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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 28/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 28/2020.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2020

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 04, 05, 09, 10, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 26, 29, 32, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 28/2020**

INTRODUCTION

The so-called "End-of-year Transfer" is intended to ensure that, insofar as possible, the outstanding invoices related to funds in shared management can be honoured, by making full use of available payment appropriations.

The rules governing this transfer are set out in Article 31(2) of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union.

The "End of Year Transfer" for the 2020 exercise relates to payment appropriations amounting to **EUR 95,3 million** in total, which takes into account the actual implementation of expenditure in mid-December 2020.

1. *Reinforcements*

The transfer proposes to reinforce the payment appropriations of **3 budget lines** under following headings/programmes:

- Heading 1b - Economic, social & territorial cohesion + EUR 48,3 million
 - to the European Social Fund (EUR 24,1 million), and
 - to the European Regional Development Fund (EUR 24,1 million);
- Heading 2 - Sustainable growth - natural resources + EUR 47,0 million
 - to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

These reinforcements will allow outstanding claims to be covered, and reimburse Member States for payments already undertaken in shared management.

2. *Reductions*

The payment appropriations are redeployed from **41 budget lines** under the following headings/programmes:

- Heading 1a - Competitiveness for growth and jobs - EUR 47,5 million
 - the European Solidarity Corps (EUR 15,0 million)
 - the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EUR 8,3 million)
 - Horizon 2020 (EUR 7,3 million)
 - Other programmes/pilot projects/preparatory actions (EUR 16,9 million)
- Heading 1b - Economic, social & territorial cohesion - EUR 0,8 million
 - operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State
- Heading 2 - Sustainable growth - natural resources - EUR 14,2 million
 - the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund – promotion measures (EUR 9,6 million)
 - Other programmes/pilot projects/preparatory actions (EUR 4,6 million)

- Heading 3 - Security & citizenship - EUR 12,2 million
 - Creative Europe (EUR 10,2 million)
 - Other programmes/pilot projects/preparatory actions (EUR 2 million)
- Heading 4 - Global Europe - EUR 20,6 million
 - the EU Aid Volunteers initiative (EUR 9,6 million)
 - the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (EUR 4,2 million)
 - Other programmes/pilot projects/preparatory actions (EUR 6,8 million)

3. Proposed transfers

All proposed transfers are detailed by budget line in the following tables in budget nomenclature order, indicating:

- the initial budget appropriations, including amending budgets as of 8 December 2020;
- transfers as of 8 December 2020;
- the implementation as of 8 December 2020;
- 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 - 0402 European Social Fund (ESF)**

ITEM - 04 02 63 02 European Social Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State	Payments	-212 253,00
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CHAPTER - 0403 Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

ITEM - 04 03 02 03 Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship -- Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises	Payments	-8 270 000,00
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ARTICLE - 04 03 15 European Labour Authority (ELA)	Payments	-3 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0502 Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through interventions in agricultural markets

ITEM - 05 02 10 02 Promotion measures -- Direct payments by the Union	Payments	-9 625 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0505 Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance -- Agriculture and rural development

ITEM - 05 05 03 02 Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	Payments	-4 169 235,50
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CHAPTER - 0508 Policy strategy and coordination of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy area

ARTICLE - 05 08 03 Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys	Payments	-14 000,00
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ITEM - 05 08 77 16 Preparatory action -- Smart rural areas in the 21st century	Payments	-2 960 711,25
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ITEM - 05 08 77 17 Pilot project -- Developing a farmers-- toolbox for integrated pest management practices from across the Union	Payments	-783 750,00
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ITEM - 05 08 77 18 Pilot project -- Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture	Payments	-515 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0902 Digital single market

ITEM - 09 02 77 06 Pilot project -- Media councils in the digital era	Payments	-109 047,31
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ITEM - 09 02 77 07 Pilot project -- Exchange of media 'rising stars-- to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage ('Stars4media')	Payments	-202 242,59
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ITEM - 09 02 77 12 Pilot project -- EU-wide programming contest	Payments	-181 546,37
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CHAPTER - 0905 Creative Europe

