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| Subject: | Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021 |

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 24/2021.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2021
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 20, O1, O4, O5

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 24/2021

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

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| ITEM - 20 02 06 01 Mission and representation expenses | Non-Diff | -15 290 828,00 |
| ITEM - 20 02 06 02 Meetings, expert groups and conference's expenses | Non-Diff | -3 826 172,00 |
| ITEM - 20 02 06 03 Meetings of committees | Non-Diff | -2 308 210,00 |
| ITEM - 20 02 06 05 Further training and management training | Non-Diff | -711 770,00 |
| ITEM - 20 02 07 01 Mission and representation expenses | Non-Diff | -2 000 000,00 |

TO**CHAPTER - 2003** Administrative Operating expenditure

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| ITEM - 20 03 04 01 Acquisition and renting of buildings | Non-Diff | 3 136 980,00 |
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CHAPTER - 2003150101 Administrative expenditure

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| ITEM - O1 01 09 01 Information systems | Non-Diff | 1 077 000,00 |
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CHAPTER - 2003160201 Administrative expenditure

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| ITEM - O4 01 09 01 Information systems | Non-Diff | 80 000,00 |
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CHAPTER - 2003160301 Administrative expenditure

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| ITEM - O5 01 09 01 Information systems | Non-Diff | 41 000,00 |
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CHAPTER - 2004 Information and communication technology related expenditure

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| ARTICLE - 20 04 01 Information systems | Non-Diff | 12 377 000,00 |
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| ARTICLE - 20 04 02 Digital workplace | Non-Diff | 1 000 000,00 |
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| ARTICLE - 20 04 03 Data Centre and networking services | Non-Diff | 6 425 000,00 |
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INTRODUCTION

The present transfer is a final fine-tuning exercise aiming at reallocating appropriations to the Commission priority needs, thus making the best use of the authorised appropriations. It takes into account the well-advanced state of implementation of the 2021 administrative budget.

Movements of appropriations aim in particular at:

- Reinforcing the IT security and cybersecurity posture (EUR 11,6 million)

The investments on new or existing systems and services will first cover updated needs on the security field, in particular on cybersecurity. A total of EUR 6,7 million are direct investments on security activities or cybersecurity systems, and additional EUR 4,9 million aim at modernising the Commission IT systems portfolio, including decommissioning older systems, with a view to reduce the exposure to cyber threats and security risks in general.

- Other IT investments (EUR 9,4 million)

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought complex challenges that IT should help to solve in particular through further digitalisation of processes to support the new ways of working which are characterised by a decentralised and paperless environment. The requested reinforcement of the IT budget lines will accelerate the response to the business needs, under a strong governance framework, which promotes efficiency by reusing existing systems or purchasing existing solutions from the market.

The following table summarises the reinforcements of IT by budget line and objective. More details appear under each reinforced budget line.

| Budget line | | (Cyber)security (direct) | (Cyber)security (indirect) | Other IT | Total IT |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 20 04 01 | Information systems | 2 920 000 | 3 520 000 | 5 937 000 | 12 377 000 |
| 20 04 02 | Digital workplace | | 500 000 | 500 000 | 1 000 000 |
| 20 04 03 | Data Centre and networking services | 3 825 000 | 600 000 | 2 000 000 | 6 425 000 |
| O1 01 09 01 | Information systems (OP) | | 235 000 | 842 000 | 1 077 000 |
| O4 01 09 01 | Information systems (OIB) | | 20 000 | 60 000 | 80 000 |
| O5 01 09 01 | Information systems (OIL) | | | 41 000 | 41 000 |
| Total | | 6 745 000 | 4 875 000 | 9 380 000 | 21 000 000 |

- Reinforcing the buildings budget line (EUR 3,1 million)

The proposed reinforcement will allow the reimbursement of the outstanding repayments for certain 'Houses of Europe' in Member States, in line with the policy for their joint financing by the European Parliament and the Commission.

These essential reinforcements can be made in the light of the revised budget needs due to the Covid-19 crisis in respect of missions, conferences, committees, and training appropriations.

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

20 02 06 01 - Mission and representation expenses

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 53 230 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -16 311 370,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 36 918 630,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 16 366 967,43 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 20 551 662,57 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 15 290 828,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 5 260 834,57 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 28,73 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 847 790,56 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 27,32 % |

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. There are clear signs of resumption of general activity in the last months of the year, and essential missions and meetings in certain policies have been maintained or even increased in some cases.

