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GENERAL BUDGET - 2026
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 08, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC010/2026**

FROM

CHAPTER - 30 02 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations	Commitments	-5 750 000,00
	Payments	-2 750 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 08 05 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)

ARTICLE - 08 05 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters	Commitments	5 750 000,00
	Payments	2 750 000,00

Decrease

a) Heading

30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 22/05/2026

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	759 384 325,00	203 997 325,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00	0,00
3 Transfers	-639 435 052,00	-112 891 052,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	119 949 273,00	91 106 273,00
5 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	119 949 273,00	91 106 273,00
7 Decrease requested	5 750 000,00	2 750 000,00
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6-7)	114 199 273,00	88 356 273,00
9 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget [7/(1+2)]	0,76%	1,35%
10 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 22/05/2026	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	-	-

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 5.8 million in commitment and EUR 2.8 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 Agreement (SFPA) to be concluded with the Republic of Seychelles (2026-2030).

Increase

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 22/05/2026

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	39 661 857,00	44 536 857,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00	0,00
3 Transfers	75 077,53	0,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	39 736 934,53	44 536 857,00
5 Appropriations already used	39 736 934,53	16 765 275,53
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	0,00	27 771 581,47
7 Increase requested	5 750 000,00	2 750 000,00
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6+7)	5 750 000,00	30 521 581,47
9 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget $[7/(1+2)]$	14,50%	6,17%
10 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 22/05/2026	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	-	-

d) Detailed grounds for the Increase

The proposed reinforcement of the operational line by EUR 5.8 million in commitment and EUR 2.8 million in payment appropriations is necessary to cover the financial obligations resulting from the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) to be concluded with the Republic of Seychelles for the period 2026-2030.

The previous five-year protocol with the Republic of Seychelles expired on 23 February 2026. Based on the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission conducted negotiations, and a new protocol was initialled on 1 April 2026. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of signature and its provisional application.

Following the Commission proposal COM(2026) 195 of 12 May 2026, the Council is expected to agree on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol on 16 June 2026, with the signature planned by September at the latest. The first access payment of EUR 2.8 million is due within 90 days following the entering into provisional application of the Protocol, while the first sectoral payment (EUR 3 million) is planned for 2027.

ANNEX

Transfers from the reserve for operational expenditure - Differentiated Appropriations on 22/05/2026

Transfer Ref	Submission date	Content	Commitment Appropriations (in EUR)	Payment Appropriations (in EUR)
		Voted budget	759.384.325,00	203.997.325,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>114.190.000,00</i>	<i>85.890.000,00</i>
		Total already released	639.435.052,00	112.891.052,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>0,00</i>	<i>0,00</i>
		Total available for release	119.949.273,00	91.106.273,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>114.190.000,00</i>	<i>85.890.000,00</i>
DEC 10/2026	[09-06-2026]	Mobilisation SFPA for the Republic of Seychelles	5.750.000,00	2.750.000,00
		Remainder	114.199.273,00	88.356.273,00
		<i>of which SFPAs</i>	<i>108.440.000,00</i>	<i>83.140.000,00</i>