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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 10/2023.

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BRUSSELS, 23/08/2023

GENERAL BUDGET - 2023
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 16, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 10/2023

FROM

CHAPTER - 3004 Solidarity mechanisms (special instruments)

ARTICLE - 30 04 01 Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)

Commitments	-446 836 375,00
Payments	-446 836 375,00

TO

CHAPTER - 1602 Mobilisation of solidarity mechanisms (Special instruments)

ITEM - 16 02 01 01 Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

Commitments	54 835 030,00
Payments	54 835 030,00

ITEM - 16 02 01 02 Assistance to countries negotiating for accession in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

Commitments	392 001 345,00
Payments	392 001 345,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

30 04 01 - Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)

b) Figures at 23/06/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 274 897 000,00	1 274 897 000,00
2 Transfers	-347 785 463,00	-347 785 463,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	927 111 537,00	927 111 537,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	927 111 537,00	927 111 537,00
6 Decrease proposed	446 836 375,00	446 836 375,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	480 275 162,00	480 275 162,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	35,05 %	35,05 %
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	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 23/06/2023	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027 allows the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) to finance the assistance under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF).

Point 10 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation on budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (IIA), lays down the modalities for the mobilisation of the EUSF in the context of the SEAR.

The proposed transfer will accompany the mobilisation of the EUSF (COM(2023) 381), in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the EUSF, to provide assistance to Romania and Italy in relation to natural disasters which occurred in 2022 and to Türkiye in relation to the earthquakes in February 2023.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

16 02 01 01 - Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

b) Figures at 23/06/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
6 Increase requested	54 835 030,00	54 835 030,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	104 835 030,00	104 835 030,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	109,67 %	109,67 %
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	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 396 820,16	1 396 820,16
2 Appropriations available on 23/06/2023	1 396 820,16	1 396 820,16
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The transfer of EUR 54,8 million relates to the needs arising from the Commission's proposal to provide a financial contribution from the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for the applications in response to natural disasters occurred in 2022, and which were presented by:

- Romania (drought) – EUR 33,9 million, and
- Italy (flood in the Marche Region) – EUR 20,9 million.

II.2

a) Heading

16 02 01 02 - Assistance to countries negotiating for accession in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

b) Figures at 23/06/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	0,00	0,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00	0,00
6 Increase requested	392 001 345,00	392 001 345,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	392 001 345,00	392 001 345,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	n/a	n/a
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	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 23/06/2023	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The transfer of EUR 392 million relates to the needs arising from the Commission's proposal to provide a financial contribution from the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for the application presented by Türkiye, in relation to the earthquakes of February 2023, for a total amount of EUR 400 million. The present transfer from the SEAR reserve line is complemented by EUR 8 million in commitment and payment appropriations already inscribed in the General Budget 2023 in accordance with Article 4a(4) of the EUSF Regulation.

ANNEX

COMMISSION TRANSFER PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE SOLIDARITY AND EMERGENCY AID RESERVE IN 2023

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2023, which relate to the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR), and the remaining amount under the SEAR reserve following the approval of these proposals.

Commitment Appropriations 2023 Reserve (EUR)								
Transfer Ref	Content	TOTAL	carried over	voted budget	Internal (excluding EUSF)	EUSF	External	End-of-Year Cushion (25%)
	General Budget 2023 - Initial appropriations	1.324.897.000	0	1.324.897.000	149.050.912	496.836.375	347.785.463	331.224.250
	General Budget 2023 - EUSF advances (Article 4a EUSF Regulation)	-50.000.000		-50.000.000		-50.000.000		
DEC 03	Mobilisation of the SEAR for the food crises in Africa and in Yemen as well as the multisectoral crisis in Venezuela	185.000.000		185.000.000			185.000.000	
DEC 05	Mobilisation of the SEAR for the humanitarian assistance in Türkiye, Syria, Ukraine, DRC, Ethiopia and Lake Chad	162.785.463		162.785.463			162.785.463	
DEC 09	Mobilisation of the SEAR for UCPM and SMP food chain	86.000.000		86.000.000	86.000.000			
DEC 10	Mobilisation of the EUSF for Romania and Italy in relation to natural disasters in 2022 and for Türkiye in relation to the earthquakes in February 2023	446.836.375		446.836.375		446.836.375		
	Total DEC transfer proposals	880.621.838	0	880.621.838	86.000.000	446.836.375	347.785.463	0
	Remainder	394.275.162	0	394.275.162	63.050.912	0	0	331.224.250