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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021

1. On 18 October 2021, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2021, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation¹.

The purpose of this proposal is to reallocate a total amount of EUR 24.14 million in non-differentiated appropriations from several budget lines related to missions, conferences, committees and training to Items 20 03 04 01 (*Acquisition and renting of buildings* - EUR 3.14 million), O1 01 09 01 (*Information systems (OP)* – EUR 1.08 million), O4 01 09 01 (*Information systems (OIB)* – EUR 0.08 million), O5 01 09 01 (*Information systems (OIL)* – EUR 0.04 million) and Articles 20 04 01 (*Information systems* – EUR 12.38 million), 20 04 02 (*Digital workplace* – EUR 1.00 million) and 20 04 03 (*Data Centre and networking services* – EUR 6.42 million), as recorded in document 12928/21.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU), 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU, and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

2. The aim of this transfer is in particular to reinforce:
 - the IT security and cybersecurity posture (EUR 11.6 million) with a view to reduce the exposure to cyber threats and security risks in general;
 - other IT investments (EUR 9.4 million) that should support, in particular through further digitalisation of processes, the new ways of working brought by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
 - the buildings budget line (EUR 3.1 million) allowing for 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.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 21 October 2021.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 12928/21, and
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the European Parliament
copy : President of the Commission

Sir,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018², I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2021 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2021.

(Complimentary close).

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).