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GENERAL BUDGET - 2023

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, PA, PP

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 13/2023**

INTRODUCTION

Every year, after reviewing actual implementation and expected utilisation of payment appropriations to the end of the financial year, the Commission proposes the so-called "Global Transfer", which is designed to rebalance payment appropriations for the current budget year. As far as possible, shortfalls in appropriations identified are met by autonomous transfers within the relevant budget chapters. The Global Transfer proposal relates to readjustments that cannot be met by such autonomous transfers.

The Global Transfer, like any other transfer, must be neutral in its budgetary effect.

The Global Transfer proposal for 2023 relates to payment appropriations amounting to EUR 1,05 billion, corresponding to 0,6% of the total authorised payment appropriations in the 2023 budget.

Budget Year	Value of the Global Transfer (million euro)
2018	952,7
2019	1 077,6
2020	595,4
2021	2 410,9
2022	1 950,9
2023	1 051,1

In total, 90 budget lines are concerned (21 for reinforcement and 69 for reductions), compared to 134 budget lines (15 for reinforcement and 119 for reductions) included in the Global Transfer presented in 2022.

Payment appropriations made available within a heading have been used in the first place to cover the needs in that same heading.

Additionally, the Draft Amending Budget 4/2023 proposes to decrease payment appropriations by EUR 3,3 billion corresponding to amounts which cannot be implemented in 2023.

The proposed reinforcements and reductions by heading are as follows:

Headings		Global Transfer (euro)		
		Increase	Decrease	Net change
1.	Single Market, Innovation and Digital	391 923 170	-378 449 616	13 473 554
2.	Cohesion, Resilience and Values	134 000 000	-154 763 701	-20 763 701
2a	<i>Economic, social and territorial cohesion</i>	0	-3 960 730	-3 960 730
2b	<i>Resilience and Values</i>	134 000 000	-150 802 972	-16 802 972
3.	Natural Resources and Environment	12 022 888	-5 095 620	6 927 268
4.	Migration and Border Management	0	-117 398 180	-117 398 180
5.	Security and Defence	176 918 000	-36 064 000	140 854 000
6.	Neighbourhood and the World	336 294 000	-336 295 000	0
7.	European Public Administration	0	0	0
	Reserves and special instruments	0	-23 092 940	-23 092 940
	Total	1 051 159 058	-1 051 159 058	0

2. Reinforcements and reductions of payment appropriations

The main reinforcements and reductions (greater than EUR 25 million) are summarised in this section.

2.1 Reinforcements

The transfer request proposes to reinforce **21 budget lines**. The main lines affected (i.e. for which changes are above EUR 25 million) are presented below by heading:

2.1.1 Heading 1 – Single Market, Innovation and Digital

+ EUR 190 million for *02 03 99 01 - Completion of previous Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport activities (prior to 2021)*: the need for reinforcement results from high inflation since 2022, with a large impact on the costs for the infrastructure projects. This is reflected in the higher needs declared and submitted by the beneficiaries either in the Action Status Reports (calling for further pre-financing payments) or in the cost claims submitted by end of August, which will result in higher than initially expected payments. These payments will be done by end of the year.

+ EUR 175 million for *02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport*: Due to the oversubscription of the 2022 call for proposals it was decided to make use of the flexibility offered in the Multi-Annual Work Programme to select projects for a total budget going beyond the call amount. The initial budget for the call amounted to EUR 2,6 billion, whereas the total amount for the selected projects amounts to EUR 3,6 billion thanks to multi-annual instalments. Therefore, additional payment appropriations are needed to cover the pre-financings to be paid upon signature of the grant agreements as of Mid-October. A first reinforcement in payment appropriations has been covered by a Commission autonomous transfer. This second reinforcement of EUR 175 million will cover additional pre-financing payments still to be made this year.

+ EUR 25,1 million for *03 02 06 - Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants*: the reinforcement is needed to finance the actions planned under the Food chain strand of the Single Market Programme in 2023. In particular, the reinforcement will be devoted to grants related to the Emergency measures which respond to outbreaks in Member States of Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever.

2.1.2 Heading 2b – Resilience and Values

+ EUR 55 million for 07 03 01 01 - *Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management*: Payment appropriations on the Erasmus+ Education and Training budget line are below the expected financial obligations until the end of 2023. Additional appropriations will be necessary to cover payments to National Agencies, who are now facing higher financial needs and prefinancing levels than initially forecasted, which indicates an acceleration of implementation for actions under indirect management.

+ EUR 27 million for 07 05 02 - *Media strand*: the reinforcement is needed because some pre-financing payments from the 2022 Call were postponed to 2023, and more payments than initially expected will be made in 2023 following the submission of additional reports.

2.1.3 Heading 5 – Security and defence

+ EUR 106,3 million for 13 02 01 - *Capability development*: the reinforcement is needed to cover the payments planned until year end. The additional needs reflect the revised forecast, which takes into account the outcome of the 2022 calls for proposals. The proposals have been evaluated, the financial capacity of the consortia has been assessed positively, and the preparation of the grant agreements for the successful projects has overall progressed more rapidly than anticipated.

+ EUR 33,6 million for 12 03 99 01 - *Completion of previous nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania (prior to 2021)*: The additional payment needs are due to two main reasons:

1. In 2022, the Ignalina Programme Coordinator (representing the Lithuanian government) requested to reallocate a large project to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). At that time, the Ignalina International Decommissioning Support Fund had exhausted all its resources and it was therefore anticipated that additional payments would be needed. However, it was possible to plan those needs only once the main uncertainties about the attribution of that project to the EBRD and the structure of the contract were lifted, which took place in 2023;
2. The cost of energy (heating and electricity) for the decommissioning programme has increased significantly compared to the estimates established at the time of the preparation of the 2023 Draft Budget. Therefore, despite the fact that energy consumption has been decreasing every year, the surge in energy cost has resulted in increased needs in 2023.

2.1.4 Heading 6 – Neighbourhood and the World

+ EUR 145 million for 14 02 01 10 - *Southern neighbourhood*: The reinforcement needed on this line is related to payments for projects and budget support to Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Morocco. When establishing the needs for the Draft Budget 2023 on this budget line, those payments were not taken into account as they were forecasted with a high or very high risk of not materialising. However, they have now materialised and are planned to be paid by the end of the year. Another part of the additional need will be transferred via an autonomous transfer within the NDICI chapter (EUR 114,3 million).

+ EUR 117,7 million for 14 02 01 11 - *Eastern neighbourhood*: The reinforcement needed on this budget line is related to the intermediate payments to be made under the EU Emergency Support Programme in favour of Ukraine put in place in 2022 and amended several times since then to add additional amounts and actions. Another part of the additional need will be transferred via an autonomous transfer within the NDICI chapter (EUR 54,4 million).

+ EUR 73,6 million for 14 02 01 70 - *NDICI -- Global Europe -- Provisioning of the common provisioning fund*: The budget line covers contributions from NDICI to the Common Provisioning Fund (CPF), including provisioning for the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+). The payment appropriations for 2023 have been budgeted based on a tentative schedule for the period 2022-2027. The implementation of the EFSD+ is well on track. The window 1 Guarantee Agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) for an amount of EUR 26,7 billion was signed in April 2022 and the signature of other guarantee agreements (Covax II in 2021, Fisea+, Cityriz, Africa Local Currency Bond Guarantee Programme, etc.) progresses. It is now proposed to increase the payments to the CPF by EUR 173,5 million to front-load the payment schedule and achieve full payment in the current MFF. A reinforcement of EUR 99,9 million will be made by autonomous transfer within the Chapter. The remaining amount of EUR 73,6 million is proposed to be covered by the global transfer.

2.2 Reductions

The transfer request proposes to reduce the level of payment appropriations for **69 budget lines**. The main lines affected (i.e. for which changes are above EUR 25 million), are presented below by heading and decreasing size of the reduction:

2.2.1 Heading 1 – Single Market, Innovation and Digital

- EUR 105,4 million from *01 02 99 01 - Completion of previous research programmes (prior to 2021)*: The surplus in payment appropriations is due to two main reasons:

1. In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, Horizon 2020 projects could benefit from a 6-month extension upon request without justification. However, it turned out that such extensions were not always sufficient, as they did not cover the entire period during which no or very few activities could take place and the implementation of projects came back to normal only in fall 2022. As a consequence, new extensions were deemed necessary in 2023 to enable the completion of those H2020 activities, which further delayed the submission of cost claims by the beneficiaries. Similarly, for the industry, contract amendments were considered necessary to extend the period of implementation during and post COVID-19 because of the lack or unavailability of some materials and components required for the implementation of research projects (such as semi-conductors, chips...). All these extensions granted in 2023 could not be foreseen when the payment needs for that year were first estimated during the preparation of the Draft Budget 2023.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an overall underspending due to lower amounts of final payments for some projects. Many research projects indeed perform substantial and expensive field work. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person fieldwork was replaced by telephone and on-line interviews, which are cheaper. There were also post-COVID-19 changes in the nature of the scientific gatherings, participatory events, and other dissemination events that used to take place in person before the pandemic, while they have been replaced more and more since then by on-line workshops, seminars, and conferences. As a result, travel costs and other direct costs were lower than the planned budget. The final payments of these projects are thus lower than expected, creating the surplus in payment appropriations.

- EUR 97 million from *04 03 01 - Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 1*: The legal base of the programme was adopted mid-March 2023. The payment appropriations allocated to the secure connectivity cannot be used in 2023 as the procurement procedure for the concession contract is on-going and the contract is planned to be signed in 2024.