ITEM - 09 05 77 05 Preparatory action -- Subtitling European cultural television content throughout Europe Payments -274 137,41

ITEM - 09 05 77 11 Pilot project -- A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans Payments -113 756,12

ITEM - 09 05 77 12 Pilot project -- Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030 Payments -405 000,00

CHAPTER - 1002 Horizon 2020 -- Direct actions of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in support of Union policies

ARTICLE - 10 02 01 Horizon 2020 -- Customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies Payments -7 300 000,00

ITEM - 10 02 77 02 Pilot project -- Organisation of large-scale events -- `Science meets Parliaments and Regions` Payments -6 184,66

CHAPTER - 1303 European Regional Development Fund and other regional operations

ITEM - 13 03 65 02 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State Payments -559 285,00

CHAPTER - 1304 Cohesion Fund (CF)

ITEM - 13 04 61 02 Cohesion Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State Payments -4 611,98

CHAPTER - 1504 Creative Europe Programme

ARTICLE - 15 04 01 Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models Payments -10 214 602,69

CHAPTER - 1505 European Solidarity Corps

ARTICLE - 15 05 01 European Solidarity Corps Payments -15 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 1703 Public health

ARTICLE - 17 03 13 International agreements and membership of international organisations in the field of public health and tobacco control Payments -63 300,24

ITEM - 17 03 77 15 Preparatory action -- European study on the burden and care of epilepsy Payments -614 706,50

ITEM - 17 03 77 22 Pilot project -- MentALLY Payments -198 824,00

ITEM - 17 03 77 25 Pilot project -- Integrate: development of integrated strategies to monitor and treat chronic and rheumatic diseases: the role of quality indicators and patient-reported outcomes in addition to physician evaluation of disease activity and damage Payments -248 285,79

CHAPTER - 2106 Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation		
ARTICLE - 21 06 51 Completion of former actions (prior to 2014)	Payments	-3 500 000,00
CHAPTER - 2108 Development and cooperation worldwide		
ARTICLE - 21 08 01 Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures	Payments	-1 300 000,00
ARTICLE - 21 08 02 Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues and on the enlargement and neighbourhood policies	Payments	-2 000 000,00
CHAPTER - 2304 EU Aid Volunteers initiative		
ARTICLE - 23 04 01 EU Aid Volunteers initiative -- Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises	Payments	-9 574 430,51
CHAPTER - 2602 Multimedia production		
ARTICLE - 26 02 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	Payments	-250 000,00
CHAPTER - 2603 Services to public administrations, businesses and citizens		
ARTICLE - 26 03 01 Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA ²)	Payments	-186 000,00
CHAPTER - 2902 The European statistical programme		
ARTICLE - 29 02 01 Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System	Payments	-3 500 000,00
CHAPTER - 3202 Conventional and renewable energy		
ARTICLE - 32 02 51 Completion of financial support for projects of common interest in the trans-European energy network	Payments	-532 657,00
ITEM - 32 02 77 09 Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among islands within and beyond the Union through the creation of an island identity within the Global Covenant of Mayors	Payments	-373 287,35
ITEM - 32 02 77 11 Pilot project -- Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market	Payments	-110 000,00
ITEM - 32 02 77 12 Preparatory action -- Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition	Payments	-5 276 185,00
ITEM - 32 02 77 14 Pilot project -- Advancing industrial decarbonisation by assessing the use of renewable energies in industrial processes	Payments	-262 500,00
ITEM - 32 02 77 15 Pilot project -- Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty	Payments	-1 500 000,00
ITEM - 32 02 77 17 Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among villages in the EU and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors	Payments	-500 000,00

CHAPTER - 3203 Nuclear energy

ARTICLE - 32 03 01 Nuclear safeguards

Payments

-1 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Payments

-350 000,00

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CHAPTER - 0402 European Social Fund (ESF)

ARTICLE - 04 02 60 European Social Fund -- Less developed regions --
Investment for growth and jobs goal

Payments

24 130 270,13

CHAPTER - 0504 Rural development

ITEM - 05 04 60 01 Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially
and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural
sector

