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EXPENDITURE — EXPENDITURE

TITLE XX — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE ALLOCATED TO POLICY AREAS

CHAPTER XX 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE ALLOCATED TO POLICY AREAS

Article XX 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in policy areas

Item XX 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff working with the institution

Remarks

With the exception of staff serving in third countries, this appropriation is intended to cover, in respect of officials and temporary staff holding posts on the establishment plan:

- salaries, allowances and other payments related to salaries,
- accident and sickness insurance and other social security charges,
- unemployment insurance for temporary staff and payments to be made by the Commission to temporary staff to constitute or maintain pension rights for them in their country of origin,
- miscellaneous allowances and grants,
- in respect of officials and temporary staff, allowances for shift work or standby duty at the official's place of work or at home,
- allowances in the event of dismissal of a probationary official for obvious inadequacy,
- allowances in the event of cancellation by the institution of the contract of a temporary staff member,
- reimbursement of expenditure on security measures at the homes of officials working in offices of the Union and in Union delegations within the territory of the Union,
- flat-rate allowances and payments at hourly rates for overtime worked by officials in category AST which cannot be compensated, under the arrangements laid down, by free time,
- the cost of weightings applied to the remuneration of officials and temporary staff and the cost of weightings applied to the part of emoluments transferred to a country other than the country of employment,
- travel expenses due to officials and temporary staff (including their families) on taking up duty, leaving the institution or transfer to another place of employment,
- installation and resettlement allowances due to officials and temporary staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,
- removal expenses due to officials and temporary staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,
- daily subsistence allowance for officials and temporary staff who furnish evidence that they must change their place of residence on taking up duty or transferring to a new place of employment,
- transitional costs for officials assigned to posts in new Member States prior to accession who are requested to remain in service in those Member States following the accession date, and who will be entitled, exceptionally, to the same financial and material conditions applied by the Commission before accession, in accordance with Annex X to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union,
- the cost of any ~~updates of adjustments to~~ remuneration ~~approved by the Council~~ during the financial year.

~~The Council Regulation updating the salary scales of officials and other servants of all the Union institutions, including increments and allowances, is published every year in the Official Journal (latest adjustment in OJ L 338, 22.12.2010, p. 1).~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 49 600 000~~ ~~EUR 48 900 000~~.

Item XX 01 01 02 — Expenditure related to Commission officials and temporary staff working in Union delegations

Remarks

In respect of Items 19 01 01 02, 20 01 01 02, 21 01 01 02 and 22 01 01 02, relating to Union delegations in third countries and at international organisations, this appropriation is intended to cover, in respect of officials and temporary staff holding posts on the Commission establishment plan:

- salaries, allowances and payments related to salaries,
- accident and sickness insurance and other social security charges,
- unemployment insurance for temporary staff and payments to constitute or maintain pension rights for them in their country of origin,
- miscellaneous allowances and grants,
- overtime,
- the cost of weightings applied to the remuneration of officials and temporary staff,
- the cost of any ~~updates of adjustments to~~ remuneration ~~approved by the Council~~ during the financial year,
- installation and resettlement allowances due to staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment, and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,
- travel expenses due to staff (including members of their family) on taking up duty, leaving the institution or transfer to another place of employment,
- removal expenses due to staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment, and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere.

Article XX 01 02 — External personnel and other management expenditure

Item XX 01 02 01 — External personnel working with the institution

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union:

- the remuneration of contract staff (within the meaning of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union), employer's contributions to social welfare for contract staff and the impact of weightings applicable to the remuneration of such staff,
- a sum to cover the remuneration of contract staff acting as guides for persons with disabilities,
- the employment of agency staff, particularly clerical staff and shorthand typists,
- expenditure on staff included in service contracts for technical and administrative work and the supply of intellectual services, and expenditure on buildings and equipment and operating costs relating to this type of staff,
- the cost of national civil servants or other experts on secondment or temporary assignment to the Commission or called for short consultations, particularly to draft legislation on harmonisation in various areas; exchanges are also organised to allow uniform application of Union legislation by the Member States,
- the cost of any ~~updates of adjustments to~~ remuneration ~~approved by the Council~~ during the financial year.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Articles 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of supplementary appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at [EUR 200 412](#).~~EUR 200 700.~~

Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution for participation in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The amount of assigned revenue based on data available pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 1 566 914](#).~~EUR 1 551 400.~~

Item XX 01 02 02 — External personnel of the Commission in Union delegations

Remarks

In respect of Items 19 01 02 02, 20 01 02 02, 21 01 02 02 and 22 01 02 02, relating to external personnel of the Commission posted in Union delegations in third countries and at international organisations, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- the remuneration of local and/or contract staff, and the social security charges and benefits to be met by the employer,
- employer's contributions towards supplementary social security cover for local staff,
- services of agency and freelance staff.

As regards junior experts and seconded national experts in Union delegations, this appropriation is intended:

- to finance or co-finance the expenditure related to the posting of junior experts (university graduates) in Union delegations,
- to meet the costs of seminars organised for young diplomats from the Member States and third countries,
- to cover expenditure relating to the secondment or temporary assignment of officials from the Member States to Union delegations.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 7 000](#).~~EUR 45 000.~~

Item XX 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure of the institution

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following decentralised operating expenditure:

Missions:

- travel expenses, including ancillary costs relating to tickets and reservations, daily subsistence allowances and additional or exceptional expenditure incurred in connection with missions by Commission staff covered by the Staff Regulations and by national or international experts or officials seconded to Commission departments (refunds of mission expenses paid for the account of other Union institutions or bodies and for third parties will constitute assigned expenditure).

Representation expenses:

- reimbursement of the costs incurred by persons officially representing the Commission (reimbursement is not possible for expenses incurred in the performance of representation duties vis-à-vis staff of the Commission or other Union institutions).

Meetings of experts:

- reimbursement of the costs incurred for the functioning of the expert groups established or convened by the Commission: travel, subsistence and incidental expenses of experts participating in study groups and working parties, and the cost of organising such meetings where they are not covered by the existing infrastructure in the headquarters of the institutions or external offices (experts are reimbursed on the basis of decisions made by the Commission).

Conferences:

- expenditure relating to conferences, congresses and meetings organised by the Commission in support of its various policies, and expenditure for running a network for financial control organisations and bodies, including an annual meeting between such organisations and the members of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control, as requested in paragraph 88 of European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2006 with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (OJ L 340, 6.12.2006, p. 5),
- expenditure relating to conferences, seminars, meetings, training courses and practical in-house training for officials of the Member States who manage or monitor operations financed by the Union funds or operations to collect revenue that constitutes Union own resources or cooperate in the Union statistics system, and expenditure of the same type for officials from the countries of central and eastern Europe managing or monitoring operations financed under Union programmes,
- expenditure on training third country officials who carry out management or control duties with a direct bearing on protecting the Union's financial interest,
- the cost of the Commission's participation in conferences, congresses and meetings,
- conference enrolment fees, excluding training expenses,
- subscriptions to trade and scientific associations,
- the cost of refreshments and food served on special occasions during internal meetings.

Meetings of Committees:

- travel, subsistence and incidental expenses of experts participating in committees set up by the Treaty and by European Parliament and Council Regulations or Council Regulations, and the cost of organising such meetings where they are not covered by the existing infrastructure (in the headquarters of the institutions or external offices) (experts are reimbursed on the basis of decisions made by the Commission).

Studies and consultations:

- expenditure on specialised studies and consultations contracted out to highly qualified experts (individuals or firms) if the Commission does not have suitable staff available to carry out such studies,
- the purchase of studies already carried out or subscriptions with specialist research institutions

A Part of this appropriation is intended for two studies on:

(1) *The feasibility and long term viability of a Pan-European sentinel network for the early detection of new threats in allergies*

This study should aim to prove the long term viability of a Pan-European sentinel network for the early detection of new threats in allergies with the following long term objectives of this Network:

- creating a central database, collect data (on country and Union-wide level), analyse and publish data regularly.
- identifying new trends in allergic diseases before they become major public health problems that may cause an additional burden to European health care systems.
- reporting to policymakers and alert them in a timely manner about new allergens where action is needed.
- building up a sustainable system for better awareness, starting in schools, to decrease the burden of allergies for society.

