#### **Preparatory action -- Share Europe Online**

The implementation of payments under this budget line in 2016 was higher than initially estimated during the preparation of the Draft Budget 2017. For this reason, the outstanding commitments are lower than the available payment appropriations and the exceeding payment appropriations (EUR 300 000) can be released.

#### **Decreased 17 03 01**

### Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)

The reasons for under-implementation are as follows: firstly, several projects have not been implemented by the beneficiaries at the pace foreseen, which caused delays in the implementation of the grant agreement and thus delays in the submission of the payment requests. Secondly, the conclusion of Joint Action agreements with the Member States is more time-consuming than initially estimated. As the conclusion of such agreements triggers the payment of a prefinancing, the signature delays have caused delays in the payment of pre-financings. Consequently, EUR 3,0 million can be released.

### **Decreased 17 04 03**

## Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls

The payment appropriations available on this budget line are used to cover actions in the framework of the Better Training for Safer Food initiative. Several actions, for which invoices were expected to be paid in 2017, have been delayed and the respective invoices have not been submitted by the contractors. As a result, the actual needs for payment credits are lower than foreseen and EUR 1,0 million can be released.

#### Decreased 17 04 77 05

# Pilot project -- Establishment of a harmonised internal market for pigmeat obtained from pigs that have not been surgically castrated

The implementation of this pilot project combines the use of 2017 and 2018 commitment appropriations. The financing decision for this pilot project will be adopted in December 2017 and subsequently the call for proposals procedure will be launched. So, this year no payment appropriations will be needed and, therefore, EUR 300 000 can be released.

#### **Decreased 18 02 03**

#### **European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)**

Frontex has reduced its 2017 budget for Operational Activities (return support: EUR 13,0 million, miscellaneous operational activities: EUR 3,0 million) and staff costs (EUR 4,0 million). Therefore, EUR 20,0 million of payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decreased 18 02 07**

## European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice ('eu-LISA')

Eu-Lisa has reduced its 2017 budget for the following reasons:

- EUR 67,6 million foreseen for the Entry Exit System, Eurodac and the revision of the Dublin regulation are not needed because of the delays in the adoption of the legal bases.
- EUR 18,0 million are not needed due to delayed invoicing and acceptance of deliverables under shared system infrastructure: Schengen Information System (SIS) II Maintenance Working Order (MWO); Visa Information System Biometric Matching System (VIS-BMS) MWO; Eurodac MWO.

Therefore, a total of EUR 85,6 million of payment appropriations are made available.

#### Decreased 18 03 01 02

# Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies

EUR 45,0 million foreseen for the EU Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced people in Africa are only needed in 2018 because contributions from Member States cover the remaining needs for 2017.

#### **Decreased 19 02 01**

#### Response to crisis and emerging crisis

The extremely volatile security situation in Somalia, Syria, Afghanistan, Central African Republic and Libya resulted in logistical and technical difficulties to identify and formulate actions in these countries. In addition, extensive upstream consultations and coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and Member States present in the above countries caused delays in contracting. Therefore, EUR 20,0 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 19 02 02**

## Support to conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness

The ongoing political tensions in Venezuela and Burundi had a negative impact on the speed of contracting of projects under calls for proposals with civil society organisations in the area of conflict prevention and peace-building. This resulted in lower needs for pre-financing and hence EUR 3,0 million in payment appropriations can be released.

## **Decreased 19 02 51**

#### Completion of actions in the field of crisis response and preparedness (2007 to 2013)

There is a marked slow-down in implementation of the predecessor Instrument for Stability (IfS) interventions in crisis prone regions such as West Africa and in Afghanistan due to the deterioration of the local security situation. Therefore, EUR 16,0 million can be released.

#### Decreased 19 03 01 04

### Other crisis management measures and operations

The efficient management of the EU Capacity Building Mission (EUCAP) Sahel Mali allowed for savings in the area of security and staff accommodation. Furthermore, procurement of supplies and works for this mission was postponed to the next mandate. On this basis, EUR 8,5 million can be released.

#### Decreased 19 03 01 07

#### **European Union Special Representatives**

The final reports for the European Union Special Representatives (EUSR) for the Middle East Peace Process and the Southern Caucasus and Georgia were delayed. As a result, it was not possible to process the related payments. Therefore, EUR 1,5 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 19 03 02**

### Support to non-proliferation and disarmament

Reports related to payments for Arms Trade Treaty IV and the Non-Proliferation Consortium promoting the European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks were suspended, which led to a lower implementation in payments that initially expected. For this reason, EUR 0,8 million can be released.

### **Decreased 19 05 01**

### Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests

Protracted negotiations with the European Aviation Safety Agency and with international organisations (International Labour Organization - ILO, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development - OECD) resulted in a delay in contracting and hence to a reduction in the need for pre-financing in 2017. The need to re-launch procurement tenders in the areas of cyber security and the digital economy had a similar effect. Therefore, EUR 10,0 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 19 05 51**

## Completion of actions in the field of relations and cooperation with industrialised third countries (2007 to 2013)

Delays in contracting grants with universities in Asia and the Americas benefiting from Erasmus cooperation in the framework of the Partnership instrument resulted in payment appropriation requirements being reduced by year-end. Hence, EUR 1,6 million can be released in the end-of-year transfer.

