



Council of the  
European Union

155023/EU XXVII. GP  
Eingelangt am 27/09/23

Brussels, 27 September 2023  
(OR. en)

13440/23

FIN 966

## COVER NOTE

---

From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
date of receipt:	27 September 2023
To:	Ms Esperanza SAMBLAS, President of the Council of the European Union

---

Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 14/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023
----------	---

---

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 14/2023.

Encl.: DEC 14/2023



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 27/09/2023

GENERAL BUDGET - 2023

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 09, 13, 14

### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 14/2023

---

#### INTRODUCTION

The present transfer proposes to move appropriations available on several administrative support lines to operational budget lines. This concerns programmes under Heading 1 (Horizon Europe, Connecting Europe Facility and Single Market Programme), Heading 2a (Cohesion Fund), Heading 2b (EU4Health, European Social Fund+, Rights & Values), Heading 3 (LIFE), Heading 5 (EDF Research, Military Mobility), and Heading 6 (NDICI, Overseas countries & territories).

The commitment appropriations available under the administrative support lines will be moved to the operational lines of the programmes. The payment appropriations will be moved to the operational lines of the programmes, where a need for reinforcement has been identified.

This transfer amounts to EUR 56,7 million in commitment and payment appropriations.

## GENERAL BUDGET - 2023

## SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 09, 13, 14

## TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 14/2023

**FROM****CHAPTER - 0101** Support administrative expenditure of the "Research and Innovation" cluster

ITEM - 01 01 01 01 Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Horizon Europe -- Indirect research	Non-Diff	-9 156 749,03
ITEM - 01 01 01 02 External personnel implementing Horizon Europe -- Indirect research	Non-Diff	-3 971 888,93
ITEM - 01 01 01 03 Other management expenditure for Horizon Europe -- Indirect research	Non-Diff	-13 965 512,58
ITEM - 01 01 01 72 European Research Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe	Non-Diff	-3 203 752,44
ITEM - 01 01 01 73 European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe	Non-Diff	-134 102,00
ITEM - 01 01 01 74 European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe	Non-Diff	-96 561,00
ITEM - 01 01 01 76 European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe	Non-Diff	-1 873 746,00

**CHAPTER - 0201** Support administrative expenditure of the "European Strategic Investments" cluster

ITEM - 02 01 21 74 European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Connecting Europe Facility -- Transport	Non-Diff	-168 003,00
---	----------	-------------

**CHAPTER - 0301** Support administrative expenditure of the "Single Market" cluster

ITEM - 03 01 01 01 Support expenditure for the Single Market Programme	Non-Diff	-400 000,00
ITEM - 03 01 01 73 European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme	Non-Diff	-5 896,52
ITEM - 03 01 01 76 European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme	Non-Diff	-2 536 680,00

**CHAPTER - 0501** Support administrative expenditure of the "Regional Development and Cohesion" cluster

ITEM - 05 01 02 74 European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund	Non-Diff	-341 335,00
---	----------	-------------

**CHAPTER - 0601** Support administrative expenditure of the "Recovery and Resilience" cluster

ITEM - 06 01 05 01 Support expenditure for the EU4Health Programme	Non-Diff	-2 000 000,00
--	----------	---------------

ITEM - 06 01 05 73 European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the EU4Health programme	Non-Diff	-71 237,07
<b>CHAPTER - 0701</b> Support administrative expenditure of the "Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values" cluster		
ITEM - 07 01 01 02 Support expenditure for the Employment and Social Innovation strand	Non-Diff	-120 000,00
ITEM - 07 01 05 01 Support expenditure for Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values	Non-Diff	-126 171,00
<b>CHAPTER - 0901</b> Support administrative expenditure of the `Environment and Climate Action` Cluster		
ITEM - 09 01 01 01 Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Non-Diff	-766 868,00
ITEM - 09 01 01 74 European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Non-Diff	-799 154,00
<b>CHAPTER - 1301</b> Support administrative expenditure of the "Security and Defence" cluster		
ITEM - 13 01 02 01 Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research	Non-Diff	-350 000,00
ITEM - 13 01 02 02 External personnel implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research	Non-Diff	-80 000,00
ITEM - 13 01 03 74 European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (Transport) for military mobility	Non-Diff	-50 808,00
<b>CHAPTER - 1401</b> Support administrative expenditure of the `External Action` cluster		
ITEM - 14 01 01 01 Support expenditure for the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe	Non-Diff	-16 000 000,00
ARTICLE - 14 01 04 Support expenditure for overseas countries and territories	Non-Diff	-450 000,00

