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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 01/2021.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2021
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 03, 07, 14, PA, PP

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 01/2021**

INTRODUCTION

The present transfer proposal concerns those pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP/PAs) adopted under the 2021 budget that were assessed by the Commission as category C (fully covered by a legal base or the ideas are otherwise being addressed) in its 'executability letter' of 17 November 2020¹.

As indicated in the 'executability letter', it is proposed to transfer the commitment and payment appropriations related to these PP/PAs to the appropriate budget line of the existing programmes covering the proposed activities.

This 2021 exercise relates to 3 preparatory actions and 9 pilot projects for a total value of EUR 6,7 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 2,6 million in payment appropriations. Appropriations of one C rated project will be transferred to a programme in Heading 6 in an upcoming Draft Amending budget, as they impact the amount of Flexibility instrument mobilised under Heading 2b.

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 23 February 2021;
- transfers as of 23 February 2021;
- the implementation as of 23 February 2021;
- 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 and related reinforcements of the authorised appropriations on the budget line, detailed justifications are provided in the enclosure.

¹ Ares(2020)6821998 – Synthesis note point 7 + Annex 3

FROM

CHAPTER - PA03 Single Market

ITEM - PA 03 20 05 Preparatory action -- Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market	Commitments	-900 000,00
	Payments	-495 000,00
ITEM - PA 03 21 01 Preparatory action -- The European Crisis-management mechanism for the Tourism sector	Commitments	-2 500 000,00
	Payments	-625 000,00

CHAPTER - PA07 Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values

ITEM - PA 07 20 06 Preparatory action -- Roma Civil Monitor -- Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review	Commitments	-1 000 000,00
	Payments	-850 000,00

CHAPTER - PP04 Space

ITEM - PP 04 21 01 Pilot project -- Pandemic EU-wide management	Commitments	-1 000 000,00
	Payments	-250 000,00

CHAPTER - PP07 Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values

ITEM - PP 07 21 06 Pilot project -- Enabling greater gender budget responsiveness of the next MFF through an gender impact assessment	Commitments	-60 000,00
	Payments	-15 000,00

ITEM - PP 07 21 10 Pilot project -- Education Platform on Rule of Law	Commitments	-400 000,00
	Payments	-100 000,00

ITEM - PP 07 21 12 Pilot project -- Improving the employment for persons with disabilities through the inclusive enterprise model	Commitments	-150 000,00
	Payments	-37 500,00

ITEM - PP 07 21 13 Pilot project -- Domestic Violence - Assessment of the impact of programs targeting aggressors as an instrument to prevent their recurrence in different European countries	Commitments	-150 000,00
	Payments	-37 500,00

ITEM - PP 07 21 15 Pilot project -- Establishing an EU app for domestic violence victims	Commitments	-150 000,00
	Payments	-37 500,00

CHAPTER - PP09 Environment and Climate Action

ITEM - PP 09 21 01 Pilot project -- Integrating AI into the circular economy	Commitments	-60 000,00
	Payments	-15 000,00

ITEM - PP 09 21 03 Pilot project -- Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping	Commitments	-180 000,00
	Payments	-45 000,00

CHAPTER - PP14 External Action

ITEM - PP 14 21 01 Pilot project -- European Observatory on the fight against Impunity	Commitments	-175 000,00
	Payments	-43 750,00

TO

CHAPTER - 0203 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ARTICLE - 02 03 01 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport

Commitments	180 000,00
Payments	45 000,00

CHAPTER - 0204 Digital Europe Programme

ARTICLE - 02 04 03 Artificial Intelligence

Commitments	1 060 000,00
Payments	265 000,00

CHAPTER - 0302 Single Market Programme (incl. SMEs)

ARTICLE - 03 02 02 Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets

Commitments	2 500 000,00
Payments	625 000,00

ITEM - 03 02 04 01 Ensuring high level of consumer protection and product safety

Commitments	900 000,00
Payments	495 000,00

CHAPTER - 0702 European Social Fund+ (ESF+)

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

Commitments	150 000,00
Payments	37 500,00

CHAPTER - 0703 Erasmus+

ITEM - 07 03 01 01 Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management