#### **Decreased 20 02 01**

#### External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries

Several grant agreements with international organisations will be signed later than expected and consequently the corresponding first pre-financing will be delayed and paid only in 2018. Some reports on evaluation studies have been delayed and thus the relevant (interim or final) payments will be paid only in 2018. Therefore, EUR 0,6 million can be released.

### **Decreased 21 02 01**

#### **Cooperation with Latin America**

The contribution payment to the EU Colombia Trust Fund has been postponed to 2018 since the payment appropriations available in trust fund cover the needs for 2017. On this basis, EUR 15,0 million can be released.

## Decreased 21 02 07 05

## Migration and asylum

EUR 60,0 million foreseen to be paid to the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa are only needed in 2018 because contributions from Member States cover the remaining needs for 2017.

#### **Decreased 21 02 09**

#### Pan-African programme to support the Joint Africa-European Union Strategy

Three major payments (EUR 3,0 to 5,0 million) with international organisations (African Union and World Bank) have been delayed as was a EUR 25,0 million contract for a major infrastructure programme with the African Development Bank. For these reasons, EUR 16,1 million can be released.

#### Decreased 21 02 51 08

### Geographical cooperation with Africa, Caribbean and Pacific states

Payments on the reste à liquider (RAL) during 2016 were higher than expected. Furthermore, payments related to the implementation of projects on the Sugar and Bananas Accompanying Measures programmes were delayed. On this basis, EUR 17,0 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 21 08 01**

## Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures

Contracting and payments under the 2017 Operational Expenditure Programme for Evaluation and Monitoring for the Enlargement and Neighbourhood Regions will be done as of 2018. Therefore, EUR 4,0 million in payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decreased 21 08 02**

#### Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues

The implementation of some contracts was delayed and as a result some of the pre-financing will be paid in 2018. For example: the project with Member States on Sustainable Development Goals has not generated all the corresponding payments. Furthermore, some pre-financing payments initially planned in 2017 were already paid in 2016. For these reasons, EUR 2,0 million can be released.

#### **Decreased 23 02 02**

## Disaster prevention, disaster risk reduction and preparedness

The sources of the identified surplus are the following:

- The payment needs were initially estimated on the basis of a 80% pre-financing rate. However, the average prefinancing rate actually applied was 75%. This is due to measures put in place by the Commission to mitigate the financial risk detected with regard to certain beneficiaries.
- The final payments have also been lower than expected due to both fewer cases of closure and lower final payment amounts resulting from underspending and ineligible amounts detected by ex-ante controls.
- In addition, part of the contracting could not be finalised on time to allow the payment of pre-financing.

On this basis, EUR 3,5 million can be released in the context of the end-of-year transfer.

## Decreased 23 03 02 01

## Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters within the Union

The number of activations of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism during the year is unpredictable by nature, since it wholly depends on the emergencies that will occur within the EU and the number of transport interventions that will be requested. EUR 260 000 can be released since requests for funding have not fully consumed the availabilities.

#### Decreased 23 03 02 02

Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries

EUR 2,4 million can be released for the same reason as for budget line 23 03 02 01.

#### **Decreased 26 03 01**

Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA²)

Commitments on the 2017 budget are delayed as nine specific contracts signed in 2016 under the previous framework contracts had to be extended in 2017 to ensure a handover to the new framework contracts. The handover was initially planned for October/November; however, the tendering procedure was finalised only recently, so new specific contracts will be signed end of the December at the earliest. These delays have a significant impact on payment appropriations since payments initially programmed for 2017 will only occur in 2018. On this basis, EUR 3,0 million can be released.

### Decreased 26 03 77 02

Pilot project -- Governance and quality of software code -- Auditing of free and open-source software

This pilot project is terminated and can be closed. Therefore, EUR 471 000 can be released.

#### Decreased 26 03 77 03

Pilot project -- PublicAccess.eu: Online platform for the proactive publication of Union institutions-unclassified documents

The surplus of EUR 37 000 is due to the postponement of certain payments to 2018. These payment appropriations can be released.

#### Decreased 26 03 77 05

Pilot project -- Promoting linked open data, free software and civil society participation in law-making throughout the Union (Authoring Tool for Amendments (AT4AM)/ Legislation Editing Open Software (LEOS) Linked Open Data (LOD) and Free Software (FS) integration)

The surplus of EUR 26 292 is the result of an equivalent amount of carried-over appropriations, which were decommitted in 2017. This amount can be released.

#### **Decreased 33 03 01**

#### Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all

Some actions selected after the 2016 call for proposals have not yet submitted a request for pre-financing or have not yet been formally concluded (via a grant agreement). Besides, an invoice related to a conference organised in late November 2017 will be paid only in 2018. In total, EUR 273 261 in payment appropriations can be released.

#### **Decreased 34 02 01**

#### Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions

Following the analysis of the payment needs until the end of the year, an amount of EUR 1,0 million in payment appropriations can be released

#### **Decreased 34 02 02**

#### Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change

Following the analysis of payment needs until the end of the year, an amount of EUR 200 000 can be released.