Actions:

- assess existing national systems of allergy surveillance which can be linked to the sentinel network.
- involve an already existing infrastructure of more than 100 allergy centres, covering the entire Union. This network has been in place for more than 7 years and is still expanding, which confirms the viability of the project.
- use standardised series for inhalant and food allergens (taking into account regional diversity) in 100 centres in all patients and to deploy this activity in the entire Union. This allows consistent monitoring of allergy trends in patients in a standardised manner.
- use, in a pilot study, a patient sample, called "reporters," for consistent monitoring of allergy in selected centres using internet and smart phone technology (aeroallergen sentinel network).
- report cases of unknown allergies in the field of inhalant, food, drug or contact allergy to a central database, to detect novel allergens coming into the Union at an early stage.
- disseminate results to policymakers, health care professionals, and the general public.

(2) Understanding and measuring the role of cultural and creative sectors for growth and territorial development

Cultural and creative industries (CCI) contribute significantly to shaping the identity of the European Union, its economy and the lives of its citizens. Heritage, music, film, entertainment, publishing, fashion, design, architecture and crafts, are areas at the intersection of art, technology and business. According to the Commission communication of 26 September 2012 entitled 'Promoting cultural and creative sectors for growth and jobs in the EU' (COM (2012) 537 final), the economic contribution of these sectors accounts for 3,3 % of the Union's GDP and they employ 6,7 million people. Beyond their intrinsic cultural value and their economic weight, these sectors also have a wider ripple effect on economic and social development, by their impact on other sectors, on regional attractiveness or in stimulating creativity and innovation.

However, the contribution that the cultural and creative sectors can make to economic and social development in the Union is still not fully recognised.

European Parliament noted in its resolution of 12 May 2011 on unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries the necessity of analysing the effects of the activity of cultural and creative industries on the European economy, by 'identifying, defining and describing them each in turn, in order to highlight their characteristics, better understand their goals and problems and implement more effective measures.' In the same resolution, the Parliament called on the Commission 'to pursue its efforts to produce a better definition of CCI with a view to analysing in depth their impact on long-term growth and international competitiveness and to foster greater recognition of the specific features of the sector.'

The Union lacks information and indicators to measure the contribution of cultural industries to economic development, which fragments, hinders and discourages initiatives and investments in these sectors. For example, the European Capital of Culture label acts as a catalyst for urban regeneration and territorial attractiveness. However, no comprehensive data are available on the impact of investments made during the labelling. Furthermore, the role of cultural resources and actors at the heart of creative ecosystems, in stimulating economic and social innovation is still poorly understood.

Information and management systems:

- the development and maintenance under contract of management and information systems,
- the acquisition and maintenance of complete (turnkey) information and management systems in the field of administrative management (staff, budget, finance, accounts, etc.),
- studies, documentation and training linked to those systems and project management,
- the acquisition of skills and expertise in the area of information technology for all departments: quality, security, technology, development methodology, information technology management, etc.,
- technical support for those systems, and the technical work needed to ensure that they operate satisfactorily.

Further training and management training:

- expenditure on general training designed to improve the skills of the staff and the performance and efficiency of the Commission:
 - fees for experts employed to identify training needs, design, develop and hold courses and evaluate and monitor results,
 - fees for consultants in various fields, in particular organisational methods, management, strategy, quality assurance and personnel management,
 - expenditure incurred in designing, holding and evaluating the training organised by the Commission in the form of courses, seminars and conferences (course instructors/speakers and their travel and subsistence expenses, and teaching materials),
 - the cost of attending external training and of joining the relevant professional organisations,
 - expenditure related to the practical aspects of organising such courses and the use of premises and transport and the cost of food and accommodation for the participants of residential courses,
 - training expenditure related to publications and information, associated Internet sites and the purchase of teaching equipment, subscriptions and licences for distance teaching, books, press and multimedia products,
 - financing teaching aids.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Article 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of supplementary appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at [EUR 858 500](#).~~EUR 719 500~~.

Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution for participation in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The amount of assigned revenue based on data available pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 6 265 900](#)~~EUR 6 203 900~~.

Item XX 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure relating to Commission staff in Union delegations

Remarks

In respect of Items 19 01 02 12, 20 01 02 12, 21 01 02 12 and 22 01 02 12, relating to Commission staff posted in Union delegations in third countries and at international organisations, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- miscellaneous costs and allowances concerning other staff, including legal consultations,
- expenditure arising from recruitment procedures of officials, contract staff and local staff, including publication costs, travel and subsistence costs and accident insurance for candidates called for examinations and interviews, costs connected with the organisation of group recruitment tests and pre-recruitment medical examinations,
- the acquisition, replacement, conversion and maintenance of equipment of a medical nature installed in Union delegations,
- expenses related to the cost of annual medical examinations of officials, contract staff and local staff, including analyses and tests carried out as part of such examinations, cultural activities and initiatives for encouraging social contacts,
- expenses related to the medical costs of local staff employed under local law contracts, the cost of medical and dental advisers and the costs concerning the policy regarding AIDS at the workplace,
- the fixed allowance granted to officials who regularly incur representation expenses by reason of their duties, and the reimbursement of costs incurred by authorised officials to represent the Commission/Union in the interest of the service and by reason of their duties (in the case of Union delegations within the territory of the Union, part of the accommodation expenses will be covered by the fixed representation allowance),
- expenditure on travel expenses, daily subsistence allowances for missions and incidental or exceptional expenses incurred in connection with missions by officials and other staff,
- expenditure on travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances in connection with medical evacuations,
- expenditure arising from crisis situations, including travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowances,
- expenditure on general and language training designed to improve the skills of the staff and the performance of the Commission:
 - fees for experts employed to identify training needs, design, develop and hold courses, and to evaluate and monitor results,
 - fees for consultants in various fields, in particular organisational methods, planning, management, strategy, quality assurance and personnel management,
 - expenditure incurred in designing, holding and evaluating training organised by the Commission or the EEAS in the form of courses, seminars and conferences (course instructors/speakers and their travel and subsistence expenses and teaching materials),
 - expenditure related to the practical and logistical aspects of organising courses including premises, transport and equipment hire for training and local and regional seminars as well as miscellaneous connected costs such as refreshments and food,
 - the cost of participation in conferences and symposiums, and subscriptions to professional and scientific associations,
 - training expenditure related to publications and information, associated internet sites and the purchase of teaching equipment, subscriptions and licenses for distance teaching, books, press and multimedia products.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 18 000](#)~~EUR 14 000~~.

Article XX 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services, and buildings

Item XX 01 03 01 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the Commission

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union:

- telecommunications facilities within the Commission's buildings, notably the purchase, hire, installation and maintenance of telephone switchboards and distributors, audio, videoconferencing, interphone and mobile phone systems,
- data networks (equipment and maintenance) and associated services (management, support, documentation, installation and removal),
- the purchase, hire or leasing of computers, terminals, mini-computers, peripherals, connection devices and the necessary software,
- the purchase, hire or leasing of equipment, including toner, relating to the presentation of information in printed form, e.g. printers, fax machines, photocopiers and scanners,
- the purchase, hire or leasing of ~~typewriters, word processors or any other~~ electronic office equipment,
- installation, configuration, maintenance, studies, documentation and supplies related to this equipment,
- ~~the development and use of the Europa site on the internet, the joint server for all Union institutions,~~
- ~~the creation and development of the Commission's intranet site (My IntraComm),~~
- the cost of subscriptions and access to electronic information services and external databases and the acquisition of electronic ~~media, the training and support required for accessing this information, media (CD-ROMs etc.),~~
- ~~the training and support required for accessing this information,~~
- subscription charges and the cost of cable or radio communications (~~fixed land~~ and mobile telephones, ~~telex, telegraph,~~ television, teleconferencing and videoconferencing), expenditure on data-transmission networks, ~~the cost of inter-building telephone and data links and international transmission lines between sites of Union offices, telematic services, etc., and the purchase of directories,~~
- ~~the cost of inter-building telephone and computer links and international transmission lines between sites of Union offices,~~
- technical and logistic support, training and other activities of general interest related to computer equipment and software, general computer training, subscriptions to technical documentation whether on paper or in electronic form, etc., external operating staff, office services, subscriptions to international organisations, etc., studies on safety and quality assurance relating to computer equipment and software,
- expenditure on the ~~Data~~Computer Centre:
 - the purchase, hire or leasing of computers, peripherals and software for the ~~Data~~Computer Centre, and the costs of back-up facilities,
 - maintenance, support, studies, documentation, training and supplies related to this equipment and outside operating personnel,
 - ~~the development and maintenance, under contract, of the necessary software for the operation of the Computer Centre.~~
- ~~the development and maintenance, under contract, of the necessary software for the operation of the Data Centre.~~