Commitments	400 000,00
Payments	100 000,00

CHAPTER - 0706 Rights and Values

ARTICLE - 07 06 01 Promote equality and rights

Commitments	1 060 000,00
Payments	865 000,00

ARTICLE - 07 06 03 Daphne

Commitments	300 000,00
Payments	75 000,00

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

ITEM - 14 02 02 11 Fundamental rights and freedoms -- Human rights and democracy

Commitments	175 000,00
Payments	43 750,00

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 - 02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport						
45 758 512,00	0,00	0,00	45 758 512,00	45 000,00	0,10 %	45 803 512,00
Commitment - 02 03 01 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport						
1 772 331 878,00	0,00	0,00	1 772 331 878,00	180 000,00	0,01 %	1 772 511 878,00
Payment - 02 04 03 - Artificial Intelligence						
23 711 034,00	0,00	0,00	23 711 034,00	265 000,00	1,12 %	23 976 034,00
Commitment - 02 04 03 - Artificial Intelligence						
318 323 274,00	0,00	0,00	318 323 274,00	1 060 000,00	0,33 %	319 383 274,00
Payment - 03 02 02 - Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets						
26 315 500,00	0,00	0,00	26 315 500,00	625 000,00	2,38 %	26 940 500,00
Commitment - 03 02 02 - Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets						
117 443 450,00	0,00	0,00	117 443 450,00	2 500 000,00	2,13 %	119 943 450,00
Payment - 03 02 04 01 - Ensuring high level of consumer protection and product safety						
6 920 585,00	0,00	0,00	6 920 585,00	495 000,00	7,15 %	7 415 585,00
Commitment - 03 02 04 01 - Ensuring high level of consumer protection and product safety						
22 964 531,00	0,00	0,00	22 964 531,00	900 000,00	3,92 %	23 864 531,00
Payment - 07 02 04 - ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation strand						
28 104 556,00	0,00	0,00	28 104 556,00	37 500,00	0,13 %	28 142 056,00
Commitment - 07 02 04 - ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation strand						
99 982 373,00	0,00	0,00	99 982 373,00	150 000,00	0,15 %	100 132 373,00
Payment - 07 03 01 01 - Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management						
1 468 151 286,00	0,00	0,00	1 468 151 286,00	100 000,00	0,01 %	1 468 251 286,00
Commitment - 07 03 01 01 - Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management						
1 755 470 446,00	0,00	10 248,29	1 755 460 197,71	400 000,00	0,02 %	1 755 860 197,71
Payment - 07 06 01 - Promote equality and rights						
10 622 790,00	0,00	0,00	10 622 790,00	865 000,00	8,14 %	11 487 790,00
Commitment - 07 06 01 - Promote equality and rights						
35 409 000,00	0,00	0,00	35 409 000,00	1 060 000,00	2,99 %	36 469 000,00
Payment - 07 06 03 - Daphne						
6 244 139,00	0,00	0,00	6 244 139,00	75 000,00	1,20 %	6 319 139,00
Commitment - 07 06 03 - Daphne						
20 444 304,00	0,00	0,00	20 444 304,00	300 000,00	1,47 %	20 744 304,00
Payment - 14 02 02 11 - Fundamental rights and freedoms -- Human rights and democracy						
10 781 000,00	0,00	0,00	10 781 000,00	43 750,00	0,41 %	10 824 750,00
Commitment - 14 02 02 11 - Fundamental rights and freedoms -- Human rights and democracy						
150 891 672,00	0,00	0,00	150 891 672,00	175 000,00	0,12 %	151 066 672,00
Payment - PA 03 20 05 - Preparatory action -- Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market						
495 000,00	0,00	0,00	495 000,00	-495 000,00	-100,00 %	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)
Commitment - PA 03 20 05 - Preparatory action -- Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market						
900 000,00	0,00	0,00	900 000,00	-900 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PA 03 21 01 - Preparatory action -- The European Crisis-management mechanism for the Tourism sector						
625 000,00	0,00	0,00	625 000,00	-625 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PA 03 21 01 - Preparatory action -- The European Crisis-management mechanism for the Tourism sector						
2 500 000,00	0,00	0,00	2 500 000,00	-2 500 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PA 07 20 06 - Preparatory action -- Roma Civil Monitor -- Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review						