## TO

### **CHAPTER - 0102** Horizon Europe

ITEM - 01 02 01 01 European Research Council	Commitments	32 402 312,65
--	-------------	---------------

### **CHAPTER - 0203** Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ARTICLE - 02 03 01 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport	Commitments	168 003,00
	Payments	168 003,00

### **CHAPTER - 0302** Single Market Programme

ARTICLE - 03 02 06 Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants	Commitments	2 942 575,85
	Payments	37 416 125,57

**CHAPTER - 0503 Cohesion Fund (CF)**

ARTICLE - 05 03 03 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport -- Cohesion Fund (CF) allocation

Commitments	341 335,00
Payments	341 335,00

**CHAPTER - 0606 EU4Health Programme**

ARTICLE - 06 06 01 EU4Health Programme

Commitments	2 071 237,07
-------------	--------------

**CHAPTER - 0702 European Social Fund PLus (ESF+)**

ARTICLE - 07 02 04 ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand

Commitments	120 000,00
Payments	120 000,00

**CHAPTER - 0706 Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values**

ARTICLE - 07 06 01 Equality and rights

Commitments	126 171,00
Payments	126 171,00

**CHAPTER - 0902 Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)**

ARTICLE - 09 02 03 Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Commitments	1 566 022,00
Payments	1 566 022,00

**CHAPTER - 1303 European Defence Fund (EDF) -- Research**

ARTICLE - 13 03 01 Defence research

Commitments	430 000,00
Payments	430 000,00

**CHAPTER - 1304 Military mobility**

ARTICLE - 13 04 01 Military mobility

Commitments	50 808,00
Payments	50 808,00

**CHAPTER - 1402 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe (NDICI -- Global Europe)**

ITEM - 14 02 01 21 East and Central Africa

Commitments	16 000 000,00
Payments	16 000 000,00

**CHAPTER - 1405 Overseas countries and territories**

ARTICLE - 14 05 01 All overseas countries and territories

Commitments	450 000,00
Payments	450 000,00

Line/Heading						
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 01 – Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Horizon Europe – Indirect research</b>						
169 435 000,00	0,00	160 278 250,97	9 156 749,03	-9 156 749,03	-5,40 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 02 - External personnel implementing Horizon Europe -- Indirect research</b>						
47 974 763,00	0,00	43 238 379,86	4 736 383,14	-3 971 888,93	-8,28 %	764 494,21
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 03 - Other management expenditure for Horizon Europe -- Indirect research</b>						
83 873 709,00	0,00	59 102 489,15	24 771 219,85	-13 965 512,58	-16,65 %	10 805 707,27
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 72 - European Research Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe</b>						
97 156 810,00	0,00	93 953 057,56	3 203 752,44	-3 203 752,44	-3,30 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 73 - European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe</b>						
17 463 567,00	0,00	17 329 464,12	134 102,88	-134 102,00	-0,77 %	0,88
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 74 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe</b>						
14 884 072,00	0,00	14 787 511,00	96 561,00	-96 561,00	-0,65 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 01 01 01 76 - European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe</b>						
30 372 955,00	0,00	28 499 209,00	1 873 746,00	-1 873 746,00	-6,17 %	0,00
<b>Commitment - 01 02 01 01 - European Research Council</b>						
2 126 150 713,00	0,00	572 998 070,95	1 553 152 642,05	32 402 312,65	1,52 %	1 585 554 954,70
<b>Non-Diff - 02 01 21 74 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Connecting Europe Facility -- Transport</b>						
7 645 690,00	0,00	7 477 687,00	168 003,00	-168 003,00	-2,20 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport</b>						
994 760 000,00	182 150 000,00	153 160 433,81	1 023 749 566,19	168 003,00	0,02 %	1 023 917 569,19
<b>Commitment - 02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport</b>						
1 842 813 707,00	0,00	1 819 792 665,36	23 021 041,64	168 003,00	0,01 %	23 189 044,64
<b>Non-Diff - 03 01 01 01 - Support expenditure for the Single Market Programme</b>						
13 710 000,00	0,00	9 233 578,21	4 476 421,79	-400 000,00	-2,92 %	4 076 421,79
<b>Non-Diff - 03 01 01 73 - European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme</b>						
1 613 014,00	0,00	1 607 117,48	5 896,52	-5 896,52	-0,37 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 03 01 01 76 - European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme</b>						
12 273 076,00	0,00	9 736 396,00	2 536 680,00	-2 536 680,00	-20,67 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 03 02 06 - Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants</b>						
202 000 000,00	27 858 760,00	88 754 362,65	141 104 397,35	37 416 125,57	18,52 %	178 520 522,92
<b>Commitment - 03 02 06 - Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants</b>						
231 319 000,00	31 000 000,00	98 089 149,89	164 229 850,11	2 942 575,85	1,27 %	167 172 425,96
<b>Non-Diff - 05 01 02 74 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund</b>						
6 629 080,00	0,00	6 287 745,00	341 335,00	-341 335,00	-5,15 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 05 03 03 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport -- Cohesion Fund (CF) allocation</b>						
906 000 000,00	0,00	49 001 629,53	856 998 370,47	341 335,00	0,04 %	857 339 705,47
<b>Commitment - 05 03 03 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport -- Cohesion Fund (CF) allocation</b>						
1 541 210 307,00	0,00	1 534 861 062,40	6 349 244,60	341 335,00	0,02 %	6 690 579,60
<b>Non-Diff - 06 01 05 01 - Support expenditure for the EU4Health Programme</b>						
9 322 431,00	0,00	4 296 940,11	5 025 490,89	-2 000 000,00	-21,45 %	3 025 490,89