Payments

47 000 000,00

**CHAPTER - 1303 European Regional Development Fund and other regional
operations**

ARTICLE - 13 03 62 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- More
developed regions -- Investment for growth and jobs goal

Payments

24 130 270,14

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)
Payment - 04 02 60 - European Social Fund -- Less developed regions -- Investment for growth and jobs goal						
7 571 562 000,00	-115 556 008,68	6 655 139 922,51	800 866 068,81	24 130 270,13	0,32 %	824 996 338,94
Payment - 04 02 63 02 - European Social Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State						
1 900 000,00	1 600 000,00	2 521 008,50	978 991,50	-212 253,00	-11,17 %	766 738,50
Payment - 04 03 02 03 - Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship -- Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises						
21 500 000,00	-7 740 000,00	898 768,94	12 861 231,06	-8 270 000,00	-38,47 %	4 591 231,06
Payment - 04 03 15 - European Labour Authority (ELA)						
15 683 250,00	0,00	2 382 007,29	13 301 242,71	-3 000 000,00	-19,13 %	10 301 242,71
Payment - 05 02 10 02 - Promotion measures -- Direct payments by the Union						
74 893 192,00	-4 000 000,00	47 423 976,35	23 469 215,65	-9 625 000,00	-12,85 %	13 844 215,65
Payment - 05 04 60 01 - Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector						
13 100 000 000,00	0,00	13 100 000 000,00	0,00	47 000 000,00	0,36 %	47 000 000,00
Payment - 05 05 03 02 - Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis						
38 000 000,00	-20 000 000,00	12 030 764,50	5 969 235,50	-4 169 235,50	-10,97 %	1 800 000,00
Payment - 05 08 03 - Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys						
4 940 306,00	0,00	4 142 626,53	797 679,47	-14 000,00	-0,28 %	783 679,47
Payment - 05 08 77 16 - Preparatory action -- Smart rural areas in the 21st century						
3 650 000,00	0,00	689 288,75	2 960 711,25	-2 960 711,25	-81,12 %	0,00
Payment - 05 08 77 17 - Pilot project -- Developing a farmers-- toolbox for integrated pest management practices from across the Union						
783 750,00	0,00	0,00	783 750,00	-783 750,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 05 08 77 18 - Pilot project -- Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture						
515 000,00	0,00	0,00	515 000,00	-515 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 09 02 77 06 - Pilot project -- Media councils in the digital era						
470 000,00	0,00	138 969,20	331 030,80	-109 047,31	-23,20 %	221 983,49
Payment - 09 02 77 07 - Pilot project -- Exchange of media `rising stars-- to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage ('Stars4media')						
1 650 000,00	0,00	232 902,91	1 417 097,09	-202 242,59	-12,26 %	1 214 854,50
Payment - 09 02 77 12 - Pilot project -- EU-wide programming contest						
595 000,00	-235 579,59	141 932,00	217 488,41	-181 546,37	-30,51 %	35 942,04
Payment - 09 05 77 05 - Preparatory action -- Subtitling European cultural television content throughout Europe						
975 000,00	-79 653,00	531 674,89	363 672,11	-274 137,41	-28,12 %	89 534,70
Payment - 09 05 77 11 - Pilot project -- A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans						
625 000,00	-300 921,00	0,00	324 079,00	-113 756,12	-18,20 %	210 322,88
Payment - 09 05 77 12 - Pilot project -- Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030						
450 000,00	0,00	0,00	450 000,00	-405 000,00	-90,00 %	45 000,00
Payment - 10 02 01 - Horizon 2020 -- Customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies						
34 500 000,00	5 073 000,00	30 884 378,62	8 688 621,38	-7 300 000,00	-21,16 %	1 388 621,38
Payment - 10 02 77 02 - Pilot project -- Organisation of large-scale events -- `Science meets Parliaments and Regions`						
150 000,00	27 000,00	170 815,34	6 184,66	-6 184,66	-4,12 %	0,00