850 000,00	0,00	0,00	850 000,00	-850 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PA 07 20 06 - Preparatory action -- Roma Civil Monitor -- Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review						
1 000 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 000 000,00	-1 000 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 04 21 01 - Pilot project -- Pandemic EU-wide management						
250 000,00	0,00	0,00	250 000,00	-250 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 04 21 01 - Pilot project -- Pandemic EU-wide management						
1 000 000,00	0,00	0,00	1 000 000,00	-1 000 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 07 21 06 - Pilot project -- Enabling greater gender budget responsiveness of the next MFF through an gender impact assessment						
15 000,00	0,00	0,00	15 000,00	-15 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 07 21 06 - Pilot project -- Enabling greater gender budget responsiveness of the next MFF through an gender impact assessment						
60 000,00	0,00	0,00	60 000,00	-60 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 07 21 10 - Pilot project -- Education Platform on Rule of Law						
100 000,00	0,00	0,00	100 000,00	-100 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 07 21 10 - Pilot project -- Education Platform on Rule of Law						
400 000,00	0,00	0,00	400 000,00	-400 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 07 21 12 - Pilot project -- Improving the employment for persons with disabilities through the inclusive enterprise model						
37 500,00	0,00	0,00	37 500,00	-37 500,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 07 21 12 - Pilot project -- Improving the employment for persons with disabilities through the inclusive enterprise model						
150 000,00	0,00	0,00	150 000,00	-150 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 07 21 13 - Pilot project -- Domestic Violence - Assessment of the impact of programs targeting aggressors as an instrument to prevent their recurrence in different European countries						
37 500,00	0,00	0,00	37 500,00	-37 500,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 07 21 13 - Pilot project -- Domestic Violence - Assessment of the impact of programs targeting aggressors as an instrument to prevent their recurrence in different European countries						
150 000,00	0,00	0,00	150 000,00	-150 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 07 21 15 - Pilot project -- Establishing an EU app for domestic violence victims						
37 500,00	0,00	0,00	37 500,00	-37 500,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 07 21 15 - Pilot project -- Establishing an EU app for domestic violence victims						
150 000,00	0,00	0,00	150 000,00	-150 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 09 21 01 - Pilot project -- Integrating AI into the circular economy						
15 000,00	0,00	0,00	15 000,00	-15 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 09 21 01 - Pilot project -- Integrating AI into the circular economy						
60 000,00	0,00	0,00	60 000,00	-60 000,00	-100,00 %	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 - PP 09 21 03 - Pilot project -- Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping						
45 000,00	0,00	0,00	45 000,00	-45 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 09 21 03 - Pilot project -- Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping						
180 000,00	0,00	0,00	180 000,00	-180 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Payment - PP 14 21 01 - Pilot project -- European Observatory on the fight against Impunity						
43 750,00	0,00	0,00	43 750,00	-43 750,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Commitment - PP 14 21 01 - Pilot project -- European Observatory on the fight against Impunity						
175 000,00	0,00	0,00	175 000,00	-175 000,00	-100,00 %	0,00
Total DECREASE Payments				-2 551 250,00		
Total INCREASE Payments				2 551 250,00		
Total DECREASE Commitments				-6 725 000,00		
Total INCREASE Commitments				6 725 000,00		
Total DECREASE Non-Diff				0,00		
Total INCREASE Non-Diff				0,00		