Line/Heading						
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
<b>Non-Diff - 06 01 05 73 - European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the EU4Health programme</b>						
14 806 806,00	0,00	14 735 568,93	71 237,07	-71 237,07	-0,48 %	0,00
<b>Commitment - 06 06 01 - EU4Health Programme</b>						
715 121 072,00	0,00	535 708 562,30	179 412 509,70	2 071 237,07	0,29 %	181 483 746,77
<b>Non-Diff - 07 01 01 02 - Support expenditure for the Employment and Social Innovation strand</b>						
2 000 000,00	0,00	1 014 125,04	985 874,96	-120 000,00	-6,00 %	865 874,96
<b>Non-Diff - 07 01 05 01 - Support expenditure for Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values</b>						
2 000 000,00	0,00	816 619,49	1 183 380,51	-126 171,00	-6,31 %	1 057 209,51
<b>Payment - 07 02 04 - ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand</b>						
77 000 000,00	0,00	32 516 706,75	44 483 293,25	120 000,00	0,16 %	44 603 293,25
<b>Commitment - 07 02 04 - ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand</b>						
91 500 000,00	0,00	30 731 983,41	60 768 016,59	120 000,00	0,13 %	60 888 016,59
<b>Payment - 07 06 01 - Equality and rights</b>						
31 217 153,00	-1 699 014,18	11 222 421,58	18 295 717,24	126 171,00	0,40 %	18 421 888,24
<b>Commitment - 07 06 01 - Equality and rights</b>						
36 863 099,00	0,00	21 162 108,95	15 700 990,05	126 171,00	0,34 %	15 827 161,05
<b>Non-Diff - 09 01 01 01 - Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)</b>						
10 557 791,00	0,00	5 856 629,70	4 701 161,30	-766 868,00	-7,26 %	3 934 293,30
<b>Non-Diff - 09 01 01 74 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)</b>						
15 228 550,00	0,00	14 429 396,00	799 154,00	-799 154,00	-5,25 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 09 02 03 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation</b>						
48 625 000,00	6 400 000,00	34 848 670,62	20 176 329,38	1 566 022,00	3,22 %	21 742 351,38
<b>Commitment - 09 02 03 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation</b>						
128 608 139,00	0,00	116 562 079,90	12 046 059,10	1 566 022,00	1,22 %	13 612 081,10
<b>Non-Diff - 13 01 02 01 - Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research</b>						
4 857 480,00	0,00	4 507 480,00	350 000,00	-350 000,00	-7,21 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 13 01 02 02 - External personnel implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research</b>						
1 155 660,00	0,00	1 075 660,00	80 000,00	-80 000,00	-6,92 %	0,00
<b>Non-Diff - 13 01 03 74 - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (Transport) for military mobility</b>						
986 740,00	0,00	935 932,00	50 808,00	-50 808,00	-5,15 %	0,00
<b>Payment - 13 03 01 - Defence research</b>						
156 000 000,00	-653 012,15	11 768 139,07	143 578 848,78	430 000,00	0,28 %	144 008 848,78
<b>Commitment - 13 03 01 - Defence research</b>						
311 106 981,00	0,00	302 628 981,00	8 478 000,00	430 000,00	0,14 %	8 908 000,00
<b>Payment - 13 04 01 - Military mobility</b>						
130 000 000,00	109 084 680,00	236 654 127,56	2 430 552,44	50 808,00	0,04 %	2 481 360,44
<b>Commitment - 13 04 01 - Military mobility</b>						
293 470 661,00	0,00	293 470 661,00	0,00	50 808,00	0,02 %	50 808,00