- EUR 82,6 million from *02 03 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Digital*: The late adoption of the legal base (and related work programme) resulted in a domino effect of delays in the launch of the calls, and therefore a delay of the execution of payment appropriations linked to these planned actions. In addition, serious security scrutiny and ownership control assessment issues resulted in rejected projects, and certain topics faced undersubscription, e.g. 5G corridors.

- EUR 44,6 million from *01 02 02 40 - Cluster `Digital, Industry and Space`*: The surplus in payment appropriations is due to four main reasons:

1. Following the amendment of the Horizon Europe main Work Programme, one call for proposals will result in lower prefinancing needs than originally anticipated in 2023.
2. A number of prefinancing payments initially planned in 2023 were ultimately advanced to the end of 2022, thereby reducing the payments need in 2023.
3. The uncertainties in the participation of the United Kingdom (UK) in Horizon Europe have impacted the payment needs in 2023. The share of the UK partners in the selected proposals can vary between 5 and 10% depending on the call for proposals. In most of the cases, the costs reported by UK partners are not transferred to any other co-beneficiaries in the consortium. Therefore, the grant amount is reduced before its signature, and the level of pre-financing to be paid is therefore reduced by the same proportion.
4. Some beneficiaries have asked that the starting date of their projects be postponed, thereby delaying the pre-financing payments from end of 2023 – as initially planned – to a later date in 2024

2.2.2 Heading 2b – Resilience and Values

- EUR 110 million from 06 06 01 - *EU4Health Programme*: The 2023 planned budget in payment appropriations assumed that the implementation would reach cruising speed in 2023. However, the actual implementation is at a slower pace than initially estimated, due to the time required to set-up and integrate systems and resources, given the new and significantly enhanced EU4Health programme, the newly created executive agency HaDEA, and the newly set-up HERA. Therefore, the estimated time needed for the signature of grants is longer; while grants of the 2022 work programme are in the course of being signed, grants of the 2023 work programme, including joint actions, will only be signed in 2024. As a consequence, the pre-financings will only be paid next year. In addition, the cancellation of the call for proposals of the European Reference Networks negatively impacts the expected payment implementation as the call will be relaunched and the majority of prefinancing will be done in 2024 (instead of 2023).

2.2.3 Heading 4 – Migration and Border Management

- EUR 71,6 million from 11 03 01 - *Instrument for financial support for customs control equipment*: According to the Regulation establishing the programme, the implementation of the Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI) is data driven, whereby the collection and analysis of data is necessary for drafting the work programmes in order to develop the CCEI policy priorities and to incorporate lessons learned. The late adoption of the legal basis led to delays of the first work programme for 2021-2022, which affected the process of preparing and adopting the work programme for 2023-2024. The preparation was likewise affected by the new context at the EU external borders following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the creation of the EU Solidarity Lanes, which had to be taken into account. Due to the delayed adoption of the second work programme (2023-2024) under the CCEI, no new grant agreement will be signed in 2023. Consequently, the payment appropriations corresponding to pre-financing on 2023 commitment appropriations can be made available.

2.2.4 Heading 5 – Security and defence

- EUR 30 million from 13 05 01 - *Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 5*: The legal base of the programme was adopted mid-March 2023. The payment appropriations for secured connectivity cannot be used in 2023 as the procurement procedure for the concession contract is on-going and the contract is planned to be signed in 2024.

2.2.5 Heading 6 – Neighbourhood and the World

- EUR 148 million from 15 02 99 01 - *Completion of previous instruments for pre-accession assistance (prior to 2021)*: The total surplus in payment appropriations stems from two main reasons:

1. Under IPARD programmes, a surplus of EUR 50 million is available mainly due to the fact that Türkiye has reached a high level of programme implementation (95%) earlier than forecasted, following a very good execution in 2022. As a result, only partial payments were made for Türkiye's declarations of expenditure in 2023. The payment of the last 5% of the IPARD envelope will be cleared at the closure of the programme. On the other hand, other candidate countries had a less satisfactory execution, leading to the de-commitments for Montenegro and Serbia.
2. Due to some delays in the implementation of projects, the payment forecast has been updated to reflect a shift of payments towards International Financial Institutions expected under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), from end of 2023 to 2024. Another element that has contributed to delays in the execution of payments is the fact that the process of finalisation of the governance framework of the WBIF is still ongoing. This also impacts the IPA III payments that initially were planned to be executed in 2023 and need to be postponed. Therefore, EUR 98 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

- EUR 111,7 million from 14 02 01 20 - *West Africa*: Due to political instability and crises, namely in Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali, as well as delays in the implementation of the regional programmes for West Africa, there are delays in payments. As result, the amount of EUR 120 million in payment appropriations can be made available, of which EUR 111,7 million can be made available in the global transfer. The additional amount of EUR 8,3 million will be used for reinforcement needs within the Chapter, implemented by autonomous transfers.

- EUR 70 million from 15 02 01 01 - *Preparation for accession*: Due to some delays in the implementation of projects, the payment forecast has been updated to reflect a shift of payments towards International Financial Institutions expected under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), from end of 2023 to 2024. Another element that has contributed to delays in the execution of payments is the fact that the process of finalisation of the governance framework of the WBIF is still ongoing. This also impacts IPA III payments that were initially planned to be executed in 2023 and need to be postponed.

3. Proposed transfers

All proposed transfers, for either an increase or reduction in appropriations, are summarised in the tables in budget nomenclature order. The table indicates:

- the initial budget appropriations, including amending budgets as of 14 September 2023;
- transfers as of 14 September 2023;
- the implementation as of 14 September 2023;
- the total remaining available appropriations;
- proposed transfer (increase or reduction);
- percentage change, compared to the initial budget (including any amending budgets);
- the balance on the line after the proposed transfer.

For reductions or reinforcements of the authorised appropriations on the budget line, detailed justifications are provided in the enclosure.

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FROM**CHAPTER - 0102 Horizon Europe**

ITEM - 01 02 02 20 Cluster `Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society`	Payments	-17 711 105,89
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ITEM - 01 02 02 40 Cluster `Digital, Industry and Space`	Payments	-44 569 809,65
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ITEM - 01 02 02 50 Cluster `Climate, Energy and Mobility`	Payments	-19 920 414,04
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ITEM - 01 02 99 01 Completion of previous research programmes (prior to 2021)	Payments	-105 432 677,37
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CHAPTER - 0203 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ITEM - 02 03 03 01 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Digital	Payments	-82 646 542,99
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CHAPTER - 0220 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 02 20 03 05 Digital Services Act (DSA) -- Supervision of Very Large Online Platforms	Payments	-2 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0305 Cooperation in the field of customs (Customs)

ITEM - 03 05 99 01 Completion of previous programmes in the field of customs (prior to 2021)	Payments	-1 400 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0320 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 03 20 03 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	Payments	-1 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0403 Union Secure Connectivity Programme

ARTICLE - 04 03 01 Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 1	Payments	-97 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0503 Cohesion Fund (CF)

ITEM - 05 03 99 04 Completion of the Cohesion Fund (CF) -- Article 25 -- Article 11 (prior to 2021)	Payments	-94 000,50
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CHAPTER - 0603 Protection of the euro against counterfeiting

ITEM - 06 03 99 01 Completion of the exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the `Pericles 2020` programme) (2014 to 2020)	Payments	-60 998,00
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CHAPTER - 0605 Union Civil Protection Mechanism

ARTICLE - 06 05 01 Union Civil Protection Mechanism	Payments	-14 040 555,00
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CHAPTER - 0606 EU4Health Programme

ARTICLE - 06 06 01 EU4Health Programme	Payments	-110 000 000,00
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ITEM - 06 06 99 01 Completion of previous public health programmes (prior to 2021)	Payments	-9 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0607 Emergency support within the Union

ARTICLE - 06 07 01 Emergency support within the Union	Payments	-5 220 031,83
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CHAPTER - 0702 European Social Fund PLus (ESF+)

ARTICLE - 07 02 02 ESF+ shared management strand -- Operational technical assistance	Payments	-2 800 000,00
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ITEM - 07 02 99 05 Completion of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and other related previous activities (prior to 2021)	Payments	-2 000 000,00
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ITEM - 07 02 99 06 Completion of the ESF -- Article 25 (prior to 2021)	Payments	-297 622,75
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CHAPTER - 0706 Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

ARTICLE - 07 06 01 Equality and rights	Payments	-2 460 083,00
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ARTICLE - 07 06 02 Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union	Payments	-1 749 306,40
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CHAPTER - 0920 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 09 20 04 01 Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism	Payments	-1 565 679,00
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CHAPTER - 1010 Decentralised Agencies

ARTICLE - 10 10 01 European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)	Payments	-10 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1103 Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF) -- Instrument for financial support for customs control equipment

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Instrument for financial support for customs control equipment	Payments	-71 598 180,00
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CHAPTER - 1110 Decentralised agencies

ARTICLE - 11 10 01 European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	Payments	-15 000 000,00
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ARTICLE - 11 10 02 European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('eu-LISA')	Payments	-20 800 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1202 Internal Security Fund (ISF)

ITEM - 12 02 99 01 Completion of previous actions in the areas of security and drugs policy (prior to 2021)	Payments	-1 289 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1204 Nuclear Safety and decommissioning, including for Bulgaria and Slovakia

ARTICLE - 12 04 01 Kozloduy programme	Payments	-75 000,00
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ITEM - 12 04 99 02 Completion of previous nuclear safety and decommissioning programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia (prior to 2021)	Payments	-3 900 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1305 Union Secure Connectivity Programme