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)
Payment - 13 03 62 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- More developed regions -- Investment for growth and jobs goal						
4 622 546 179,00	-3 101 078,37	3 824 064 388,90	795 380 711,73	24 130 270,14	0,52 %	819 510 981,87
Payment - 13 03 65 02 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State						
2 700 000,00	3 700 000,00	4 700 828,84	1 699 171,16	-559 285,00	-20,71 %	1 139 886,16
Payment - 13 04 61 02 - Cohesion Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State						
350 000,00	400 000,00	745 388,02	4 611,98	-4 611,98	-1,32 %	0,00
Payment - 15 04 01 - Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models						
30 000 000,00	-75 228,03	16 651 646,25	13 273 125,72	-10 214 602,69	-34,05 %	3 058 523,03
Payment - 15 05 01 - European Solidarity Corps						
150 000 000,00	0,00	117 186 744,13	32 813 255,87	-15 000 000,00	-10,00 %	17 813 255,87
Payment - 17 03 13 - International agreements and membership of international organisations in the field of public health and tobacco control						
220 000,00	0,00	156 699,76	63 300,24	-63 300,24	-28,77 %	0,00
Payment - 17 03 77 15 - Preparatory action -- European study on the burden and care of epilepsy						
0,00	614 706,50	0,00	614 706,50	-614 706,50	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - 17 03 77 22 - Pilot project -- MentALLY						
0,00	198 824,00	0,00	198 824,00	-198 824,00	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - 17 03 77 25 - Pilot project -- Integrate: development of integrated strategies to monitor and treat chronic and rheumatic diseases: the role of quality indicators and patient-reported outcomes in addition to physician evaluation of disease activity and damage						
0,00	248 285,79	0,00	248 285,79	-248 285,79	0,00 %	0,00
Payment - 21 06 51 - Completion of former actions (prior to 2014)						
7 500 000,00	0,00	1 048 132,15	6 451 867,85	-3 500 000,00	-46,67 %	2 951 867,85
Payment - 21 08 01 - Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures						
30 498 459,00	-9 000 000,00	18 680 612,83	2 817 846,17	-1 300 000,00	-4,26 %	1 517 846,17
Payment - 21 08 02 - Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues and on the enlargement and neighbourhood policies						
15 445 488,00	-2 500 000,00	8 009 574,78	4 935 913,22	-2 000 000,00	-12,95 %	2 935 913,22
Payment - 23 04 01 - EU Aid Volunteers initiative -- Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises						
17 584 960,00	-1 758 496,00	3 310 836,92	12 515 627,08	-9 574 430,51	-54,45 %	2 941 196,57
Payment - 26 02 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts						
7 000 000,00	-250 000,00	5 407 681,69	1 342 318,31	-250 000,00	-3,57 %	1 092 318,31
Payment - 26 03 01 - Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA²)						
25 000 000,00	6 000 000,00	27 734 310,60	3 265 689,40	-186 000,00	-0,74 %	3 079 689,40
Payment - 29 02 01 - Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System						
71 000 000,00	-5 985 000,00	58 887 561,06	6 127 438,94	-3 500 000,00	-4,93 %	2 627 438,94
Payment - 32 02 51 - Completion of financial support for projects of common interest in the trans-European energy network						
1 443 196,00	0,00	910 539,00	532 657,00	-532 657,00	-36,91 %	0,00
Payment - 32 02 77 09 - Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among islands within and beyond the Union through the creation of an island identity within the Global Covenant of Mayors						
951 350,00	0,00	578 062,65	373 287,35	-373 287,35	-39,24 %	0,00
Payment - 32 02 77 11 - Pilot project -- Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market						
400 000,00	0,00	0,00	400 000,00	-110 000,00	-27,50 %	290 000,00