Justifications

Decreased PA 03 20 05

Preparatory action -- Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market

This 2021 preparatory action cannot be implemented since the implementation of the 2020 preparatory action for the same subject is ongoing and the initially allocated budget is sufficient to cover the objectives. Any further allocation would create a significant risk of under execution. Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this preparatory action (EUR 0,9 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,5 million in payment appropriations) to the operational budget line 03 02 04 01.

Increased 03 02 04 01

Ensuring high level of consumer protection and product safety

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the preparatory action — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market.

Decreased PA 03 21 01

Preparatory action -- The European Crisis-management mechanism for the Tourism sector

This preparatory action cannot be implemented because it is already covered by existing EU level crisis management structures and processes, such as the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) and the Integrated Political Crisis Response (IPCR). Furthermore, structures for EU level cooperation on tourism already exist, in particular the Tourism Advisory Committee and the regular tourism ministers' meetings to coordinate and complement actions taken by individual Member States, in line with the competences under Article 195 of the Treaty. The EU financial support for the tourism ecosystem is possible by various EU financing programmes managed by the Commission. Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this preparatory action (EUR 2,5 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,6 million in payment appropriations) to budget line 03 02 02.

Increased 03 02 02

Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets

The Commission had indicated in the executability letter of 17/11/2020 that the appropriations would be proposed to be transferred to budget line 03 02 01 01 (Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services). However, after further careful consideration of the work programmes we will propose to the budgetary authority to transfer the appropriations to budget line 03 02 02 (Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets), where efficient synergies on Tourism actions can easily be attained.

This will allow the financing of actions to support tourism SMEs in the recovery from the Covid-19 crisis and in particular for preparing them for the green and digital transformation, boosting their resilience and ability to innovate. In addition, the appropriations would also be used to map the governance structures and processes that managed tourism during the pandemic and to identify the data and data sources, which are essential for the tourism industry and administrations to navigate through a crisis and to inform corrective actions and remedy measures. Moreover, the funds may also be used to provide expert support to national and regional administrations to help them improve tourism governance, resilience and crisis preparedness.

Decreased PA 07 20 06

Preparatory action -- Roma Civil Monitor -- Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review

This preparatory action cannot be implemented since the implementation of the 2020 preparatory action for the same subject is ongoing and the initially allocated budget is sufficient to cover the objectives. Any further allocation would create a significant risk of under execution. Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this preparatory action (EUR 1 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,9 million in payment appropriations) to the operational budget line 07 06 01.

Increased 07 06 01

Promote equality and rights

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the preparatory action - Roma Civil Monitor -- Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review.

Decreased PP 04 21 01

Pilot project -- Pandemic EU-wide management

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, the objective of the pilot project was to build a standardised solution for the Covid-19 monitoring in the EU. But given the urgency to monitor the health crisis on the EU level, the purpose of this pilot project was already implemented through an interoperability gateway service for national contact tracing and warning applications developed by the European Commission in close cooperation with the Member States. With regard to the technical specifications, the pilot project proposed to use anonymised positioning, navigation and timing services provided by European global satellite system Galileo. While recognising the added value of Galileo, in particular its accuracy and the use of dual-frequency, the EU toolbox includes mobile applications for contact tracing that are based on proximity data and are thus more compatible with privacy and data protection aspects.

Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 1 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,3 million in payment appropriations) to budget line 02 04 03.

Increased 02 04 03

Artificial Intelligence

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Pandemic EU-wide management.

Decreased PP 07 21 06

Pilot project -- Enabling greater gender budget responsiveness of the next MFF through a gender impact assessment

The 2021-2027 MFF ensure the integration of gender equality considerations throughout the Framework generally, and more specifically in various EU funding programmes. The proposals for the new spending programmes were based on impact assessments carried out in line with standard requirements and practice of the Better Regulation agenda. All MFF proposals were screened for numerous impact categories, including gender impacts. The depth of analysis was always proportionate to the significance of the expected impacts. Therefore, the proposed pilot project would duplicate the completed tasks as well as the ongoing work, and thus would not provide added value. Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 60 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 15 000 in payment appropriations) to the operational budget line 07 06 01 under the Programme “Citizenship, Equality Rights and Values”.

Increased 07 06 01

Promote equality and rights

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Enabling greater gender budget responsiveness of the next MFF through a gender impact assessment.

Decreased PP 07 21 10

Pilot project -- Education Platform on Rule of Law

The scope of this Pilot Project was to develop an educational package with interactive modules on the Rule of Law for teachers and pupils in secondary education across the EU. However, support to the development of content and educational packages is already offered under the Erasmus+ programme, notably in Key Action 2: strategic partnerships projects, which aim to support exchanges of best practices and encourage innovative pedagogical approaches for improving teaching and learning. Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 0,4 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 0,1 million in payment appropriations) to the operational budget line 07 03 01 01.

Increased 07 03 01 01

Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Education Platform on Rule of Law.