ARTICLE - 13 05 01 Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 5	Payments	-30 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1402 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe (NDICI -- Global Europe)

ITEM - 14 02 01 20 West Africa	Payments	-111 700 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1405 Overseas countries and territories

ARTICLE - 14 05 01 All overseas countries and territories	Payments	-815 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1420 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 14 20 04 02 External trade relations and Aid for Trade	Payments	-1 100 000,00
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ITEM - 14 20 04 04 Strategic evaluations and audits	Payments	-4 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1502 Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)

ITEM - 15 02 01 01 Preparation for accession	Payments	-70 000 000,00
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ARTICLE - 15 02 03 Territorial and cross-border cooperation	Payments	-600 000,00
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ITEM - 15 02 99 01 Completion of previous instruments for pre-accession assistance (prior to 2021)	Payments	-148 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1602 Mobilisation of solidarity mechanisms (Special instruments)

ARTICLE - 16 02 02 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)	Payments	-23 092 940,28
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CHAPTER - PA01 Research and Innovation

ITEM - PA 01 19 01 Preparatory action -- Preparing the new EU GOVSATCOM programme	Payments	-727 775,80
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ITEM - PA 01 23 01 Preparatory action -- Energy prosumers repository - Monitor the development of prosumer actions across the EU	Payments	-780 000,00
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ITEM - PA 01 23 02 Preparatory action -- European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk	Payments	-1 488 000,00
ITEM - PA 01 23 04 Preparatory action -- Support Service for citizens led renovation projects	Payments	-1 250 000,00
CHAPTER - PA05 Regional Development and Cohesion		
ITEM - PA 05 20 01 Preparatory action -- The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities spin-off	Payments	-40 994,86
ITEM - PA 05 20 02 Preparatory action -- The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects supporting multilevel governance and partnerships with added value for the region	Payments	-87 684,53
CHAPTER - PA07 Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values		
ITEM - PA 07 18 01 Preparatory action -- DiscoverEU: Free travel pass for Europeans turning 18	Payments	-4 643 000,00
ITEM - PA 07 21 03 Preparatory action -- Writing European	Payments	-1 628 997,29
CHAPTER - PA09 Environment and Climate Action		
ITEM - PA 09 22 02 Preparatory action -- EU Grassland Watch	Payments	-477 835,89
CHAPTER - PA12 Security		
ITEM - PA 12 20 01 Preparatory action -- EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities	Payments	-800 000,00
CHAPTER - PP01 Research and Innovation		
ITEM - PP 01 19 06 Pilot project -- Digital European platform of quality content providers	Payments	-32 246,59
ITEM - PP 01 20 03 Pilot project -- Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management	Payments	-98 066,19
ITEM - PP 01 21 01 Pilot project -- Feasibility study on reduction of traffic-related particulate emissions by means of vehicle-mounted fine dust filtration	Payments	-34 113,00
ITEM - PP 01 21 02 Pilot project -- Support service for citizens led renovation projects	Payments	-220 182,50
ITEM - PP 01 21 03 Pilot project -- Promote worldwide a European way to digital innovation rooted in culture	Payments	-28 376,00
ITEM - PP 01 22 02 Pilot project -- Establish new common methodologies, including metrics and statistics and using data analytics, which are more adequate to analyse the gender gap in investments in innovative ventures at regional, national and European level (in particular EIC, EIF and EIB)	Payments	-506 200,00
ITEM - PP 01 22 03 Pilot project -- EU Innovation Procurement Observatory	Payments	-171 675,00

ITEM - PP 01 22 04 Pilot project -- Monitoring European Policies via the EU data ecosystem	Payments	-529 415,77
ITEM - PP 01 23 03 Pilot project -- European NFT Platform for the creative sector and IP solutions	Payments	-175 000,00
ITEM - PP 01 23 04 Pilot project -- Missing Children Alert/safe mechanism for Ukraine: A platform supporting cross-border cooperation for protecting and resolving cases of Ukrainian children gone missing during the war	Payments	-212 500,00
ITEM - PP 01 23 05 Pilot project -- Search and Rescue operations for Aviation and Maritime	Payments	-500 000,00
ITEM - PP 01 23 06 Pilot project -- Young European Entrepreneur Award - The EU's Acceleration and Investment Programme for Young Entrepreneurs	Payments	-15 515,00
CHAPTER - PP05 Regional Development and Cohesion		
ITEM - PP 05 21 01 Pilot project -- Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative (CB-CRII)	Payments	-640 427,32
CHAPTER - PP08 Agriculture and Maritime Policy		
ITEM - PP 08 22 01 Pilot project -- Constructing an open library containing a curated and continuously growing digital catalogue of individual sound signatures from the marine underwater soundscape in shallow seas	Payments	-558 938,00
ITEM - PP 08 23 01 Pilot project -- Improving the place of organic products in collective catering	Payments	-375 000,00
CHAPTER - PP09 Environment and Climate Action		
ITEM - PP 09 16 01 Pilot project -- Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions	Payments	-30 000,00
ITEM - PP 09 18 01 Pilot project -- Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions	Payments	-30 242,54
ITEM - PP 09 19 04 Pilot project -- Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication	Payments	-350 000,00
ITEM - PP 09 22 01 Pilot project -- Biodiversity-climate nexus fund	Payments	-100 000,00
ITEM - PP 09 22 03 Pilot project -- Study for High-Cadence Monitoring for the EU Green Deal	Payments	-742 875,00
ITEM - PP 09 23 02 Pilot project -- Youth for pollinators -- fostering youth engagement and participatory governance in pollinator conservation	Payments	-865 049,53
CHAPTER - PP14 External Action		
ITEM - PP 14 18 02 Pilot project -- Fostering transparency and impact assessment for local authorities in Guatemala	Payments	-80 000,00

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CHAPTER - 0202 InvestEU Fund

ITEM - 02 02 99 12 Completion of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)	Payments	1 835 320,93
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CHAPTER - 0203 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ARTICLE - 02 03 01 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport	Payments	175 000 000,00
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ITEM - 02 03 99 01 Completion of previous Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport activities (prior to 2021)	Payments	190 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0302 Single Market Programme

ARTICLE - 03 02 06 Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants	Payments	25 087 848,62
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CHAPTER - 0703 Erasmus+

ITEM - 07 03 01 01 Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management	Payments	55 000 000,00
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ARTICLE - 07 03 02 Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth	Payments	15 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0704 European Solidarity Corps

ARTICLE - 07 04 01 European Solidarity Corps	Payments	5 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0705 Creative Europe

ARTICLE - 07 05 01 Culture strand	Payments	23 000 000,00
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ARTICLE - 07 05 02 Media strand	Payments	27 000 000,00
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ARTICLE - 07 05 03 Cross-sectoral strand	Payments	9 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0902 Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

ITEM - 09 02 99 01 Completion of previous programmes in the field of environment and climate action (LIFE) (prior to 2021)	Payments	1 853 127,96
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CHAPTER - 0904 Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)

ARTICLE - 09 04 01 Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)	Payments	10 169 760,00
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CHAPTER - 1203 Nuclear decommissioning for Lithuania

ARTICLE - 12 03 01 Nuclear decommissioning assistance to Lithuania	Payments	8 841 000,00
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ITEM - 12 03 99 01 Completion of previous nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania (prior to 2021)	Payments	33 571 000,00
CHAPTER - 1204 Nuclear Safety and decommissioning, including for Bulgaria and Slovakia		
ARTICLE - 12 04 02 Bohunice programme	Payments	77 000,00
CHAPTER - 1302 European Defence Fund (EDF) -- Non-research		
ARTICLE - 13 02 01 Capability development	Payments	106 331 000,00
CHAPTER - 1303 European Defence Fund (EDF) -- Research		
ARTICLE - 13 03 01 Defence research	Payments	5 198 000,00
CHAPTER - 1304 Military mobility		
ARTICLE - 13 04 01 Military mobility	Payments	22 900 000,00
CHAPTER - 1402 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe (NDICI -- Global Europe)		
ITEM - 14 02 01 10 Southern neighbourhood	Payments	145 000 000,00
ITEM - 14 02 01 11 Eastern neighbourhood	Payments	117 681 942,37
ITEM - 14 02 01 70 NDICI -- Global Europe -- Provisioning of the common provisioning fund	Payments	73 613 057,63