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)
Payment - 32 02 77 12 - Preparatory action -- Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition						
5 750 000,00	-339 142,50	134 672,50	5 276 185,00	-5 276 185,00	-91,76 %	0,00
Payment - 32 02 77 14 - Pilot project -- Advancing industrial decarbonisation by assessing the use of renewable energies in industrial processes						
262 500,00	0,00	0,00	262 500,00	-262 500,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 32 02 77 15 - Pilot project -- Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty						
1 500 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 500 000,00	-1 500 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 32 02 77 17 - Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among villages in the EU and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors						
500 000,00	0,00	0,00	500 000,00	-500 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - 32 03 01 - Nuclear safeguards						
18 850 000,00	-3 000 000,00	13 383 494,48	2 466 505,52	-1 000 000,00	-5,31 %	1 466 505,52
Payment - 40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations						
65 303 000,00	-64 953 000,00	0,00	350 000,00	-350 000,00	-0,54 %	0,00
Total DECREASE Payments				-95 260 540,27		
Total INCREASE Payments				95 260 540,27		
Total DECREASE Commitments				0,00		
Total INCREASE Commitments				0,00		
Total DECREASE Non-Diff				0,00		
Total INCREASE Non-Diff				0,00		

Justifications

Increased 04 02 60

European Social Fund -- Less developed regions -- Investment for growth and jobs goal

In 2020, many Member States opted for increased 100% co-financing in accordance with the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+). This resulted in increased payment needs, higher than initially foreseen. Therefore, based on the current state of implementation, submission of payment claims and Member states forecasts, the reinforcement by EUR 24,1 million in payment appropriations is needed to reimburse applications submitted by national authorities.

Decreased 04 02 63 02

European Social Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State

Following the revision of the forecast for payments, an amount of EUR 0,2 million will not be used before the end of the year and can therefore be made available.

Decreased 04 03 02 03

Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship -- Increasing access to, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

The available assigned revenues exceed the estimates made at the time of drafting budget 2020. Besides, the European Investment Fund (EIF) communicated in November that they will be able to absorb only a small tranche of the initially estimated needs. Therefore, the needs in payment appropriations for 2020 are lower than initially estimated, and an amount of EUR 8,3 million can be made available.

Decreased 04 03 15

European Labour Authority (ELA)

The Covid-19 crisis has slowed down significantly the recruitment of staff and has delayed the move to Bratislava and the signature of the related contracts. Therefore, an amount of EUR 3 million in payment appropriations can be made available. The remaining availabilities (up to EUR 9 million) will be transferred to the Employment and Social Innovation programme and prerogatives budget lines.

Decreased 05 02 10 02

Promotion measures -- Direct payments by the Union

Due to delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the pre-financing payments for some grant agreements signed in 2020 cannot be made this year. For the same reason, a number of procurement contracts were subject to suspensions and terminations. The total impact, reinforced by the restrictions of the second Covid-19 wave, turned out to be more significant than estimated in the context of the global transfer exercise in August 2020. Therefore, an amount of EUR 9,6 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Increased 05 04 60 01

Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector

For the 2014-2020 rural development programmes financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), Member State's declarations of expenditure for the third quarter of 2020 allow for the execution of additional payment appropriations for an amount of EUR 47 million.

Decreased 05 05 03 02

Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis

The negative impact of Covid-19 has resulted in, inter alia, slower progress of projects because of movement restrictions of workers, economic pressure on recipients and movement restrictions of national payment agencies' staff preventing the on-the-spot controls foreseen in approval procedures. This has led to less payment to projects than expected and a corresponding reduction of the expected declarations of expenditure by candidate countries, which resulted in a reduced need of payment appropriations. Therefore, an amount of EUR 4,2 million can be made available.

Decreased 05 08 03

Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys

Two payments were initially planned in 2020 for the integrated Modelling Platform for Agro-economic Commodity and Policy Analysis (iMAP). Taking into account the eventually agreed payments, an amount of EUR 14 000 in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 05 08 77 16

Preparatory action -- Smart rural areas in the 21st century

The contract related to this preparatory action indicates that the payments will be made in four instalments. According to the payment schedule, only one payment of EUR 0,7 million is scheduled for this year. Therefore, an amount of EUR 3 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 05 08 77 17

Pilot project -- Developing a farmers-- toolbox for integrated pest management practices from across the Union

An open call for tenders is under preparation for this pilot project. Since the corresponding individual commitment will only be made in 2021, no payments will take place this year and all payment appropriations on this budget line amounting to EUR 0,8 million can be made available.