However, the current implementation and the prospects until year-end on those budget lines open the possibility to transfer EUR 15,3 million from the mission and representation expenses (Headquarters) to areas requiring reinforcement in particular for sensitive IT domains.

I.2

a) Heading

20 02 06 02 - Meetings, expert groups and conferences expenses

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 20 998 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -11 863 029,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 9 134 971,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 2 980 722,21 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 6 154 248,79 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 3 826 172,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 2 328 076,79 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 18,22 % |
| 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 | 214 356,27 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 137 315,14 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 35,94 % |

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. There are clear signs of resumption of general activity in the last months of the year, and essential missions and meetings in certain policies have been maintained or even increased in some cases.

However, the current implementation and the prospects until year-end on those budget lines open the possibility to transfer EUR 3,8 million from meetings, expert groups and conferences' expenses to areas requiring reinforcement in particular for sensitive IT domains.

I.3

a) Heading

20 02 06 03 - Meetings of committees

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 9 500 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -5 707 777,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 3 792 223,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 962 785,00 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 2 829 438,00 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 2 308 210,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 521 228,00 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 24,30 % |
| 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 | 81 483,76 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 79 388,85 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 2,57 % |

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. There are clear signs of resumption of general activity in the last months of the year, and essential missions and meetings in certain policies have been maintained or even increased in some cases.

However, the current implementation and the prospects until year-end on those budget lines open the possibility to transfer EUR 2,3 million from the meetings of committees expenses to areas requiring reinforcement in particular for sensitive IT domains.

I.4

a) Heading

20 02 06 05 - Further training and management training

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 11 020 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -5 594,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 11 014 406,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 8 100 411,88 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 2 913 994,12 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 711 770,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 2 202 224,12 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 6,46 % |
| 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 | 1 680 057,56 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 46 387,67 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 97,24 % |

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. There are clear signs of resumption of general activity in the last months of the year, and essential missions and meetings in certain policies have been maintained or even increased in some cases. A similar situation has happened in relation with staff training expenditure, where training actions organised have been much less than originally planned, or have taken place through on-line communication

The current implementation and the prospects until year-end on those budget lines open the possibility to transfer EUR 0,7 million from training expenses to areas requiring reinforcement in particular for sensitive IT domains.

I.5

a) Heading

20 02 07 01 - Mission and representation expenses

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 5 475 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 0,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 5 475 000,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 3 295 000,00 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 2 180 000,00 |
| 6 Decrease proposed | 2 000 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6) | 180 000,00 |
| 8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 36,53 % |
| 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 | 0,00 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | n/a |

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. There are clear signs of resumption of general activity in the last months of the year, and essential missions and meetings in certain policies have been maintained or even increased in some cases.

However, the current implementation and the prospects until year-end on those budget lines open the possibility to transfer EUR 2 million from the mission and representation expenses (EU Delegations) to areas requiring reinforcement in particular for sensitive IT domains.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

20 03 04 01 - Acquisition and renting of buildings

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 12 113 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | -600 000,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 11 513 000,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 10 695 263,76 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 817 736,24 |
| 6 Increase requested | 3 136 980,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 3 954 716,24 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 25,90 % |
| 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 | 1 564 759,43 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 264,31 |
| 3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$ | 99,98 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

In order to maximise the impact of communication and presenting the EU in a coherent brand, the European Parliament and the European Commission have been working together for decades in the Member States. In most of them, European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLOs) and Commission Representations have been sharing premises in "Houses of Europe".

The 2005 Communication on "An inter-institutional policy for offices of the Representations in the European Union" and its 2008 amendment made the case for a purchasing strategy. The Institutions acquired buildings hosting the Houses of Europe in Budapest, Copenhagen, La Valletta, Nicosia, Sofia, The Hague and Vienna.

In the case of Sofia and Vienna, the Parliament paid the full price of the acquisition and the Commission is reimbursing its part over time in yearly instalments. These two cities are the only ones that have outstanding payments. The proposed reinforcement of EUR 3,1 million would allow the outstanding amount in Sofia to be reimbursed in full, and would cover around 3 years of instalments in Vienna.