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Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
Payment - 01 02 02 20 - Cluster `Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society`						
217 653 889,00	52 067 726,43	183 555 456,52	86 166 158,91	-17 711 105,89	-8,14 %	68 455 053,02
Payment - 01 02 02 40 - Cluster `Digital, Industry and Space`						
990 847 723,00	29 258 606,29	400 672 000,28	619 434 329,01	-44 569 809,65	-4,50 %	574 864 519,36
Payment - 01 02 02 50 - Cluster `Climate, Energy and Mobility`						
524 088 847,00	-7 706 872,00	244 737 707,80	271 644 267,20	-19 920 414,04	-3,80 %	251 723 853,16
Payment - 01 02 99 01 - Completion of previous research programmes (prior to 2021)						
3 147 625 008,00	-142 801 137,33	2 067 454 762,68	937 369 107,99	-105 432 677,37	-3,35 %	831 936 430,62
Payment - 02 02 99 12 - Completion of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)						
11 164 241,00	0,00	2 822 803,79	8 341 437,21	1 835 320,93	16,44 %	10 176 758,14
Payment - 02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport						
994 760 000,00	182 150 000,00	149 486 724,12	1 027 423 275,88	175 000 000,00	17,59 %	1 202 423 275,88
Payment - 02 03 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Digital						
147 646 530,00	0,00	6 293 525,23	141 353 004,77	-82 646 542,99	-55,98 %	58 706 461,78
Payment - 02 03 99 01 - Completion of previous Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport activities (prior to 2021)						
939 000 000,00	0,00	649 783 039,09	289 216 960,91	190 000 000,00	20,23 %	479 216 960,91
Payment - 02 20 03 05 - Digital Services Act (DSA) -- Supervision of Very Large Online Platforms						
3 500 000,00	0,00	315 335,09	3 184 664,91	-2 000 000,00	-57,14 %	1 184 664,91
Payment - 03 02 06 - Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants						
202 000 000,00	27 858 760,00	88 511 766,49	141 346 993,51	25 087 848,62	12,42 %	166 434 842,13
Payment - 03 05 99 01 - Completion of previous programmes in the field of customs (prior to 2021)						
4 660 000,00	0,00	1 813 302,02	2 846 697,98	-1 400 000,00	-30,04 %	1 446 697,98
Payment - 03 20 03 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts						
9 700 000,00	0,00	4 485 816,92	5 214 183,08	-1 000 000,00	-10,31 %	4 214 183,08
Payment - 04 03 01 - Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 1						
0,00	98 300 000,00	0,00	98 300 000,00	-97 000 000,00	0,00 %	1 300 000,00
Payment - 05 03 99 04 - Completion of the Cohesion Fund (CF) -- Article 25 -- Article 11 (prior to 2021)						
341 652,00	0,00	247 651,50	94 000,50	-94 000,50	-27,51 %	0,00
Payment - 06 03 99 01 - Completion of the exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the `Pericles 2020` programme) (2014 to 2020)						
255 570,00	0,00	0,00	255 570,00	-60 998,00	-23,87 %	194 572,00
Payment - 06 05 01 - Union Civil Protection Mechanism						
275 000 000,00	55 000 000,00	35 336 630,84	294 663 369,16	-14 040 555,00	-5,11 %	280 622 814,16
Payment - 06 06 01 - EU4Health Programme						
578 212 378,00	0,00	198 542 624,96	379 669 753,04	-110 000 000,00	-19,02 %	269 669 753,04
Payment - 06 06 99 01 - Completion of previous public health programmes (prior to 2021)						
24 500 000,00	0,00	10 423 139,47	14 076 860,53	-9 000 000,00	-36,73 %	5 076 860,53
Payment - 06 07 01 - Emergency support within the Union						
5 878 000,00	0,00	657 968,17	5 220 031,83	-5 220 031,83	-88,81 %	0,00
Payment - 07 02 02 - ESF+ shared management strand -- Operational technical assistance						
22 000 000,00	0,00	11 012 967,92	10 987 032,08	-2 800 000,00	-12,73 %	8 187 032,08

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Payment - 07 02 99 05 - Completion of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and other related previous activities (prior to 2021)						
16 200 000,00	0,00	10 873 223,20	5 326 776,80	-2 000 000,00	-12,35 %	3 326 776,80
Payment - 07 02 99 06 - Completion of the ESF -- Article 25 (prior to 2021)						
499 975,00	0,00	0,00	499 975,00	-297 622,75	-59,53 %	202 352,25
Payment - 07 03 01 01 - Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management						
2 296 250 000,00	0,00	1 933 737 130,23	362 512 869,77	55 000 000,00	2,40 %	417 512 869,77
Payment - 07 03 02 - Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth						
335 000 000,00	0,00	279 653 387,79	55 346 612,21	15 000 000,00	4,48 %	70 346 612,21
Payment - 07 04 01 - European Solidarity Corps						
106 000 000,00	0,00	99 704 936,74	6 295 063,26	5 000 000,00	4,72 %	11 295 063,26
Payment - 07 05 01 - Culture strand						
91 452 597,00	0,00	70 878 171,40	20 574 425,60	23 000 000,00	25,15 %	43 574 425,60
Payment - 07 05 02 - Media strand						
141 422 353,00	0,00	106 872 432,22	34 549 920,78	27 000 000,00	19,09 %	61 549 920,78
Payment - 07 05 03 - Cross-sectoral strand						
25 616 924,00	0,00	19 899 041,27	5 717 882,73	9 000 000,00	35,13 %	14 717 882,73
Payment - 07 06 01 - Equality and rights						
31 217 153,00	-1 699 014,18	11 130 078,87	18 388 059,95	-2 460 083,00	-7,88 %	15 927 976,95
Payment - 07 06 02 - Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union						
19 010 511,00	0,00	8 177 341,96	10 833 169,04	-1 749 306,40	-9,20 %	9 083 862,64
Payment - 09 02 99 01 - Completion of previous programmes in the field of environment and climate action (LIFE) (prior to 2021)						
221 000 000,00	0,00	143 840 045,86	77 159 954,14	1 853 127,96	0,84 %	79 013 082,10
Payment - 09 04 01 - Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)						
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	10 169 760,00	0,00 %	10 169 760,00
Payment - 09 20 04 01 - Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism						
1 565 679,00	0,00	0,00	1 565 679,00	-1 565 679,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 10 10 01 - European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)						
172 169 287,00	0,00	112 077 160,00	60 092 127,00	-10 000 000,00	-5,81 %	50 092 127,00
Payment - 11 03 01 - Instrument for financial support for customs control equipment						
71 698 570,00	0,00	0,00	71 698 570,00	-71 598 180,00	-99,86 %	100 390,00
Payment - 11 10 01 - European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)						
743 614 137,00	0,00	354 677 385,00	388 936 752,00	-15 000 000,00	-2,02 %	373 936 752,00
Payment - 11 10 02 - European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('eu-LISA')						
323 905 006,00	0,00	214 913 870,00	108 991 136,00	-20 800 000,00	-6,42 %	88 191 136,00
Payment - 12 02 99 01 - Completion of previous actions in the areas of security and drugs policy (prior to 2021)						
57 000 000,00	0,00	37 640 434,69	19 359 565,31	-1 289 000,00	-2,26 %	18 070 565,31
Payment - 12 03 01 - Nuclear decommissioning assistance to Lithuania						
220 000,00	0,00	0,00	220 000,00	8 841 000,00	4 018,64 %	9 061 000,00

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Payment - 12 03 99 01 - Completion of previous nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania (prior to 2021)						
59 780 000,00	0,00	49 471 804,51	10 308 195,49	33 571 000,00	56,16 %	43 879 195,49
Payment - 12 04 01 - Kozloduy programme						
80 000,00	0,00	0,00	80 000,00	-75 000,00	-93,75 %	5 000,00
Payment - 12 04 02 - Bohunice programme						
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	77 000,00	0,00 %	77 000,00
Payment - 12 04 99 02 - Completion of previous nuclear safety and decommissioning programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia (prior to 2021)						
14 920 000,00	0,00	6 920 000,00	8 000 000,00	-3 900 000,00	-26,14 %	4 100 000,00
Payment - 13 02 01 - Capability development						
167 500 000,00	-500 000,00	32 136 210,15	134 863 789,85	106 331 000,00	63,48 %	241 194 789,85
Payment - 13 03 01 - Defence research						
156 000 000,00	-653 012,15	11 768 139,07	143 578 848,78	5 198 000,00	3,33 %	148 776 848,78
Payment - 13 04 01 - Military mobility						
130 000 000,00	109 084 680,00	236 654 127,56	2 430 552,44	22 900 000,00	17,62 %	25 330 552,44
Payment - 13 05 01 - Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 5						
0,00	30 000 000,00	0,00	30 000 000,00	-30 000 000,00	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - 14 02 01 10 - Southern neighbourhood						
444 893 255,00	-3 500 000,00	361 576 581,03	79 816 673,97	145 000 000,00	32,59 %	224 816 673,97
Payment - 14 02 01 11 - Eastern neighbourhood						
265 608 958,00	100 087 328,77	151 376 216,45	214 320 070,32	117 681 942,37	44,31 %	332 002 012,69
Payment - 14 02 01 20 - West Africa						
640 323 126,00	0,00	189 862 506,31	450 460 619,69	-111 700 000,00	-17,44 %	338 760 619,69
Payment - 14 02 01 70 - NDICI -- Global Europe -- Provisioning of the common provisioning fund						
963 001 658,00	0,00	616 937 835,00	346 063 823,00	73 613 057,63	7,64 %	419 676 880,63
Payment - 14 05 01 - All overseas countries and territories						
1 850 000,00	0,00	442 982,52	1 407 017,48	-815 000,00	-44,05 %	592 017,48
Payment - 14 20 04 02 - External trade relations and Aid for Trade						
17 800 000,00	0,00	10 026 351,89	7 773 648,11	-1 100 000,00	-6,18 %	6 673 648,11
Payment - 14 20 04 04 - Strategic evaluations and audits						
25 766 420,00	0,00	13 630 467,57	12 135 952,43	-4 000 000,00	-15,52 %	8 135 952,43
Payment - 15 02 01 01 - Preparation for accession						
344 961 015,00	0,00	226 867 164,69	118 093 850,31	-70 000 000,00	-20,29 %	48 093 850,31
Payment - 15 02 03 - Territorial and cross-border cooperation						
49 850 792,00	0,00	34 342 377,48	15 508 414,52	-600 000,00	-1,20 %	14 908 414,52
Payment - 15 02 99 01 - Completion of previous instruments for pre-accession assistance (prior to 2021)						
1 516 450 314,00	-220 000 000,00	598 144 404,22	698 305 909,78	-148 000 000,00	-9,76 %	550 305 909,78
Payment - 16 02 02 - European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)						
30 000 000,00	-190 000,00	3 888 836,72	25 921 163,28	-23 092 940,28	-76,98 %	2 828 223,00
Payment - PA 01 19 01 - Preparatory action -- Preparing the new EU GOVSATCOM programme						
1 300 000,00	0,00	572 224,20	727 775,80	-727 775,80	-55,98 %	0,00