Decreased 05 08 77 18

Pilot project -- Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture

The open call for tenders related to this pilot project was launched in July 2020. According to the payment schedule foreseen in the contract awarded, no payments are scheduled for 2020. Therefore, all payment appropriations available on this budget line amounting to EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 09 02 77 06

Pilot project -- Media councils in the digital era

Following an extension of the duration of this pilot project, the final payment has been postponed to the first Quarter of 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,1 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 09 02 77 07

Pilot project -- Exchange of media `rising stars-- to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage (`Stars4media`)

The final payment for this pilot project has been postponed to the first Quarter of 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 09 02 77 12

Pilot project -- EU-wide programming contest

Most of the workshops for this pilot project have been postponed to 2021. Therefore, only one interim payment was made in 2020 and an amount of EUR 0,2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 09 05 77 05

Preparatory action -- Subtitling European cultural television content throughout Europe

For this preparatory action, two of the three interim payments forecasted in 2020 have been postponed to the first quarter of 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,3 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 09 05 77 11

Pilot project -- A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans

For this pilot project, the pre-financing forecasted in 2020 has been postponed to the first Quarter of 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,1 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 09 05 77 12

Pilot project -- Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030

For this pilot project, the pre-financing forecasted in 2020 has been postponed to the first Quarter of 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,4 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 10 02 01

Horizon 2020 -- Customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies

Due to the sanitary crisis, the execution of contracts has slowed down. As the appropriations on this budget line are implemented mainly through procurement and payments on deliverables, it is not expected that the delays can be recovered by year-end. Therefore, an amount of EUR 7,3 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 10 02 77 02

Pilot project -- Organisation of large-scale events -- `Science meets Parliaments and Regions`

This Pilot Project is finalised. As the output required from the contractor was only partially delivered, the final payment was reduced and the amount of EUR 6 185 can be made available.

Increased 13 03 62

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- More developed regions -- Investment for growth and jobs goal

In 2020, many Member States opted for increased 100% co-financing in accordance with the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+). This resulted in increased payment needs, higher than initially foreseen. Therefore, based on the current state of implementation, submission of payment claims and Member states forecasts, the reinforcement by EUR 24,1 million in payment appropriations is needed to reimburse applications submitted by national authorities.

Decreased 13 03 65 02

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State

Due to delays in the signature of some agreements, the forecast for payments has been revised and an amount of EUR 0,6 million can be made available.

Decreased 13 04 61 02

Cohesion Fund -- Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State

A small leftover of EUR 4 612 will not be used before the end of 2020 and can be made available.

Decreased 15 04 01

Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models

Disbursements to the European Investment Fund (EIF) will be significantly lower than estimated. This surplus is further increased by the extreme constraints on events due to the Covid-19. In addition some payments related to the "Module for master degrees in art and science" projects as well as the Lux Prize will be shifted to 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 10,2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 15 05 01

European Solidarity Corps

Taking into account the particular circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, some activities were impacted and/or postponed, particularly those managed by National Agencies. This concerns the traineeships and jobs, the training for participants, the insurance and other complementary activities. The payments initially foreseen on this budget line are therefore postponed to 2021, and an amount of EUR 15 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 17 03 13

International agreements and membership of international organisations in the field of public health and tobacco control

The single payment on this budget line was made. Due to the exchange rate differences an amount of EUR 63 300 in payment appropriations remains on the line and can be made available.