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various Items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding Commission Representations in the Union for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contributions for participation in Union programmes, entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 20 487 000](#).~~EUR 22 141 000.~~

Item XX 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure relating to Commission staff in Union delegations

Remarks

In respect of Items 19 01 03 02, 20 01 03 02, 21 01 03 02 and 22 01 03 02, relating to Commission staff posted in Union delegations in third countries and with international organisations, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- temporary accommodation allowances and daily allowances,
- as regards rent and other charges on buildings of Union delegations outside the Union:
 - for all the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the offices of Union delegations or by officials posted outside the Union: rents (including temporary accommodation) and taxes, insurance premiums, refurbishments and major repairs, routine expenditure relating to the security of persons and goods (cipher machines, safes, window bars, etc.),
 - for all the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the offices of Union delegations and delegates' residences: water, gas, electricity and fuel charges, maintenance and repairs, handling, refurbishment and other routine expenses (local taxes for street maintenance and refuse collection and the purchase of signs and signposts),
- as regards rent and other charges on buildings of Union delegations within the territory of the Union:
 - for all the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the offices of Union delegations: rent; water, gas, electricity and heating energy charges; insurance premiums; maintenance and repairs; refurbishment and major repairs; expenditure relating to security, particularly contracts for surveillance and the hiring and refilling of extinguishers; the purchase and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment and the replacement of equipment of voluntary fire-fighting officials; the cost of statutory inspections, etc.,
 - for the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by officials: reimbursement of expenditure relating to the security of housing,
- expenditure incurred in the acquisition of building land and buildings (purchase or lease-purchase option) or construction of offices or other accommodation, including the costs of preliminary studies and various fees,
- the purchase, hire, leasing, maintenance and repair of furniture and equipment, in particular audiovisual, archive, printing, library, interpretation and specialised office equipment (photocopiers, reader-printers, fax machines, etc.) as well as the acquisition of documentation and supplies related to this equipment,
- the purchase, maintenance and repair of technical equipment such as generators, air conditioners, etc., and the installation of equipment for welfare facilities in the delegations,
- the purchase, replacement, hire, leasing, maintenance and repair of vehicles, including tools,
- insurance premiums for vehicles,
- the purchase of books, documents and other non-periodical publications, including updates, and subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals and various publications, and the cost of binding and other costs for the preservation of periodicals,
- subscriptions to news agencies,
- the purchase of paper, envelopes, office supplies and supplies for reproduction, and some printing contracted to outside service providers,
- the transport and customs clearance of equipment, the purchase and cleaning of uniforms for floor messengers, drivers, etc., various types of insurance (in particular third-party liability and theft), expenditure on internal meetings (drinks, food served on special occasions),
- the cost of studies, surveys and consultations connected with the administrative operation of Union delegations and any other operating expenses not specifically covered by the other items in this article,
- postal and delivery charges for mail, reports and publications, and for postal and other packages sent by air, land, sea or rail,
- the cost of the diplomatic bag,
- all expenditure on furniture and fittings for residential accommodation made available to officials,
- the purchase, hire or leasing of data-processing equipment (computers, terminals, mini-computers, peripherals, connection devices) with the requisite software,

