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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2020 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 15 June 2020, the Committee of the Regions submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 2 861 861 from items 1 0 0 4 (*Travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at meetings and associated expenditure*), 1 6 2 (*Missions*) and 1 2 0 0 (*Remuneration and allowances*) to items 2 1 0 0 (*Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work*), 2 1 0 2 (*Outside assistance for the operation, development and maintenance of software systems*), 2 1 4 (*Technical equipment and installations*), 2 5 4 2 (*Organisation of events in partnership with local and regional authorities, associations and European Institutions*), 2 6 0 0 (*Relationships with press, audio-visual support*), 2 6 0 2 (*Web and Social Media, print material*), 2 0 0 7 (*Fitting-out of premises*), and 2 6 2 0 (*External expertise and studies*).

2. The Committee of the Regions proposes to reinforce 8 budget lines in order to cover needs for unforeseen expenditure arising from the COVID-19 crisis, related to IT and videoconferencing, communication and events, upkeep of buildings and external expertise and studies.

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 9 July 2020.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations; and
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430¹, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

The General Secretariat of the Council will inform the Committee of the Regions, as well as the European Parliament of the Council's decision.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).