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Payment - PA 01 23 01 - Preparatory action -- Energy prosumers repository - Monitor the development of prosumer actions across the EU						
1 250 000,00	-470 000,00	0,00	780 000,00	-780 000,00	-62,40 %	0,00
Payment - PA 01 23 02 - Preparatory action -- European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk						
1 500 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 500 000,00	-1 488 000,00	-99,20 %	12 000,00
Payment - PA 01 23 04 - Preparatory action -- Support Service for citizens led renovation projects						
1 250 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 250 000,00	-1 250 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PA 05 20 01 - Preparatory action -- The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities spin-off						
550 000,00	0,00	391 972,47	158 027,53	-40 994,86	-7,45 %	117 032,67
Payment - PA 05 20 02 - Preparatory action -- The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects supporting multilevel governance and partnerships with added value for the region						
170 000,00	0,00	22 315,47	147 684,53	-87 684,53	-51,58 %	60 000,00
Payment - PA 07 18 01 - Preparatory action -- DiscoverEU: Free travel pass for Europeans turning 18						
4 643 000,00	0,00	0,00	4 643 000,00	-4 643 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PA 07 21 03 - Preparatory action -- Writing European						
3 440 000,00	0,00	1 811 002,71	1 628 997,29	-1 628 997,29	-47,35 %	0,00
Payment - PA 09 22 02 - Preparatory action -- EU Grassland Watch						
750 000,00	-272 164,11	0,00	477 835,89	-477 835,89	-63,71 %	0,00
Payment - PA 12 20 01 - Preparatory action -- EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities						
800 000,00	0,00	0,00	800 000,00	-800 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 19 06 - Pilot project -- Digital European platform of quality content providers						
97 626,00	-65 379,41	0,00	32 246,59	-32 246,59	-33,03 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 20 03 - Pilot project -- Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management						
396 292,00	0,00	298 225,81	98 066,19	-98 066,19	-24,75 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 21 01 - Pilot project -- Feasibility study on reduction of traffic-related particulate emissions by means of vehicle-mounted fine dust filtration						
450 000,00	0,00	415 887,00	34 113,00	-34 113,00	-7,58 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 21 02 - Pilot project -- Support service for citizens led renovation projects						
1 100 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 100 000,00	-220 182,50	-20,02 %	879 817,50
Payment - PP 01 21 03 - Pilot project -- Promote worldwide a European way to digital innovation rooted in culture						
428 200,00	0,00	399 824,00	28 376,00	-28 376,00	-6,63 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 22 02 - Pilot project -- Establish new common methodologies, including metrics and statistics and using data analytics, which are more adequate to analyse the gender gap in investments in innovative ventures at regional, national and European level (in particular EIC, EIF and EIB)						
506 200,00	0,00	0,00	506 200,00	-506 200,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 22 03 - Pilot project -- EU Innovation Procurement Observatory						
294 300,00	0,00	0,00	294 300,00	-171 675,00	-58,33 %	122 625,00
Payment - PP 01 22 04 - Pilot project -- Monitoring European Policies via the EU data ecosystem						
800 000,00	-270 584,23	0,00	529 415,77	-529 415,77	-66,18 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 23 03 - Pilot project -- European NFT Platform for the creative sector and IP solutions						
175 000,00	0,00	0,00	175 000,00	-175 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 23 04 - Pilot project -- Missing Children Alert/safe mechanism for Ukraine: A platform supporting cross-border cooperation for protecting and resolving cases of Ukrainian children gone missing during the war						
212 500,00	0,00	0,00	212 500,00	-212 500,00	-100,00 %	0,00

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Payment - PP 01 23 05 - Pilot project -- Search and Rescue operations for Aviation and Maritime						
500 000,00	0,00	0,00	500 000,00	-500 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 01 23 06 - Pilot project -- Young European Entrepreneur Award - The EU's Acceleration and Investment Programme for Young Entrepreneurs						
87 500,00	-71 985,00	0,00	15 515,00	-15 515,00	-17,73 %	0,00
Payment - PP 05 21 01 - Pilot project -- Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative (CB-CRII)						
2 300 000,00	-497 317,48	314 255,20	1 488 427,32	-640 427,32	-27,84 %	848 000,00
Payment - PP 08 22 01 - Pilot project -- Constructing an open library containing a curated and continuously growing digital catalogue of individual sound signatures from the marine underwater soundscape in shallow seas						
558 938,00	0,00	0,00	558 938,00	-558 938,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 08 23 01 - Pilot project -- Improving the place of organic products in collective catering						
375 000,00	0,00	0,00	375 000,00	-375 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 16 01 - Pilot project -- Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions						
0,00	30 000,00	0,00	30 000,00	-30 000,00	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 18 01 - Pilot project -- Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions						
350 000,00	0,00	319 757,46	30 242,54	-30 242,54	-8,64 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 19 04 - Pilot project -- Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication						
350 000,00	0,00	0,00	350 000,00	-350 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 22 01 - Pilot project -- Biodiversity-climate nexus fund						
100 000,00	0,00	0,00	100 000,00	-100 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 22 03 - Pilot project -- Study for High-Cadence Monitoring for the EU Green Deal						
742 875,00	0,00	0,00	742 875,00	-742 875,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 23 02 - Pilot project -- Youth for pollinators -- fostering youth engagement and participatory governance in pollinator conservation						
1 125 000,00	-134 950,47	0,00	990 049,53	-865 049,53	-76,89 %	125 000,00
Payment - PP 14 18 02 - Pilot project -- Fostering transparency and impact assessment for local authorities in Guatemala						
0,00	163 908,62	83 908,62	80 000,00	-80 000,00	0,00 %	0,00
Total DECREASE Payments				-1 051 159 057,51		
Total INCREASE Payments				1 051 159 057,51		
Total DECREASE Commitments				0,00		
Total INCREASE Commitments				0,00		
Total DECREASE Non-Diff				0,00		
Total INCREASE Non-Diff				0,00		

Justifications

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Cluster `Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society`

The surplus of EUR 17,7 million is due to two main reasons:

1. For one call for proposals, 22 out of 33 beneficiaries have asked to postpone the start of their project to 2024, instead of 2023. In most cases, their objective is to maximise the output of the research projects supported by Horizon Europe by aligning their starting date with the calendar of the academic year or the calendar of other research projects, which facilitated clustering and synergies. As a consequence, the prefinancing payments for those projects – which was initially planned by end 2023 – has been postponed to 2024;
2. Payment needs for experts in 2023 will be lower than anticipated.

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Cluster `Digital, Industry and Space`

The surplus of EUR 44,6 million is due to four main reasons:

1. Following the amendment of the Horizon Europe main Work Programme, one call for proposals will result in lower prefinancing needs than originally anticipated in 2023.
2. A number of prefinancing payments initially planned in 2023 were ultimately advanced to the end of 2022, thereby reducing the payments need in 2023.
3. The uncertainties in the participation of the United Kingdom (UK) in Horizon Europe have impacted the payment needs in 2023. The share of the UK partners in the selected proposals can vary between 5 and 10% depending on the call for proposals. In most of the cases, the costs reported by UK partners are not transferred to any other co-beneficiaries in the consortium. Therefore, the grant amount is reduced before its signature, and the level of pre-financing to be paid is therefore reduced by the same proportion.
4. Some beneficiaries have asked that the starting date of their projects be postponed, thereby delaying the pre-financing payments from end of 2023 – as initially planned – to a later date in 2024.

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Cluster `Climate, Energy and Mobility`

The surplus of EUR 19,9 million is due to three main reasons:

1. The uncertainties in the participation of the United Kingdom (UK) in Horizon Europe have impacted the payment needs in 2023. The share of the UK partners in the selected proposals can vary between 5 and 10% depending on the call for proposals. In most of the cases, the costs reported by UK partners are not transferred to any other co-beneficiaries in the consortium. Therefore, the grant amount is reduced before its signature, and the level of pre-financing to be paid is therefore reduced by the same proportion.
2. One grant agreement was terminated early, which reduced by EUR 5 million the needs for pre-financing payments.
3. Some beneficiaries have asked that the starting date of their projects be postponed, thereby delaying the pre-financing payments from end of 2023 – as initially planned – to a later date in 2024.

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Completion of previous research programmes (prior to 2021)

The surplus of EUR 105,4 million in payment appropriations is due to two main reasons:

1. In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, Horizon 2020 projects could benefit from a 6-month extension upon request without justification. However, it turned out that such extensions were not always sufficient, as they did not cover the entire period during which no or very few activities could take place and the implementation of projects came back to normal only in fall 2022. As a consequence, new extensions were deemed necessary in 2023 to enable the completion of those H2020 activities, which further delayed the submission of cost claims by the beneficiaries. Similarly, for the industry, contract amendments were considered necessary to extend the period of implementation during and post COVID-19 because of the lack or unavailability of some materials and components required for the implementation of research projects (such as semi-conductors, chips...). All these extensions granted in 2023 could not be foreseen when the payment needs for that year were first estimated during the preparation of the Draft Budget 2023.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an overall underspending due to lower amounts of final payments for some projects. Many research projects indeed perform substantial and expensive field work. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person fieldwork was replaced by telephone and on-line interviews, which are cheaper. There were also post-COVID-19 changes in the nature of the scientific gatherings, participatory events, and other dissemination events that used to take place in person before the pandemic, while they have been replaced more and more since then by on-line workshops, seminars, and conferences. As a result, travel costs and other direct costs were lower than the planned budget. The final payments of these projects are thus lower than expected, creating the surplus in payment appropriations.

