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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 14/2021.

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correction 07/07/2021GENERAL BUDGET - 2021
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 20, O3, O4, O5

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 14/2021

FROM**CHAPTER** - 2002 Other staff and expenditure relating to persons

ITEM - 20 02 06 01 Mission and representation expenses Non-Diff -29 000 000,00

TO**CHAPTER** - 2003 Administrative Operating expenditure

ITEM - 20 03 13 01 Translation expenditure Non-Diff 3 000 000,00

CHAPTER - 2003160101 Administrative expenditure

ITEM - O3 01 09 01 Information systems Non-Diff 118 906,00

CHAPTER - 2003160201 Administrative expenditure

ITEM - O4 01 09 01 Information systems Non-Diff 49 544,00

CHAPTER - 2003160301 Administrative expenditure

ITEM - O5 01 09 01 Information systems Non-Diff 59 453,00

CHAPTER - 2004 Information and communication technology related expenditure

ARTICLE - 20 04 01 Information systems Non-Diff 13 144 390,00

ARTICLE - 20 04 02 Digital workplace Non-Diff 2 068 417,00

ARTICLE - 20 04 03 Data Centre and networking services Non-Diff 10 559 290,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

20 02 06 01 - Mission and representation expenses

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	53 230 000,00
2 Transfers	10 310 350,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	63 540 350,00
4 Appropriations already used	17 225 980,60
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	46 314 369,40
6 Decrease proposed	29 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	17 314 369,40
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	54,48 %
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	1 166 448,78
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	904 072,67
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	22,49 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

At the moment of the preparation and adoption of the 2021 budget, there was little certainty on the rhythm with which normal mission and meeting patterns could resume. The first months of 2021 have shown that such a resumption is unlikely to occur across the board until the later part of the year, although essential missions and meetings in certain policies are maintained, and in some cases are even increasing. On this basis, it is possible to transfer EUR 29 million to areas requiring reinforcement to ensure business continuity.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

20 03 13 01 - Translation expenditure

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	11 000 000,00
2 Transfers	1 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	12 000 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	11 982 945,71
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	17 054,29
6 Increase requested	3 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	3 017 054,29
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	27,27 %
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	370 000,00
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The demand for translation has been stable or growing in the past 5 years. By end of May 2021, over one million pages more have been translated than in the same period of 2020, which represents 35% increase. This is due to the translation of voluminous files still ongoing, such as the addition of the Recovery and Resilience Facility exercise to the European Semester.

The exceptional workload has to be seen in addition to the expected traditional peak of translations demand during the autumn. Translations are primarily addressed by Commission staff, already delivering at its full capacity – beyond this, translations are outsourced. Existing appropriations for outsourcing will be exhausted in the coming weeks, which requires a reinforcement of the budget line for external translation by EUR 3 million.

The situation will be carefully monitored, and if necessary, and subject to redeployment possibilities, a further reinforcement before the year end may be proposed.

II.2

a) Heading

20 04 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	68 789 055,00
2 Transfers	-107 157,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	68 681 898,00
4 Appropriations already used	51 739 609,14
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	16 942 288,86
6 Increase requested	13 144 390,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	30 086 678,86
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	19,11 %
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	7 811 901,85
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	1 452 373,97
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	81,41 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of IT expenditure on information systems by EUR 13,1 million will cover the following needs:

- The launching of the HR Digital Transformation and Modernisation Programme (EUR 5 million):
It aims at the full digitalisation of the Human Resources management function, incorporating all Directorate Generals (DGs) and Services in the HR Family. The Commission will move to a future-proof, resilient HR platform, which can truly leverage new technologies from the market to the benefit of employees and managers. The HR Help Desk and the optimisation of the (Pre-)Selection and Recruitment processes are the initial priorities in the transformation process. The value-added will be seen at inter-institutional level as well in over 40 EU institutions, agencies and bodies using HR services delivered by the Commission;
- The Covid-19 vaccination campaign (EUR 0,7 million):
Several systems have needed unforeseen developments to cover the organisational and management needs of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign (e.g. SERMED – Medical Service, SYSPER – HR management, COMREF – staff data);
- The Reusable Solution Platform (RSP) and IT architecture (EUR 3,2 million):
Accelerating the rolling out of reusable solutions (e.g. EU Login, EU Sign, EU Send, Corporate Search and Corporate Notification System (CNS)), these are significant enablers of the Commission's digital transformation in a more secured environment, while avoiding the use of parallel tools in different DGs and Services;