II.2

a) Heading

20 04 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 68 789 055,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 13 037 233,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 81 826 288,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 63 680 131,08 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 18 146 156,92 |
| 6 Increase requested | 12 377 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 30 523 156,92 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 17,99 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 623 536,65 |
| 3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$ | 92,02 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Most of this reinforcement will satisfy the needs that could not be covered with the initial 2021 budget and the previous transfer in favour of IT lines (DEC 14/2021). Close to EUR 3 million will directly reinforce the Commission (and EU Institutions) IT security and cybersecurity systems (for example EU Login and EU Access, inter-institutional exchange of certificates, identity governance).

An additional EUR 3,5 million will indirectly reinforce security and cybersecurity by investing on standard and generalised corporate solutions and strengthened IT governance (for example the Reusable Solutions Platform, integration with ready-made market solutions, reinforcement of reference and corporate architecture).

Finally a total of EUR 5,9 million will be devoted to the update and adaptation to the new ways of working of existing or new standard systems across the Commission (for example corporate accounting and financial platform SUMMA, corporate decision making processes DECIDE, corporate information on internal control systems CENTRICS).

II.3

a) Heading

20 04 02 - Digital workplace

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 41 998 108,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 2 033 417,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 44 031 525,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 36 010 922,69 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 8 020 602,31 |
| 6 Increase requested | 1 000 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 9 020 602,31 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 2,38 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 1 190 289,56 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 80,08 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Half of this reinforcement will indirectly reinforce information security by establishing a seamless integrated framework of the collaborative tools (Sharepoints, Wikis, Teams, Skype for Business) needed to telework and distance communications. The other EUR 0,5 million will finance some additional licences for end-users and a proof of concept to improve the IT help-desk operation with artificial intelligence tools.

II.4

a) Heading

20 04 03 - Data Centre and networking services

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 93 849 233,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 10 701 447,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 104 550 680,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 91 940 270,29 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 12 610 409,71 |
| 6 Increase requested | 6 425 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 19 035 409,71 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 6,85 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 296 370,15 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 97,43 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Some EUR 3,8 million are to be invested in direct security and cybersecurity components. These will reinforce the hardware, software, licences and services available to the Commission corporate Data Centre (for example hardware upgrades and fast storage to support the Development, Security and Operations practices; penetration testing; assessment, preparation and training for the upcoming internal security regulation; upgrading the methodology for the risk assessments and IT security plans of information systems).

Another EUR 0,6 million will indirectly enhance IT security through a total automation and homogenisation in the access to Data Centre assets (hardware and software).

Finally, EUR 2 million will reinforce horizontal services in the Data Centre to improve the adaptation of the IT delivery to the business needs (for example the Service Now platform that will get the maximum synergies of using the same product for different use cases; support of the multi-annual planning and programming initiative).

II.5

a) Heading

01 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 8 728 940,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 0,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 8 728 940,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 8 218 671,59 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 510 268,41 |
| 6 Increase requested | 1 077 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 1 587 268,41 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 12,34 % |
| 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 | 19 862,58 |
| 2 Appropriations available on 08/10/2021 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 100,00 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of EUR 1,1 million will facilitate the adaptation to new technologies of two important systems managed by the Publications Office: CELLAR (the Common content and metadata repository for any content published in electronic format, managed by the Publications Office), and TED (the platform of the Official Journal S series, where the EU tender and procurement procedures are published).

II.6

a) Heading

04 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 1 562 477,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 49 544,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 1 612 021,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 1 506 992,91 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 105 028,09 |
| 6 Increase requested | 80 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 185 028,09 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 5,12 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | 100,00 % |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of EUR 80 000 will be used by the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB) to prepare decommissioning and replacement of obsolete local administrative systems.

II.7

a) Heading

05 01 09 01 - Information systems

b) Figures at 08/10/2021

| | Non-Diff |
|---|------------------|
| 1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB) | 220 000,00 |
| 2 Transfers | 59 453,00 |
| 3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2) | 279 453,00 |
| 4 Appropriations already used | 221 819,64 |
| 5 Appropriations available (3-4) | 57 633,36 |
| 6 Increase requested | 41 000,00 |
| 7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6) | 98 633,36 |
| 8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1) | 18,64 % |
| 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 08/10/2021 | 0,00 |
| 3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1] | n/a |

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of EUR 41 000 will be used by the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg (OIL) to enhance synergies and efficiencies with OIB local administrative systems.