Decreased PP 07 21 12

Pilot project -- Improving the employment for persons with disabilities through the inclusive enterprise model

This Pilot Project cannot be implemented because it is already covered by the following existing and forthcoming legislation/activities such as initiatives from the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme, the European Social Fund and Erasmus. The inclusive enterprises already exist, and social enterprises were already financed by the EaSI programme as well as under European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020. The Commission will present actions to increase employment of people with disabilities in the new European Disability Strategy in 2021, following the ongoing preparatory work and exchanges with stakeholders. Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 150 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 37 500 in payment appropriations) to the operational budget line 07 02 04.

Increased 07 02 04

ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation strand

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Improving the employment for persons with disabilities through the inclusive enterprise model.

Decreased PP 07 21 13

Pilot project -- Domestic Violence - Assessment of the impact of programs targeting aggressors as an instrument to prevent their recurrence in different European countries

This pilot project is fully covered by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV). More specifically, the proposed topic can be covered under the Daphne strand of the programme to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence.

Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 150 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 37 500 in payment appropriations) to budget line 07 06 03.

Increased 07 06 03

Daphne

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project - Domestic Violence - Assessment of the impact of programs targeting aggressors as an instrument to prevent their recurrence in different European countries.

Decreased PP 07 21 15

Pilot project -- Establishing an EU app for domestic violence victims

This pilot project is fully covered by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV). More specifically, the proposed topic can be covered under the Daphne strand of the programme to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence. Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 150 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 37 500 in payment appropriations) to budget line 07 06 03.

Increased 07 06 03

Daphne

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Establishing an EU app for domestic violence victims.

Decreased PP 09 21 01

Pilot project -- Integrating AI into the circular economy

This pilot project proposal cannot be implemented because it is already covered by the Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) adopted by the Commission in 2020 (COM(2020)98), that specifies further actions, legislative proposals, policies, strategies and instruments to be developed through and in the follow up to the CEAP.

Additional programmes, such as Horizon 2020, Cohesion and LIFE have dedicated significant funds for circular economy projects. Horizon 2020 in particular had targeted initiatives on information and communication technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and supported the objectives of the circular economy such as resource and energy efficiency.

Further investments are also planned in the upcoming Digital Europe Programme (DEP), which foresees a reinforced role of circular economy requirements, especially in the key technological areas including AI. The White Paper on Artificial Intelligence - issued by the Commission in February 2020, outlines further actions promoting the uptake of AI and development of AI ecosystem integrated with the circular economy.

Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 60 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 15 000 in payment appropriations) to budget line 02 04 03 (Digital Europe Programme, budget line dealing with the Interoperability gateway service).

Increased 02 04 03

Artificial Intelligence

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Integrating AI into the circular economy.

Decreased PP 09 21 03

Pilot project -- Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping

This pilot project cannot be implemented as it is already covered by the existing and forthcoming legislation/activities financed under Horizon 2020 programme, specifically by the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking. In addition, the FuelEU Maritime initiative focusses on the uptake of alternative marine fuels. Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 180 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 45 000 in payment appropriations) to budget line 02 03 01.

Increased 02 03 01

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Transport

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping.

Decreased PP 14 21 01

Pilot project -- European Observatory on the fight against Impunity

This pilot project cannot be implemented because it is already covered by the future legal base of Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). The topic is highly relevant and in line with the EU's commitments under the EU Global Strategy, the EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crises and the new EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024. Upholding human rights, justice and accountability are among the thematic priorities proposed for the future Human Rights and Democracy thematic programme of the NDICI. The Commission would consider activities related to strengthening partnerships and capacity of key stakeholders to perform advocacy, monitoring and support to relevant bodies, including parliaments, as part of its future actions within the thematic programme Human Rights and Democracy of the NDICI aimed at fighting impunity and ensuring accountability for most serious crimes.

Therefore, as mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to transfer the appropriations allocated to this pilot project (EUR 175 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 43 750 in payment appropriations) to budget line 14 02 02 11.

Increased 14 02 02 11

Fundamental rights and freedoms -- Human rights and democracy

As mentioned in the Commission executability letter of 17/11/2020, it is proposed to reinforce the present budget line by the 2021 appropriations allocated to the pilot project – European Observatory on the fight against Impunity.