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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 10/2022 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2022

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 10/2022.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2022
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 06, 07

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 10/2022**

FROM

CHAPTER - 0702 European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

ARTICLE - 07 02 04 ESF+ -- Employment and Social Innovation strand	Commitments	-14 500 000,00
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TO

CHAPTER - 0605 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)

ARTICLE - 06 05 01 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)	Commitments	14 500 000,00
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

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

b) Figures at 08/04/2022

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	104 482 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	104 482 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	7 316 545,75
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	97 165 454,25
6 Decrease proposed	14 500 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	82 665 454,25
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	13,88 %
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)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	675 259,52
2 Appropriations available on 08/04/2022	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand of the ESF+ pursues mid- to long-term objectives to develop evidence-based policy-making, mutual learning and social experimentation in the social and labour field.

The late adoption of the Multiannual Financial Framework and the subsequent late adoption of the ESF+ regulation by the end of June 2021, have delayed the start of the EaSI budget implementation in 2021. Combined with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organisation of meetings and the introduction of new IT tools, this slowed down the handling of the 2021 calls for proposals.

The Commission is committed to boost the implementation of the EaSI programme in 2022, but it will take some time to absorb the delay in the 2021 activities and reach cruising speed.

Therefore, a surplus of EUR 14,5 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for urgent assistance operations in relation with the Ukraine crisis under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

06 05 01 - Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)

b) Figures at 08/04/2022

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	101 254 030,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	101 254 030,00
4 Appropriations already used	69 362 303,07
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	31 891 726,93
6 Increase requested	14 500 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	46 391 726,93
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	14,32 %
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)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 255 286,47
2 Appropriations available on 08/04/2022	1 255 286,47
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) has been activated based on requests for assistance from Ukraine, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic, Moldova and North Macedonia to provide immediate support in the transport operations of medical and shelter capacities offered to Ukraine and in the management of refugees. More than one month into the war, the humanitarian situation in Ukraine continues to deteriorate rapidly, with more than 10 million displaced persons and millions of civilians trapped in active conflict areas.

The needs for assistance are constantly increasing, which requires additional response actions under the UCPM to prevent extreme and long-lasting consequences. Based on an updated needs assessment, an overall amount of EUR 119,5 million in commitment appropriations would be required to provide immediate assistance and support in Ukraine and neighbouring countries until the end of June 2022. An amount of EUR 35 million has already been redeployed within the UCPM and a further amount of EUR 70 million has become available upon adoption of DEC 08/2022.

The proposed reinforcement of EUR 14,5 million in commitment appropriations will allow the Commission to continue financing assistance operations in relation with the Ukraine crisis in the coming months, in particular as regards the following response activities:

1. The establishment and operability of UCPM cargo hubs in Poland, Romania and Slovakia. This will cover warehousing, maintenance and replenishment for in-kind assistance, fuel and pharmaceuticals, with several logistics points in the three countries, including cost of personnel for pooling the Member States' assistance and local transport costs from the hub to Ukraine;
2. Transport operations to deliver in-kind assistance from Member States to Ukraine, to affected neighbouring countries (Moldova, Poland and Slovakia) and to the UCPM logistics hubs;
3. Medevac - medical evacuation of an estimated 1 000 Ukrainian patients to those Member States that have confirmed their availability to accommodate them;
4. The deployment of emergency medical teams (EMT type 1 and 2). There are currently 6 available EMTs registered in the European Civil Protection Pool.

At this stage of the year, the Commission considers that the payment appropriations currently available for the UCPM in the 2022 budget are sufficient to cover the immediate needs arising from the proposed reinforcement of commitments in DEC 10/2022, also in light of the EUR 50 million reinforcement of payment appropriations included in transfer DEC 08/2022. The Commission will keep payment needs under review, and if appropriate it may propose an adjustment at the time of the Global Transfer exercise in September.

More in general, the Commission is closely monitoring the situation in Ukraine and the subsequent evolution of the needs for assistance. Further budgetary reinforcements might become necessary in the light of new developments.