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Completion of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

The forecast of payment appropriations for the European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH) has been revised upwards due to a request for additional pre-financing under the 2016 Specific Grant Agreement, for a total amount of EUR 2 million. Part of this amount is covered by autonomous transfers within the budget chapter, while an amount of EUR 1,8 million is requested as part of the global transfer.

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Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport

Due to the oversubscription of the 2022 call for proposals it was decided to make use of the flexibility offered in the Multi-Annual Work Programme to select projects for a total budget going beyond the call amount. The initial budget for the call amounted to EUR 2,6 billion, whereas the total amount for the selected projects amounts to EUR 3,6 billion thanks to multi-annual instalments. Therefore, additional payment appropriations are needed to cover the pre-financings to be paid upon signature of the grant agreements as of Mid-October. A first reinforcement in payment appropriations has been covered by a Commission autonomous transfer. This second reinforcement of EUR 175 million will cover additional pre-financing payments still to be made this year.

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Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Digital

The late adoption of the legal base (and related work programme) resulted in a domino effect of delays in the launch of the calls, and therefore a delay of the execution of payment appropriations linked to these planned actions. In addition, serious security scrutiny and ownership control assessment issues resulted in rejected projects, and certain topics faced undersubscription, e.g. 5G corridors. Therefore, an amount of EUR 82,6 million can be made available.

Increased 02 03 99 01

Completion of previous Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport activities (prior to 2021)

The reinforcement by EUR 190 million results from high inflation since 2022, with a large impact on the costs for the infrastructure projects. This is reflected in the higher needs declared and submitted by the beneficiaries either in the Action Status Reports (calling for further pre-financing payments) or in the cost claims submitted by end of August, which will result in higher than initially expected payments. These payments will be done by end of the year.

Decreased 02 20 03 05

Digital Services Act (DSA) -- Supervision of Very Large Online Platforms

Compared to the initial assumptions, there have been delays in the recruitment procedures for external staff working for the implementation of the Digital Services Act, which have resulted in lower payment needs than planned in 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 2 million can be made available.

Increased 03 02 06

Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants

A reinforcement by EUR 25,1 million is needed to finance the actions planned under the Food chain strand of the Single Market Programme in 2023. In particular, the reinforcement will be devoted to grants related to the Emergency measures which respond to outbreaks in Member States of Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever.

Decreased 03 05 99 01

Completion of previous programmes in the field of customs (prior to 2021)

Payments under the previous programmes significantly slowed down since 2022. Following de-commitments made on pre-2021 projects, a surplus of EUR 1,4 million in payment appropriations on the completion line can be made available.

Decreased 03 20 03 01

Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts

A surplus of EUR 1 million is due to delays in the implementation of the new Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) website and issues related to the implementation of the new eForms applications, which prevent immediate full payment of IT developments.

Decreased 04 03 01

Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 1

The legal base of the programme was adopted mid-March 2023. The payment appropriations allocated to the secure connectivity cannot be used in 2023 as the procurement procedure for the concession contract is on-going and the contract is planned to be signed in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 97 million can be made available.

Decreased 05 03 99 04

Completion of the Cohesion Fund (CF) -- Article 25 -- Article 11 (prior to 2021)

All the legal commitments financed from this budget line have been closed. Therefore, the remaining payment appropriations of EUR 94 000 can be made available.

Decreased 06 03 99 01

Completion of the exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the `Pericles 2020` programme) (2014 to 2020)

Delays in the implementation of grants impact the forecasted payments. Therefore, EUR 60 998 in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 06 05 01

Union Civil Protection Mechanism

The surplus of EUR 14 million is mainly due to grants for transport operations under the emergency response strand. No prefinancing payments are done as operations are generally very short in time. The Commission waits for the submission of payment requests and complete documentation from the Member States, which takes place much later than the intervention, due to the complexity of the file. In addition, some prevention and preparedness contracts have been extended, thus postponing the final payment date by a year.

Decreased 06 06 01

EU4Health Programme

The 2023 planned budget in payment appropriations assumed that the implementation would reach cruising speed in 2023. However, the actual implementation is at a slower pace than initially estimated, due to the time required to set-up and integrate systems and resources, given the new and significantly enhanced EU4Health programme, the newly created executive agency HaDEA, and the newly set-up HERA. Therefore, the estimated time needed for the signature of grants is longer; while grants of the 2022 work programme are in the course of being signed, grants of the 2023 work programme, including joint actions, will only be signed in 2024.

As a consequence, the pre-financings will only be paid next year. In addition, the cancellation of the call for proposals of the European Reference Networks negatively impacts the expected payment implementation as the call will be relaunched and the majority of prefinancing will be done in 2024 (instead of 2023). Therefore, an amount of EUR 110 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 06 06 99 01

Completion of previous public health programmes (prior to 2021)

The 2023 planned budget in payment appropriations was based on the outstanding commitments of the actions still open under the Third Health programme. However, the requests for payments received so far are lower than initially planned, therefore, an amount of EUR 9 million can be made available.

Decreased 06 07 01

Emergency support within the Union

Payment allocations are no longer needed on the line of the Emergency Support Instrument, because some measures will be finalised later than foreseen. In particular, the next prefinancing on the contract with the WHO on the universal health coverage will be paid next year. Therefore, an amount of EUR 5,2 million can be made available.

Decreased 07 02 02

ESF+ shared management strand -- Operational technical assistance

The current forecasts have identified a surplus in payments of EUR 5 million. A part of this amount can be used for reinforcement implemented by autonomous transfers, therefore, an amount of EUR 2,8 million can be made available in the global transfer.

Decreased 07 02 99 05

Completion of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and other related previous activities (prior to 2021)

An extension from July to December 2023 has been approved for two grants. The related final payments initially foreseen in 2023 are thus expected in 2024 only. Therefore, an amount of EUR 2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 07 02 99 06

Completion of the ESF -- Article 25 (prior to 2021)

A part of the expected payments until the end of the year 2023 can be paid from available assigned revenues. Therefore, EUR 0,3 million can be made available.

Increased 07 03 01 01

Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management

Payment appropriations on the Erasmus+ Education and Training budget line are below the expected financial obligations until the end of 2023. Additional appropriations will be necessary to cover payments to National Agencies, who are now facing higher financial needs and prefinancing levels than initially forecasted, which indicates an acceleration of implementation for actions under indirect management. Therefore, a targeted reinforcement of EUR 55 million is needed.

Increased 07 03 02

Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth

Payment appropriations on the Erasmus+ Youth budget line are below the expected financial obligations until the end of 2023. Additional appropriations are needed to cover the payments to National Agencies, who are now facing higher needs and levels of prefinancing than initially forecasted, which indicates a clear acceleration of budget implementation for the actions under indirect management. Therefore, a targeted reinforcement of EUR 15 million is needed.

Increased 07 04 01

European Solidarity Corps

The voted payment appropriations on the European Solidarity Corps budget line are below the expected financial obligations until the end of 2023. A reinforcement of EUR 5 million is needed to cover payments to National Agencies, who are now facing higher needs and levels of prefinancing than initially forecasted, which indicates an acceleration of implementation for actions under indirect management.

Increased 07 05 01

Culture strand

The revised payment forecasts for the Culture Strand budget line show a total deficit of EUR 35 million. This is mainly due to the advancing of 2023 pre-financings regarding the 'Circulation of European Literary Works' and to 'European Cooperation Projects', as well as to several second pre-financings related to the 2022 'European Platforms for the promotion of emerging artists' and 'European Networks of cultural and creative organisations'. The acceleration in budgetary implementation combined with significant needs of the cultural and creative sectors urgently requires an amount of EUR 12 million, which will be made available through autonomous transfers. Consequently, a reinforcement of EUR 23 million in payment appropriations is requested in the global transfer to ensure all required activities are implemented until year end.

Increased 07 05 02

Media strand

A reinforcement of EUR 27 million is needed because some pre-financing payments from the 2022 Call were postponed to 2023, and more payments than initially expected will be made in 2023 following the submission of additional reports.

Increased 07 05 03

Cross-sectoral strand

A reinforcement of EUR 9 million is needed because some pre-financings from the 2022 Call were postponed to 2023, and more payments than initially expected will be made in 2023 following the submission of additional reports.

Decreased 07 06 01

Equality and rights

Due to a new approach related to the calls for proposals merging two budget years, 2023 and 2024 in a Multi-annual Work Programme, the grant agreements will not be signed before the end of this year and the pre-financings will only take place in 2024. The merging of two budget years for the calls was not known when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared. Therefore, an amount of EUR 2,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 07 06 02

Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union

A total surplus of EUR 3,5 million has been identified on this line, which is mainly due to the following reasons:

1. For the Call on European Remembrance, the pre-financing payments will be done in January 2024 instead of end 2023;
2. For the Call on Citizens Engagement, the pre-financing payments will only be paid in 2024 as the Multi-annual work programme merges the 2023 and 2024 budgets, which means that the grants can only be signed after the adoption of the 2024 budget. In addition, the call on Town Twinning has lower pre-financing needs than were originally forecasted in the Draft Budget 2023.

A part of this surplus will cover identified needs for reinforcement implemented by autonomous transfers. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,7 million can be made available in the global transfer.