Line/Heading						
Initial Budget + AB (1)	Transfers (2)	Utilisation (3)	Available amount (4)=(1)+(2)-(3)	Transfer proposed (5)	Change (5/1)	Total (4±5)
<b>Non-Diff - 14 01 01 01 - Support expenditure for the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe</b>						
328 660 146,00	0,00	276 056 515,81	52 603 630,19	-16 000 000,00	-4,87 %	36 603 630,19
<b>Non-Diff - 14 01 04 - Support expenditure for overseas countries and territories</b>						
1 364 188,00	0,00	787 859,00	576 329,00	-450 000,00	-32,99 %	126 329,00
<b>Payment - 14 02 01 21 - East and Central Africa</b>						
582 531 704,00	0,00	231 657 891,98	350 873 812,02	16 000 000,00	2,75 %	366 873 812,02
<b>Commitment - 14 02 01 21 - East and Central Africa</b>						
1 584 336 130,00	-67 551 522,46	912 959 871,00	603 824 736,54	16 000 000,00	1,01 %	619 824 736,54
<b>Payment - 14 05 01 - All overseas countries and territories</b>						
1 850 000,00	0,00	442 982,52	1 407 017,48	450 000,00	24,32 %	1 857 017,48
<b>Commitment - 14 05 01 - All overseas countries and territories</b>						
2 500 000,00	-300 000,00	0,00	2 200 000,00	450 000,00	18,00 %	2 650 000,00
<b>Total DECREASE Payments</b>				<b>0,00</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Payments</b>				<b>56 668 464,57</b>		
<b>Total DECREASE Commitments</b>				<b>0,00</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Commitments</b>				<b>56 668 464,57</b>		
<b>Total DECREASE Non-Diff</b>				<b>-56 668 464,57</b>		
<b>Total INCREASE Non-Diff</b>				<b>0,00</b>		



## **Justifications**

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

#### **Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Horizon Europe – Indirect research**

The surplus of EUR 9,2 million is due to some delays in the recruitment process observed through the year, and to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared. At that time (first quarter of 2022), the order of magnitude of the surge of high inflation and energy costs impacting on salary indexation was difficult to anticipate precisely, which led to a slight overestimation of the actual needs for 2023.

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

#### **External personnel implementing Horizon Europe -- Indirect research**

The surplus of EUR 4 million is due to some delays in the recruitment process observed through the year, and to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared. At that time (first quarter of 2022), the order of magnitude of the surge of high inflation and energy costs impacting on salary indexation was difficult to anticipate precisely, which led to a slight overestimation of the actual needs for 2023.

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

#### **Other management expenditure for Horizon Europe -- Indirect research**

The surplus of EUR 14 million is due to savings on IT expenditure, which were covered in part by the reimbursement of some undue expenses received at the end of 2022. These amounts, which were carried over to 2023, could not be foreseen when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared. In addition, further savings were achieved on other expenditure covered by this line, such as meetings and missions, as part of the Commission's commitment to greening and to achieving carbon neutrality.

### **Decreased 01 01 01 72**

The surplus of EUR 3,2 million is due to three main reasons:

1. the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared;
2. lower costs of the move of the Research Executive Agency (REA) to its new building; and
3. a decision by the Belgian Court of Justice leading to the reimbursement to REA of unduly collected municipal taxes by the Municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode.

### **Decreased 01 01 01 73**

#### **European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe**

The surplus of EUR 0,1 million is due to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared.

### **Decreased 01 01 01 74**

#### **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe**

The surplus of EUR 0,1 million is due to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared.

## **Decreased 01 01 01 76**

### **European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from Horizon Europe**

The surplus of EUR 1,9 million is due to five reasons:

1. the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared;
2. the transfer of staff (13 FTEs) from the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) to the Commission. This transfer of staff results from the transfer of some activities linked to the implementation of the European Innovation Council, which were previously carried out by the executive agency;
3. the decision to leave a number of positions vacant during the second half of 2023, in anticipation of the reduction on EISMEA's staff allocation foreseen in 2024 in the cost-benefit analysis underpinning the delegation package adopted in 2021;
4. savings on building and IT expenditure due to reduced costs of services provided by Commission and external contractors; and
5. further savings on costs for experts, catering, missions and external audits.