- The development of the corporate financial and accounting system SUMMA (EUR 2,2 million):
in particular with regard to new functions needed for the strengthened borrowing and lending activities assumed by the Commission following the NextGenerationEU operations;
- Other corporate systems (total EUR 2 million):
All sort of systems need adaptation to the post-Covid-19 situation and to the Commission digital transformation in all domains (for example, Electronic Access to European Commission documents; EdiT and Decide, for the (pre)legislative process; Online interpreter training tool; Transparency register; BASIS, management of briefings and speeches; trainees management).

II.3

a) Heading

20 04 02 - Digital workplace

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	41 998 108,00
2 Transfers	-35 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	41 963 108,00
4 Appropriations already used	30 698 901,80
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	11 264 206,20
6 Increase requested	2 068 417,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	13 332 623,20
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	4,93 %
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	5 975 532,71
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	3 771 468,26
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	36,88 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement by EUR 2,1 million is needed to cover the additional expenses related to new ways of working and collaboration tools, such as the reinforcement of the IT helpdesk, the desk-side support and logistics services, and the maintenance of the IT solutions used by IT helpdesk.

II.4

a) Heading

20 04 03 - Data Centre and networking services

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	93 849 233,00
2 Transfers	142 157,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	93 991 390,00
4 Appropriations already used	81 784 329,65
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	12 207 060,35
6 Increase requested	10 559 290,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	22 766 350,35
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	11,25 %
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	11 521 536,17
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	845 429,82
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	92,66 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of data centre and network services by EUR 10,6 million will cover the following needs:

- The cloud strategy and ancillary investments in the corporate Data Centre (EUR 8,1 million):
Supporting the transformation of traditional hosting services towards a private cloud on premises model, with higher levels of security, resilience, data protection and self-service infrastructure provision, investments will be made in virtualised servers, storage and back-up equipment (together with the necessary additional workforce to install and operate this base equipment);
- Security (EUR 2,4 million):
Four security features will be covered:
 - cyber-security services;
 - IT Security Risk Management function (cyber risk management for the most sensitive assets and a programme for decommissioning of obsolete systems);
 - broadening the scope of current licenses for the private cloud-on-premises with additional security features; and
 - longer term solutions for network security.

II.5

a) Heading

03 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	3 380 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	3 380 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	1 550 196,92
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 829 803,08
6 Increase requested	118 906,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	1 948 709,08
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	3,52 %
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	2 472 975,49
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	244 797,87
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	90,10 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement by EUR 0,1 million is part of the general reinforcement of corporate systems needing adaptation to the post-Covid-19 situation and to the Commission digital transformation in all domains (in the case of PMO, the payment factory and integration with SUMMA).

II.6

a) Heading

04 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 562 477,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 562 477,00
4 Appropriations already used	1 264 267,11
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	298 209,89
6 Increase requested	49 544,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	347 753,89
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	3,17 %
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	91 279,79
2 Appropriations available on 07/07/2021	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement by EUR 49 544 is part of the general reinforcement of corporate systems needing adaptation to the post-Covid-19 situation and to the Commission digital transformation in all domains (in the case of OIB, facilities management).

II.7

a) Heading

05 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 07/07/2021

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	220 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	220 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	181 233,45
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	38 766,55
6 Increase requested	59 453,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	98 219,55
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	27,02 %
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 07/07/2021	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement by EUR 59 453 is part of the general reinforcement of corporate systems needing adaptation to the post-Covid-19 situation and to the Commission digital transformation in all domains (in the case of OIL, the buildings management system).