Increased 09 02 99 01

Completion of previous programmes in the field of environment and climate action (LIFE) (prior to 2021)

A reinforcement of EUR 1,9 million is necessary to meet contractual obligations. As at 15 September, implementation of the payment appropriations on this line stood at 68%, while more substantial payments are foreseen until the end of the year.

Increased 09 04 01

Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)

The first grant agreement for the Public Loan Facility is planned to be signed in October. Following the provisions of the grant agreement, the pre-financing is due still in 2023. Therefore, a reinforcement of EUR 10,2 million in payment appropriations is needed to meet contractual obligations.

Decreased 09 20 04 01

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

In view of the rate of consumption of the commitment appropriations under the newly created Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) budget line, it appears that no payment linked to these upcoming commitments is to be made in 2023. Concretely, EUR 1,4 million will be committed for studies related to policy aspects, while EUR 2,8 million will be committed for IT tools and services in the fourth quarter of 2023 and the related payments will be done during 2024. As a consequence, the surplus of EUR 1,6 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 10 10 01

European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

Following delays in the deployment of remunerated external experts, spill-over effects on certain services (interpreters, etc.) and delays in certain operational activities in the Member States, an amount of EUR 10 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 11 03 01

Instrument for financial support for customs control equipment

According to the Regulation establishing the programme, the implementation of the Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI) is data driven, whereby the collection and analysis of data is necessary for drafting the work programmes in order to develop the CCEI policy priorities and to incorporate lessons learned.

The late adoption of the legal basis led to delays of the first work programme for 2021-2022, which affected the process of preparing and adopting the work programme for 2023-2024. The preparation was likewise affected by the new context at the EU external borders following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the creation of the EU Solidarity Lanes, which had to be taken into account. Due to the delayed adoption of the second work programme (2023-2024) under the CCEI, no new grant agreement will be signed in 2023. Consequently, the payment appropriations corresponding to pre-financing on 2023 commitment appropriations amounting to EUR 71,6 million can be made available.

Decreased 11 10 01

European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

Due to a slower implementation of certain procurement procedures, IT systems (including the European Travel Information and Authorisation System ETIAS) and recruitments, an amount of EUR 15 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 11 10 02

European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('eu-LISA')

Due to a slower than expected implementation of a number of its large-scale IT projects (mainly shared infrastructure, networks, Visa Information System, Schengen Information System and interoperability), an amount of EUR 20,8 million can be made available.

Decreased 12 02 99 01

Completion of previous actions in the areas of security and drugs policy (prior to 2021)

Under the Union Actions, payments are lower than initially expected. A number of final calculations of grants are currently being processed with delays due to requests for complementary supporting documents and some final calculations resulting in recoveries. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,3 million can be made available.

Increased 12 03 01

Nuclear decommissioning assistance to Lithuania

The additional payment needs of EUR 8,8 million are due to two reasons:

1. In 2022, the Ignalina Programme Coordinator (representing the Lithuanian government) requested to reallocate a large project to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). At that time, the Ignalina International Decommissioning Support Fund had exhausted all its resources and it was therefore expected that additional payments would be needed. However, it was possible to plan those needs only once the main uncertainties about the attribution of that project to the EBRD and the structure of the contract were lifted, which took place in 2023;
2. The cost of energy (heating and electricity) for the decommissioning programme has increased significantly compared to the estimates established at the time of the preparation of the 2023 Draft Budget. Therefore, despite the fact that energy consumption has been decreasing every year, the surge in energy cost has resulted in increased needs in 2023.

Increased 12 03 99 01

Completion of previous nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania (prior to 2021)

The additional payment needs of EUR 33,6 million are due to two main reasons:

1. In 2022, the Ignalina Programme Coordinator (representing the Lithuanian government) requested to reallocate a large project to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). At that time, the Ignalina International Decommissioning Support Fund had exhausted all its resources and it was therefore anticipated that additional payments would be needed. However, it was possible to plan those needs only once the main uncertainties about the attribution of that project to the EBRD and the structure of the contract were lifted, which took place in 2023;
2. The cost of energy (heating and electricity) for the decommissioning programme has increased significantly compared to the estimates established at the time of the preparation of the 2023 Draft Budget. Therefore, despite the fact that energy consumption has been decreasing every year, the surge in energy cost has resulted in increased needs in 2023.

Decreased 12 04 01

Kozloduy programme

The surplus of EUR 75 000 is due to delays in the launch and signature of a procurement contract initially planned in 2023, and which are now expected to take place in 2024.

Increased 12 04 02

Bohunice programme

The need for reinforcement by EUR 77 000 in payment appropriation is due to the final payment of a procurement contract taking place in 2023, while it was initially expected in 2022.

Decreased 12 04 99 02

Completion of previous nuclear safety and decommissioning programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia (prior to 2021)

The surplus of EUR 3,9 million in payment appropriations results from the postponement of a project for which the prefinancing payment - initially planned by the end of 2023 - has been postponed to 2024 because the documentation of a project was submitted later than expected.

Increased 13 02 01

Capability development

A reinforcement of EUR 106,3 million in payment appropriations is needed to cover the payments planned until year end. The additional needs reflect the revised forecast, which takes into account the outcome of the 2022 calls for proposals. The proposals have been evaluated, the financial capacity of the consortia has been assessed positively, and the preparation of the grant agreements for the successful projects has overall progressed more rapidly than anticipated.

Increased 13 03 01

Defence research

A reinforcement of EUR 5,2 million in payment appropriations is needed to cover the payments planned until year end. The additional needs reflect the revised forecast, which takes into account the outcome of the 2022 calls for proposals. The proposals have been evaluated and the grant agreements for the successful projects are being negotiated.

Increased 13 04 01

Military mobility

Following the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, CEF-Military Mobility's implementation has accelerated with calls brought forward, speeded up evaluations and increased funding. The need for reinforcement of EUR 22,9 million in payment appropriations stems from the obligation to proceed with one interim payment for which the claim was submitted in August. The time to pay falls before the end of the year.

Decreased 13 05 01

Union Secure Connectivity -- Contribution from Heading 5

The legal base of the programme was adopted mid-March 2023. The payment appropriations for secured connectivity cannot be used in 2023 as the procurement procedure for the concession contract is on-going and the contract is planned to be signed in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 30 million can be made available.

Increased 14 02 01 10

Southern neighbourhood

The additional payment appropriations needed on this line are related to payments for projects and budget support to Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Morocco. When establishing the needs for the Draft Budget 2023 on this budget line, those payments were not taken into account as they were forecasted with a high or very high risk of not materialising. However, they have now materialised and are planned to be paid by the end of the year. Therefore, a reinforcement of EUR 145 million is requested in the global transfer, while another part of the additional need will be transferred via an autonomous transfer within the NDICI chapter (EUR 114,3 million).

Increased 14 02 01 11

Eastern neighbourhood

The additional payment appropriations needed on this budget line are related to the intermediate payments to be made under the EU Emergency Support Programme in favour of Ukraine put in place in 2022 and amended several times since then to add additional amounts and actions. Therefore, a reinforcement of EUR 117,7 million is requested in the global transfer, while another part of the additional need will be transferred via an autonomous transfer within the NDICI chapter (EUR 54,4 million).

Decreased 14 02 01 20

West Africa

Due to political instability and crises, namely in Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali, as well as delays in the implementation of the regional programmes for West Africa, there are delays in payments. As result, the amount of EUR 120 million in payment appropriations can be made available, of which EUR 111,7 million can be made available in the global transfer. The additional amount of EUR 8,3 million will be used for reinforcement needs within the Chapter, implemented by autonomous transfers.

Increased 14 02 01 70

NDICI -- Global Europe -- Provisioning of the common provisioning fund

The budget line covers contributions from NDICI to the Common Provisioning Fund (CPF), including provisioning for the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+). The payment appropriations for 2023 have been budgeted based on a tentative schedule for the period 2022-2027.

The implementation of the EFSD+ is well on track. The window 1 Guarantee Agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) for an amount of EUR 26,7 billion was signed in April 2022 and the signature of other guarantee agreements (Covax II in 2021, Fisea+, Cityriz, Africa Local Currency Bond Guarantee Programme, etc.) progresses. It is now proposed to increase the payments to the CPF by EUR 173,5 million to front-load the payment schedule and achieve full payment in the current MFF. A reinforcement of EUR 99,9 million will be made by autonomous transfer within the Chapter. The remaining amount of EUR 73,6 million is proposed to be covered by the global transfer.

Decreased 14 05 01

All overseas countries and territories

As per the revised payment forecasts regarding the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) instrument, an amount of EUR 0,8 million will not be consumed within this budget line nor can it be absorbed by other budget lines of the instrument. Therefore, it can be made available.

Decreased 14 20 04 02

External trade relations and Aid for Trade

An amount of EUR 1,1 million can be made available. This amount is the result of delays in the signature of the contribution agreements with the WTO and of study contracts, suspension of a final invoice due to underperformance of the contractor and postponement/cancellation of several events (e.g., Logistics Trade and Technology Council Ministerial Meeting, 12th Union for the Mediterranean Trade Ministerial Conference).

Decreased 14 20 04 04

Strategic evaluations and audits

The latest forecast for payments on this line shows a reduced need for payments in line with the decrease of open commitments. Thus, EUR 4 million can be made available.