Decreased 17 03 77 15

Preparatory action -- European study on the burden and care of epilepsy

The payment foreseen for this preparatory action is postponed to 2021, pending clarification on the final amount to be paid. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,6 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 17 03 77 22

Pilot project -- MentALLY

The payment foreseen for this pilot project is postponed to 2021, pending clarification on the final amount to be paid. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 17 03 77 25

Pilot project -- Integrate: development of integrated strategies to monitor and treat chronic and rheumatic diseases: the role of quality indicators and patient-reported outcomes in addition to physician evaluation of disease activity and damage

The final request for payment for this pilot project was not received. Therefore, the payment is postponed to 2021 and an amount of EUR 0,2 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 21 06 51

Completion of former actions (prior to 2014)

A majority of activities related to the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation are affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in delays in contracting, implementation and payments. All the corresponding contracts are affected to a different extent. Therefore, an amount of EUR 3,5 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 21 08 01

Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures

The surplus of EUR 1,3 million on this budget line is mainly due to :

- delays in the implementation of ongoing contracts for Results Oriented Monitoring and evaluations due to the Covid-19 crisis limiting the possibilities to evaluate the projects on the ground;
- the postponement to 2021 of the contracting related to the 2020 financial decision, adopted in October 2020. As a result, the pre-financing payments initially expected in 2020 will only be made in 2021.

Decreased 21 08 02

Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues and on the enlargement and neighbourhood policies

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the execution of many contracts, especially those related to the organisation of events (in particular European Development Days 2020) have been delayed or cancelled. This has severely affected the level of consumption of payment appropriations. Consequently, an amount of EUR 2 million can be made available.

Decreased 23 04 01

EU Aid Volunteers initiative -- Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises

Due to the measures implemented to limit the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as travel restrictions, and the uncertainty regarding the duration of such measures, the implementation of the annual programme was considerably impacted. The deployment call has been cancelled and the training of the volunteers selected under the 2019 deployment call will only be partially contracted. Consequently, an amount of EUR 9,6 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 26 02 01

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

Following the postponement of the eNotices2 project initially planned in 2019 and launched in May 2020, some payments will be postponed to 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,3 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 26 03 01

Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA²)

Contracts were signed in the middle of the Covid-19 outbreak that affected the related activities, for example restrictions on accessing customer's premises in several sites in Europe. Therefore, some payments are postponed to 2021 and an amount of UER 0,2 million can be made available.

Decreased 29 02 01

Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the National Statistical Institutes encountered difficulties in the implementation of grants. As a result of delays in the publications and signature of the grant agreements, some pre-financing payments will be postponed to 2021. Therefore, an amount of EUR 3,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 51

Completion of financial support for projects of common interest in the trans-European energy network

No further invoices will be received until the end of the year. Therefore, the remaining amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 09

Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among islands within and beyond the Union through the creation of an island identity within the Global Covenant of Mayors

No further invoices will be received until the end of the year. Therefore, the remaining amount of EUR 0,4 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 11

Pilot project -- Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market

The latest payment forecast shows that EUR 0,1 million will still be available at the end of the year and are therefore made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 12

Preparatory action -- Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition

The signature of a contribution agreement with the European Investment Bank Jasper Fund is delayed. In addition, the signature of the contribution agreement with the World Bank will be signed in December 2020. Subsequently, the related payments will be postponed to 2021 and an amount of EUR 5,3 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 14

Pilot project -- Advancing industrial decarbonisation by assessing the use of renewable energies in industrial processes

No further invoices will be received until the end of the year. Therefore, an amount of EUR 0,3 million in payment appropriations can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 15

Pilot project -- Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty

Following delays in the signature of the contract for this pilot project, the related payments will be postponed to 2021 and an amount of EUR 1,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 02 77 17

Preparatory action -- Strengthening cooperation on climate action among villages in the EU and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors

Following delays in the signature of the contract for this preparatory action, the related payments will be postponed to 2021 and an amount of EUR 0,5 million can be made available.

Decreased 32 03 01

Nuclear safeguards

Due to the second wave of the Covid-19 crisis, the number of missions of nuclear inspectors was reduced again (in particular due to travel restrictions imposed by the medical service on nuclear inspectors older than 60). In addition, there will be a decrease in the payments to the IT consortiums as the number of working days that will be invoiced is also impacted by this situation. Therefore, an amount of EUR 1 million can be made available.

Decreased 40 02 41

Differentiated appropriations

The remaining payment appropriations of EUR 0,4 million on this reserve line are not needed in 2020 and can be made available for redeployment. They were initially foreseen for the sectoral support payment set out in the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with the Cook Islands that will eventually be processed in 2021.