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# **COVER NOTE**

From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Ms Irena DRMAŽ, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 26/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 26/2021.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2021 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

#### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 26/2021

## **FROM**

CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments -54 707 995,66

Payments -50 345 286,00

TO

**CHAPTER -** 0805 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO)

APTICLE 09.05.04 Fatablishing a gavarrance framework for fish

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities

carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

Payments

54 707 995,66

250 345 286,00

## I. DECREASE

## 1.1

## a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

## b) Figures at 12/10/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	74 600 000,00	71 600 000,00
2 Transfers	-19 892 004,34	-19 892 004,34
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	54 707 995,66	51 707 995,66
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	54 707 995,66	51 707 995,66
6 Decrease proposed	54 707 995,66	50 345 286,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,00	1 362 709,66
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	73,34 %	70,31 %
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	n/a

## c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 12/10/2021	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

## d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

In line with point 20 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, amounts provided for in the budget for new fisheries agreements or for the renewal of fisheries agreements, which enter into force after 1 January of the financial year concerned, shall be included in reserve.

It is proposed to transfer an amount of EUR 54,7 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 50,3 million in payment appropriations from this reserve to the operational budget line 08 05 01 to cover the financial obligations resulting from the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements to be concluded with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and with the Cook Islands.

# **II. INCREASE**

#### **II.1**

# a) Heading

08 05 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

#### b) Figures at 12/10/2021

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	67 822 000,00	67 184 500,00
2 Transfers	19 892 004,34	19 892 004,34
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	87 714 004,34	87 076 504,34
4 Appropriations already used	87 714 004,34	40 680 154,34
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00	46 396 350,00
6 Increase requested	54 707 995,66	50 345 286,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	54 707 995,66	96 741 636,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	80,66 %	74,94 %
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	n/a

## c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 12/10/2021	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 54,7 million in commitment and EUR 50,3 million in payment appropriations is needed to honour the 2021 financial obligations resulting from the new Implementing Protocols to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and with the Cook Islands, as well as to finance additional catches on existing protocols. In particular, the contribution will allow the first access payments to Mauritania and the Cook Islands to be paid no later than 90 days after the date of provisional application of the Protocol.

Following the Commission proposals COM(2021) 587 and COM(2021) 614, the Council is expected to agree on the conclusion and provisional application of the Implementing Protocols in November. The first access payment is due within 90 days following the entering into force of the Implementing Protocols, which are expected in the course of November.

The total reinforcement needed in commitment appropriations amounts to EUR 58,2 million. The difference is included in the Draft Amending Budget DAB 6/2021.