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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Péter Benő BANAI, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 13/2024 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2024

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 13/2024.

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BRUSSELS, 10/10/2024

GENERAL BUDGET - 2024
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 20, 21

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 13/2024

FROM

CHAPTER - 2002 Other staff and expenditure relating to persons

ITEM - 20 02 01 01 Contract staff	Non-Diff	-13 525 000,00
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ARTICLE - 20 02 04 Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution	Non-Diff	-1 300 000,00
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CHAPTER - 2003 Administrative operating expenditure

ITEM - 20 03 01 02 Expenditure related to buildings	Non-Diff	-4 857 391,00
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TO

CHAPTER - 2001 Members, officials and temporary staff

ITEM - 20 01 02 01 Remuneration and allowances -- Headquarters and Representation offices	Non-Diff	15 882 391,00
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CHAPTER - 2101 Pensions

ARTICLE - 21 01 01 Pensions and allowances	Non-Diff	3 800 000,00
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

20 02 01 01 - Contract staff

b) Figures at 03/10/2024

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	96 454 209,00
2 Transfers	10 467 166,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	106 921 375,00
4 Appropriations already used	90 456 593,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	16 464 782,00
6 Decrease proposed	13 525 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	2 939 782,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	14,02 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	15 791 004,51
2 Appropriations available on 03/10/2024	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

A reassessment of the needs across all DGs for external staff indicates that there is some scope to transfer appropriations to areas requiring reinforcement. This availability has arisen due to difficulties faced in the recruitment process, such as finding the right profiles, as well as last minute withdrawals by selected candidates.

I.2

a) Heading

20 02 04 - Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution

b) Figures at 03/10/2024

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	13 513 000,00
2 Transfers	-400 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	13 113 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	11 734 213,53
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 378 786,47
6 Decrease proposed	1 300 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	78 786,47
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	9,62 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	2 344 566,17
2 Appropriations available on 03/10/2024	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Appropriations can be transferred following a reassessment of the needs for insurance, and the fact that a formal evaluation of the programme for the "Blue book trainees" is not deemed necessary.

I.3

a) Heading

20 03 01 02 - Expenditure related to buildings

b) Figures at 03/10/2024

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	90 535 400,00
2 Transfers	-2 783 237,20
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	87 752 162,80
4 Appropriations already used	77 707 431,63
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	10 044 731,17
6 Decrease proposed	4 857 391,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	5 187 340,17
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	5,37 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	19 983 059,37
2 Appropriations available on 03/10/2024	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Appropriations can be freed thanks to the reduced cost for energy and optimisations in the expenditure linked to technical maintenance and cleaning.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

20 01 02 01 - Remuneration and allowances -- Headquarters and Representation offices

b) Figures at 03/10/2024

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	2 549 939 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	2 549 939 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	2 549 189 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	750 000,00
6 Increase requested	15 882 391,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	16 632 391,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,62 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	55 211 887,20
2 Appropriations available on 03/10/2024	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The salary line for staff employed in Brussels and Luxembourg and in the Commission's, Representations shows a deficit due to the intermediate salary update of 3,0%, applied as from 1 January 2024, which had not been budgeted in B2024. Furthermore, the residual update rate for 2024 is estimated at 4,1%, leading to a total update rate of 7,2% in 2024 compared to 3,4% included in the budget. While it was possible to absorb parts of the higher than anticipated update, due to savings generated by a higher than estimated turnover rate of staff in 2023 and 2024, a remaining amount of EUR 15,9 million will need to be covered by redeployment.

II.2

a) Heading

21 01 01 - Pensions and allowances

b) Figures at 03/10/2024

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	2 515 034 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	2 515 034 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	2 515 034 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00
6 Increase requested	3 800 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	3 800 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,15 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 03/10/2024	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The line for “pensions relating to former staff of all Institutions” shows a deficit of EUR 73 million due to the intermediate pension update of 3,0%, applied as from 1 January 2024, which had not been budgeted in B2024. Furthermore, the residual update rate for 2024 is estimated at 4,1%, leading to a total update rate of 7,2% in 2024 compared to 3,4% included in the budget. While it will not be possible to absorb the total deficit by existing appropriations of 2024, there has already been a redeployment (by internal transfer) of EUR 2 million from the budget lines for Members’ pensions. Furthermore, an amount of EUR 3,8 million will be covered by redeployment from budget lines under title 20, reducing the request for additional appropriations in DAB 5/2024 accordingly.