Decreased 15 02 01 01

Preparation for accession

Due to some delays in the implementation of projects, the payment forecast has been updated to reflect a shift of payments towards International Financial Institutions expected under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), from end of 2023 to 2024. Another element that has contributed to delays in the execution of payments is the fact that the process of finalisation of the governance framework of the WBIF is still ongoing. This also impacts IPA III payments that were initially planned to be executed in 2023 and need to be postponed. Therefore, EUR 70 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 15 02 03

Territorial and cross-border cooperation

Significant delays in the signature of Financing Agreements with the beneficiary countries under the Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes, hindered the planned execution of payments in 2023. The blocking factor in the expected signature of Financing Agreements, constitutes the pending finalisation of Entrustment Missions on budget implementation in three partner countries – which is a mandatory procedure under Indirect Management with Beneficiary Countries, prior to signing Financing Agreements. The planned signature of the delayed Agreements is now expected by the end of 2023, with execution of pre-financing payments to follow in 2024.

For the above reason, EUR 10,6 million can be made available, of which EUR 10 million will be used for reinforcement needed within the Chapter as autonomous transfers, and the remaining EUR 0,6 million are made available in the global transfer.

Decreased 15 02 99 01

Completion of previous instruments for pre-accession assistance (prior to 2021)

A total surplus of EUR 148 million has been identified, which stems from two main reasons:

1. Under IPARD programmes, a surplus of EUR 50 million is available mainly due to the fact that Türkiye has reached a high level of programme implementation (95%) earlier than forecasted, following a very good execution in 2022. As a result, only partial payments were made for Türkiye's declarations of expenditure in 2023. The payment of the last 5% of the IPARD envelope will be cleared at the closure of the programme. On the other hand, other candidate countries had a less satisfactory execution, leading to the de-commitments for Montenegro and Serbia.
2. Due to some delays in the implementation of projects, the payment forecast has been updated to reflect a shift of payments towards International Financial Institutions expected under the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), from end of 2023 to 2024. Another element that has contributed to delays in the execution of payments is the fact that the process of finalisation of the governance framework of the WBIF is still ongoing. This also impacts the IPA III payments that initially were planned to be executed in 2023 and need to be postponed. Therefore, EUR 98 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 16 02 02

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)

To date, there is only one outstanding application for an EGF contribution (EGF 2023/002 BE/Makro) amounting to EUR 2,8 million. Even though the Netherlands and Germany are considering submitting new applications, no further mobilisation will be finalised in 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 23,1 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased PA 01 19 01

Preparatory action -- Preparing the new EU GOVSATCOM programme

No more payments are planned this year for the execution of the contracts. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,7 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 01 23 01

Preparatory action -- Energy prosumers repository - Monitor the development of prosumer actions across the EU

The payment appropriations will not be needed this year as the contract will be signed in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0.8 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 01 23 02

Preparatory action -- European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk

The deadline of the call for this project has been postponed, which will result in the payment of prefinancing in 2024 instead of 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,5 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 01 23 04

Preparatory action -- Support Service for citizens led renovation projects

No payment is expected in 2023, as the contract for the implementation of this preparatory action is expected to be signed in 2024, after the implementation of the pilot project for which the contract will be concluded in 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,3 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 05 20 01

Preparatory action -- The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities spin-off

An amendment was signed that extends the implementation period of the preparatory action to the end of 2023 with the inclusion of an additional interim payment in this year. The payment of the balance of this action will only be requested in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 40 994,86 in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased PA 05 20 02

Preparatory action -- The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects supporting multilevel governance and partnerships with added value for the region

The implementation of the action has been delayed and a request for extension of the implementation of one agreement has been agreed. The interim payment is due this year, while the payment of the balance will be paid only in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 87 684,53 can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PA 07 18 01

Preparatory action -- DiscoverEU: Free travel pass for Europeans turning 18

Revised needs for payment appropriations for this Preparatory Action are below the levels initially forecasted for 2023, which is a result of having brought forward the third interim payment from 2023 to December 2022. Moreover, the beneficiary informed the Commission that no further payments will be requested this year. Consequently, an amount of EUR 4,6 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 07 21 03

Preparatory action -- Writing European

Two projects of this preparatory action have been extended by two months (to end date Nov/Dec 2023), therefore their final payment is now foreseen in the first quarter of 2024. The pre-financing relating to the commitment appropriations voted in 2022 for this preparatory action was executed in 2023. The call for the commitment appropriations voted in 2023 is yet to be launched and the pre-financing is foreseen for 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1,6 million can be made available.

Decreased PA 09 22 02

Preparatory action -- EU Grassland Watch

Following the contract signature in 2023, the first interim payment is due only in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PA 12 20 01

Preparatory action -- EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities

The implementation of this preparatory action has been extended by six months, which will delay the final payment to 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,8 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 19 06

Pilot project -- Digital European platform of quality content providers

This pilot project ended on 31 October 2022 and the final payment was executed in December 2022, which was earlier than initially estimated. Part of the 2023 appropriations have already been transferred to another pilot project to cover the pre-financing payment foreseen to be made in December and the remaining amount of EUR 32 247 can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 20 03

Pilot project -- Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management

The final payment for this project was executed in June 2023 and was lower than the remaining balance. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,1 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 21 01

Pilot project -- Feasibility study on reduction of traffic-related particulate emissions by means of vehicle-mounted fine dust filtration

The cost claims for this project are lower than expected. Therefore, an amount of EUR 34 113 can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 21 02

Pilot project -- Support service for citizens led renovation projects

The surplus is due to delays in the signature of a service contract, which is now expected in November 2023 and the first payment will only occur in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 21 03

Pilot project -- Promote worldwide a European way to digital innovation rooted in culture

The pre-financing for one project, executed in May 2023, was slightly lower than estimated. Another selected project requested the termination of the grant agreement procedure, and no pre-financing was paid for it. Therefore, an amount of EUR 28 376 can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 22 02

Pilot project -- Establish new common methodologies, including metrics and statistics and using data analytics, which are more adequate to analyse the gender gap in investments in innovative ventures at regional, national and European level (in particular EIC, EIF and EIB)

This pilot project was initially foreseen to be implemented as a grant, while it was ultimately implemented as a public procurement, which changes the payment pattern and explains the postponement of the payment from 2023 to 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 22 03

Pilot project -- EU Innovation Procurement Observatory

The interim payment due in October will be lower than estimated, and the final payment will only be paid in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 22 04

Pilot project -- Monitoring European Policies via the EU data ecosystem

The interim payment initially foreseen for 2023 will only take place early 2024, due to interim deliverables delayed and/or to be reworked (only 3 out of 10 have been accepted so far). Therefore, the amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 23 03

Pilot project -- European NFT Platform for the creative sector and IP solutions

This pilot project will be implemented in synergy with the European Blockchain Service Infrastructure (EBSI), through procurement. It is due to start by the end of 2023 and a first interim payment is foreseen for the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 23 04

Pilot project -- Missing Children Alert/safe mechanism for Ukraine: A platform supporting cross-border cooperation for protecting and resolving cases of Ukrainian children gone missing during the war

The open call has been delayed and no pre-financing is planned before 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 23 05

Pilot project -- Search and Rescue operations for Aviation and Maritime

The signature of the contract for this project is not expected before 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased PP 01 23 06

Pilot project -- Young European Entrepreneur Award - The EU's Acceleration and Investment Programme for Young Entrepreneurs

The launch of this project has been delayed and payments are therefore postponed to 2024. An amount of EUR 15 515 can be made available.

Decreased PP 05 21 01

Pilot project -- Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative (CB-CRII)

Due to an amendment of the pilot project, the planned procurement and grant procedures will be implemented only in the last quarter of 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,6 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PP 08 22 01

Pilot project -- Constructing an open library containing a curated and continuously growing digital catalogue of individual sound signatures from the marine underwater soundscape in shallow seas

The contract was signed for a study in July and the first interim payment is subject to the interim report which is expected to be submitted by the contractor only in 2024; therefore, an amount of EUR 0,6 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PP 08 23 01

Pilot project -- Improving the place of organic products in collective catering

The financing decision for this action foresees the launching of an open call for tenders. Considering that one or more elements necessary to identify the individual commitment will not be known before the end of the year, a global commitment will be made. Since the individual commitment will be signed in 2024 no payments will be made for this year. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,4 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased PP 09 16 01

Pilot project -- Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions

The beneficiary of the pilot project has not submitted the reports necessary to proceed with the final payment; as a result, the final payment will not be executed this year. Therefore, an amount of EUR 30 000 can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PP 09 18 01

Pilot project -- Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions

The final payment has been made for this pilot project, therefore an amount of EUR 30 243 can be made available in payment appropriations.

Decreased PP 09 19 04

Pilot project -- Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication

The final payment was carried out in 2022, therefore, an amount of EUR 0,4 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

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Pilot project -- Biodiversity-climate nexus fund

Following the signature of the contract in the second half of 2023, the first payment is due only in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,1 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

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Pilot project -- Study for High-Cadence Monitoring for the EU Green Deal

The service contract for a study was signed in August 2023 for a duration of 12 months. It relates to a gap analysis of where commercial data and Copernicus capabilities can be complementary for high-cadence monitoring under the EU Green Deal. Following the payment conditions set out in the service contract, the first interim payment shall be due in 2024. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,7 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

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Pilot project -- Youth for pollinators -- fostering youth engagement and participatory governance in pollinator conservation

Only one payment is foreseen in 2023. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,9 million can be made available in payment appropriations.

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Pilot project -- Fostering transparency and impact assessment for local authorities in Guatemala

The activities on the Pilot Project are currently scheduled to end in October 2023 and a 6-month period will be needed for the submission of the final report. The final payment therefore cannot be carried out in 2023. As result, the amount of EUR 80 000 in payment appropriations can be made available.