## **Increased 01 02 01 01**

### **European Research Council**

The savings identified on the administrative lines of Horizon Europe for a total of EUR 32,4 million can be used to reinforce the commitment appropriations for the European Research Council. The significant oversubscription for the calls of the European Research Council results in projects of high quality that will be covered by these additional commitment appropriations.

## **Decreased 02 01 21 74**

### **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Connecting Europe Facility -- Transport**

The surplus of EUR 0,2 million stems from the recalculation of staff costs, taking into account lower indexation rates than initially foreseen. It is proposed to transfer both commitment and payment appropriations to reinforce the CEF Transport operational line.

## **Increased 02 03 01**

### **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport**

The reinforcement by EUR 0,2 million in commitment and payment appropriations will contribute to cover further actions as CEF Transport calls are largely oversubscribed.

## **Decreased 03 01 01 01**

### **Support expenditure for the Single Market Programme**

Some actions planned under the support line are cancelled or delayed, therefore the surplus of EUR 0,4 million can be transferred to the operational line of the Food Chain strand of the Single Market Programme (SMP), to finance grants related to Emergency measures for Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever outbreaks in Member States.

## **Decreased 03 01 01 73**

### **European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme**

The needs of the agency will be marginally lower than initially estimated. As a result, EUR 5 897 in commitment and payment appropriations can be transferred to the operational budget line of the SMP Food Chain strand.

## **Decreased 03 01 01 76**

### **European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Single Market Programme**

The surplus of EUR 2,5 million is due to four reasons:

1. the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared;
2. the decision to leave a number of positions vacant during the second half of 2023, in anticipation of the reduction on EISMEA's staff allocation foreseen in 2024 in the cost-benefit analysis underpinning the delegation package adopted in 2021;
3. savings on building and IT expenditure due to reduced costs of services provided by Commission and external contractors; and
4. further savings on costs for experts, catering, missions and external audits.

## **Increased 03 02 06**

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

The reinforcement of EUR 2,9 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 37,4 million in payment appropriations will be used for grants related to Emergency measures, in particular for Avian influenza and African Swine fever outbreaks in Member states in 2022 and 2023. Additional payment appropriations are needed as a consequence of the reinforcement of the programme in commitment appropriations in 2022.

## **Decreased 05 01 02 74**

### **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Cohesion Fund**

The surplus of EUR 0,3 million stems from the recalculation of staff costs taking into account lower indexation rates than initially foreseen. It is proposed to transfer both commitment and payment appropriations to reinforce the CEF Cohesion Fund operational line.

## **Increased 05 03 03**

### **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport -- Cohesion Fund (CF) allocation**

The additional EUR 0,3 million in commitment appropriations will reinforce a call for proposals to be launched in September 2023, and the reinforcement of EUR 0,3 million in payment appropriations will cover interim payments to beneficiaries under already published calls.

## **Decreased 06 01 05 01**

### **Support expenditure for the EU4Health Programme**

Some actions planned under the support line are delayed or cancelled, therefore the surplus of EUR 2 million can be transferred to the EU4Health programme, to finance additional actions or increase the budget of actions planned under the scope of the programme.

## **Decreased 06 01 05 73**

### **European Health and Digital Executive Agency -- Contribution from the EU4Health programme**

The 2023 budget needs of the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) will be marginally lower than initially estimated. As a result, the surplus of EUR 71 237 in commitment and payment appropriations can be transferred to the operational budget line of the EU4Health Programme.

## **Increased 06 06 01**

### **EU4Health Programme**

The reinforcement of EUR 2,1 million in commitment appropriations is needed to finance additional actions or increase the scope of existing actions under the EU4Health programme.

## **Decreased 07 01 01 02**

### **Support expenditure for the Employment and Social Innovation strand**

The surplus of EUR 0,1 million is due to the switch in the organisation of one meeting of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) technical working group from physical to remote attendance, which decreases the costs for premises and for reimbursements of experts.

## **Decreased 07 01 05 01**

### **Support expenditure for Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values**

The surplus of EUR 0,1 million is due to decreasing costs for translation.

## **Increased 07 02 04**

### **ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand**

The reinforcement of EUR 0,1 million in commitment and payment appropriations will contribute to cover increasing needs in activities, such as the EU level Social NGO Networks, the European Tracking Service for pensions, the posting of workers and for combatting homelessness actions.

