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BRUSSELS, 24/08/2026

GENERAL BUDGET - 2026
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 14

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 11/2026**

FROM

CHAPTER - 14 20 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 14 20 03 01 Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants	Commitments	-56 400 000,00
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TO

CHAPTER - 14 02 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument
- Global Europe (NDICI - Global Europe)

ITEM - 14 02 01 11 Eastern Neighbourhood	Commitments	50 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 14 06 European Instrument for International Nuclear Safety Cooperation
(INSC)

ARTICLE - 14 06 01 Nuclear safety, radiation protection and safeguards	Commitments	6 400 000,00
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Decrease

a) Heading

14 20 03 01 Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants

b) Figures at 01/07/2026

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	61 511 946,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00
3 Transfers	-4 000 000,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	57 511 946,00
5 Appropriations already used	111 100,00
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	57 400 846,00
7 Decrease requested	56 400 000,00
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6-7)	1 000 846,00
9 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget $[7/(1+2)]$	91,69%
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 01/07/2026	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	-

d) Detailed grounds for the Decrease

An amount of EUR 56.4 million in commitment appropriations can be transferred from the Macro-financial assistance (MFA) grants line to the NDICI-GE Eastern Neighbourhood line (EUR 50 million) and to the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation operational line (EUR 6.4 million), as no MFA operation with a grant component is envisaged in 2026. The remaining availabilities on the line are used to finance ex-post evaluations of MFA operations. Any remaining payment appropriations on the line will be returned during the Global Transfer exercise and redeployed where needed.

Increase

a) Heading

14 06 01 Nuclear safety, radiation protection and safeguards

b) Figures at 01/07/2026

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	45 599 361,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00
3 Transfers	0,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	45 599 361,00
5 Appropriations already used	45 599 361,00
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	0,00
7 Increase requested	6 400 000,00
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6+7)	6 400 000,00
9 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget $[7/(1+2)]$	14,04%
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	28 839,46
2 Appropriations available on 01/07/2026	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	100,00%

d) Detailed grounds for the Increase

As part of an EU pledge at the G7 Summit in France (15-17 June 2026), the European Commission intends to contribute an amount of EUR 75 million to the repair of the New Safe Confinement (NSC) at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. The timely and comprehensive restoration of the NSC is essential to ensure nuclear safety and safeguard international investments made over past decades.

This contribution is planned to be funded by the re-use of decommitted funds and redeployments within the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC), and redeployments from the MFA grants and provisioning lines where not needed for their originally intended purpose.

It is against this background that the European Commission requests the transfer of EUR 6.4 million in commitment appropriations from the MFA grants line to the INSC operational line in 2026. There will be no direct impact on payments in the current year, as the first payments are expected only in 2027.

The repairs will be carried out in partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which estimates costs between EUR 300 and 700 million (a final estimation expected in the autumn).

Increase

a) Heading

14 02 01 11 Eastern Neighbourhood

b) Figures at 01/07/2026

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	249 930 635,00
2 Appropriations in budget (carried over from previous years)	0,00
3 Transfers	-10 000 000,00
4 Total appropriations for the year (1+2+3)	239 930 635,00
5 Appropriations already used	86 393 441,46
6 Appropriations available (4-5)	153 537 193,54
7 Increase requested	50 000 000,00
8 Total appropriations up to year end (6+7)	203 537 193,54
9 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget $[7/(1+2)]$	20,01%
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	9 091 371,76
2 Appropriations available on 01/07/2026	7 635 988,35
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	16,01%

d) Detailed grounds for the Increase

The EU's Connectivity Agenda in the Eastern Neighbourhood region requires additional funding to deliver the EU's policy objectives, especially given recent geopolitical changes affecting the region. Developing the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor is a strategic priority for the EU, as set out in the Commission Work Programme 2026. This corridor is strategically important because it strengthens connections between the EU and Central Asia and provides alternatives to the Northern Corridor, which is controlled by Russia, and the Southern route through Iran. The Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor includes a Central Asian segment and a South Caucasus and Türkiye segment.

The EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations requested to be transferred are needed to reinforce the South Caucasus segment of the corridor. The related total project cost of this additional infrastructure is estimated to require investments of approximately EUR 1.5 billion. The EU will directly support the project with EUR 100 million from the EU budget in 2026, allowing the EU to achieve its strategic priorities in the region, appropriately support Armenia-Azerbaijan normalisation and take the lead on the new element of the corridor. The EU support to the infrastructure project will be implemented through blending support granted under the Neighbourhood Investment Platform, which is necessary to capitalise the project, ensure bankability and mobilise additional private-sector financing. The present transfer will cover half of the total EUR 100 million contribution in 2026, while the remaining EUR 50 million will be mobilised through redeployments within the Eastern Neighbourhood allocation.

Payment needs will at the earliest materialise in 2027, as contracting of blending contracts will take place in the same year, with subsequent payments depending on the type of contract signed. The specific payment modalities and schedules differ from contract to contract.