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## 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 3/2020 within Section VII - Committee of the Regions - of the general budget for 2020

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1. On 26 November 2020, the Committee of the Regions submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 3/2020. This transfer was submitted to the Council already on 5 November 2020 as INF 3/2020, but after duly justified objections were raised in the Budget Committee in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup>, the proposal was re-submitted in accordance with Article 31 of the Financial Regulation.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 410 958 from Items 1 2 0 0 (*Remuneration and allowances*) and 1 4 0 2 (*Interpreting services*) to Items 2 1 0 0 (*Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work*), 2 6 0 2 (*Web and Social Media, print material*), 2 6 2 0 (*External expertise and studies*) and 2 6 2 2 (*Documentation and library expenditure*).

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

2. The Committee of the Regions proposes to strengthen 4 budget lines in order to finance few remaining IT projects, one remaining communication's project, several studies and the further digitalisation of the library project.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 30 November 2020.
4. At this meeting, a vast majority of delegations expressed concerns with regard to the proposed transfer, related mainly to the need to make investments in ICT equipment on the basis of a comprehensive action plan for the new ways of working, and to allow the financing of expenditure, which is necessary in view of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking into account the above mentioned considerations, the Presidency proposed to amend the amount of the Committee of the Regions' proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 3/2020 in accordance with Article 31(8) of the Financial Regulation.

The Budget Committee examined this Presidency proposal through a written consultation, which ended on 11 December 2020 without any objections being raised. The changes in the Presidency proposal compared to the Committee of the Regions' proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 3/2020 are recorded in the Annex.

5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
  - confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations as set out in point 4 above; 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 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

**Amendment of the amount of Committee of the Regions' transfer No DEC 3/2020<sup>1</sup>**

(in EUR)

			<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<u>From Title</u>	1			
From Chapter	12	Officials and temporary staff		
From Item	1200	Remuneration and allowances	<del>105 209</del> <b>80 697</b>	
From Chapter	14	Other staff and external services		
From Item	1402	Interpreter services	<del>305 749</del> <b>234 512</b>	
<u>To Title</u>	2			
To Chapter	21	Data processing, equipment and furniture: purchase, hire and maintenance		
To Item	2100	Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work		<del>172 829</del> <b>127 080</b>
To Chapter	26	Expertise and information: acquisition, archiving, production and distribution		
<del>To Item</del>	<del>2602</del>	<del>Web and Social Media, print material</del>		<del>50 000</del>
To Item	2620	External expertise and studies		38 129
To Item	2622	Documentation and library expenditure		150 000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<del>410 958</del> <b>315 209</b>	<del>410 958</del> <b>315 209</b>

<sup>1</sup> Changes in the Presidency proposal compared to Committee of the Regions' transfer No DEC 3/2020 are highlighted in **bold** and ~~striketrough~~.