## **Increased 07 06 01**

### **Equality and rights**

The reinforcement of EUR 0,1 million in commitment and payment appropriations will contribute to cover increasing needs in activities, such as the European Day of People with Disabilities and the additional expenses linked to the implementation of the European Strategy for the Rights of persons with Disabilities.

## **Decreased 09 01 01 01**

### **Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)**

The surplus of EUR 0,8 million stems in particular from IT activities, where savings were achieved through the partial shift from former on-site IT experts to near-site or far-site contracts financed from the operational budget, as well as on IT synergies with other programmes. Meeting costs were also lower than expected as a result of the increased number of hybrid meetings.

## **Decreased 09 01 01 74**

### **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from the Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)**

The surplus of EUR 0,8 million on the LIFE administrative contribution to CINEA is due to the lower indexation of staff costs as compared to the initial assumptions for establishing the Draft Budget 2023.

## **Increased 09 02 03**

### **Climate change mitigation and adaptation**

The reinforcement of EUR 1,6 million in commitment and in payment appropriations will be used to finance procurement actions such as: the Covenant of Mayors initiative, the Emissions Trading System (ETS) and the ETS registry, and studies related to CO2 emissions from road transport and transport fuel quality.

## **Decreased 13 01 02 01**

### **Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research**

The surplus of EUR 0.35 million is due to some delays in the recruitment process observed through the year, and to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared.

## **Decreased 13 01 02 02**

### **External personnel implementing the European Defence Fund -- Research**

The surplus of EUR 80 000 is due to some delays in the recruitment process observed through the year, and to the more moderate salary evolution than expected when the Draft Budget 2023 was prepared.

## **Decreased 13 01 03 74**

### **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency -- Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (Transport) for military mobility**

The surplus of EUR 50 808 stems from the recalculation of staff costs taking into account lower indexation rates than initially foreseen. It is proposed to transfer both the commitment and payment appropriations to reinforce the CEF Military Mobility line.

## **Increased 13 03 01**

### **Defence research**

#### **Defence research**

The reinforcement of EUR 0,4 million in commitment and payment appropriations will be used to increase the envelope of a call for proposals launched in 2023 and ensure full implementation of the voted budget before the end of the year.

## **Increased 13 04 01**

### **Military mobility**

The reinforcement by EUR 50 808 in commitment and payment appropriations will contribute to cover additional needs: following the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, the implementation of CEF Military Mobility has accelerated with calls brought forward, speeded up evaluations and increased funding.

## **Decreased 14 01 01 01**

### **Support expenditure for the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -- Global Europe**

The contract for Result Oriented Monitoring (estimated EUR 15 million per year) will be funded from the NDICI administrative support budget line as from 2025. Given the magnitude, savings have been introduced already in 2023 to allow this coming coverage. While sufficient funds need to be kept on the line to cover these, in view of the timing, it is now proposed to use the available amount of EUR 16 million in commitment and payment appropriations to temporarily reinforce budget line 14 02 01 21 East and Central Africa, thus making timely use of the funds. The transfer will be offset in 2026.

## **Decreased 14 01 04**

### **Support expenditure for overseas countries and territories**

Due to the delay in the opening of the Commission Office in Nuuk, the recruitment of contract agents is postponed to 2024. Consequently, the budget earmarked for payment of salaries and related costs for the Nuuk Office will not be used in 2023 and an amount of EUR 0,5 million can be transferred to the operational line.

## **Increased 14 02 01 21**

### **East and Central Africa**

The Commission has advanced well with the preparation and adoption of country Multi-Annual Action Plans in East and Central Africa to be adopted in 2023. As the pipeline of actions exceed the commitment appropriations available in 2023 for the region, the reinforcement of EUR 16 million in commitment and payment appropriations will be consumed by the end of the year. The transfer will be offset in 2026, when the funds will be needed on the NDICI administrative support budget line.

## **Increased 14 05 01**

### **All overseas countries and territories**

A tender for a global communication campaign covering all 13 Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) for a period of two years will soon be launched. Its objective is to enhance awareness and create positive perception about the value and impact of the OCT-EU partnership, framed by the relevant priorities outlined in the Global Gateway strategy, among specific audiences in the OCTs as well as in the related EU Member States. The contractor will have to analyse and design the whole campaign, and then implement it. The budget initially planned for this communication activities will not be sufficient to cover entirely the needs. Therefore, a reinforcement of EUR 0,5 million in commitment and in payment appropriations is necessary.