- outsourced services, in particular for the development, maintenance and support of IT systems in the Union delegations,
- the purchase, hire or leasing of equipment for the reproduction of information on paper, such as printers and scanners,
- the purchase, hire or leasing of telephone exchanges and switchboards and equipment for data transmission with the requisite software,
- subscription charges and fixed costs for cable or radio communications (telephone, telegraph, telex, fax), expenditure on data-transmission networks, telematic services, etc., and the purchase of directories,
- the cost of installation, configuration, maintenance, support, assistance, documentation and supplies related to this equipment,
- any expenditure on active security operations in delegations in emergencies.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 275 000](#).~~EUR 25 000.~~

TITLE 01 — ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 01 02 — ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

Article 01 02 01 — Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of carrying out the Joint Harmonised EU Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys in the Member States and [candidate countries. The programme was initiated by a Commission Decision in November 1961 and was modified through subsequent Council and Commission decisions. It was last](#)~~applicant countries,~~ approved [through Commission decision C \(97\) 2241 of 15 July 1997 and presented in](#) by the Commission [communication COM\(2006\) 379](#) on 12 July 2006 (OJ C 245, 12.10.2006, p. 5).

This appropriation is also intended to cover the cost of studies, workshops, conferences, analyses, evaluations, publications, technical assistance, the purchase and maintenance of databases and software and the part-financing and support of measures relating to:

- economic monitoring, analysis of the combination of measures and coordination of economic policies,
- the external aspects of the economic and monetary union (EMU),
- macroeconomic developments in the euro area,
- monitoring structural reforms and improving the operation of markets in the EMU,
- coordination with financial institutions and analysis and development of financial markets, and borrowing and lending operations involving Member States,
- the facility providing financial assistance for Member States' balance of payments and the European financial stabilisation mechanism,
- cooperation with economic operators and decision-makers in the abovementioned fields,
- expanding the EMU.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the funding of priority information measures on Union policies on all aspects of the rules and functioning of EMU, as well as on the benefits of closer policy coordination and structural reforms, and to address information needs of citizens, local authorities and enterprises in relation to the euro.

This measure is designed to be an effective channel of communication and dialogue between the people of the European Union and the Union institutions, and to take account of specific national and regional characteristics, in close cooperation with the Member State authorities. Special emphasis is put on preparing citizens in the new Member States for the introduction of the euro.

It includes:

- partnership agreements with Member States that wish to provide information about the euro or the economic and monetary union (EMU),

- close cooperation and networking with all Member States in the framework of the network of Directors of Communication on EMU-related issues,
- the development of communication activities at central level (brochures, leaflets, newsletters, website design, development and maintenance, exhibitions, stands, conferences, seminars, audiovisual products, opinion polls, surveys, studies, promotional material, twinning programmes, etc.),
- communication initiatives in third countries, in particular to point out the international role of the euro and the value of financial integration.

The Commission, when implementing this article, should take duly into account the outcomes of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Group on Information (IGI).

The Commission has set out its communication strategy on the euro in the Communication of 11 August 2004 on the implementation of an information and communication strategy on the euro and Economic and Monetary Union (COM(2004) 552 final). The implementation of the communication strategy takes place in close coordination with the Member States and the European Parliament.

The Commission reports regularly to the European Parliament's relevant committee on the implementation of the programme and on planning for the coming year.

This appropriation is also intended to cover or to temporarily pre-finance costs incurred by the Union in concluding and carrying out operations linked with [the borrowing and lending operations for macro-financial assistance, Euratom](#), balance of payment and European financial stabilisation ~~mechanism~~ [mechanism borrowing and lending operations](#).

~~Any revenue entered in Item 5 5 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(3)(a) of the Financial Regulation. Regulation is estimated at EUR 30 000.~~

CHAPTER 01 03 — INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Article 01 03 02 — Macro-financial assistance

Remarks

~~Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) is a form of~~ [This exceptional assistance aims to ease financial aid extended by the EU to partner countries on certain third countries experiencing macro-financial difficulties characterised by balance of payments crisis. MFA is designed for countries geographically, economically and politically close to the EU. These include candidate and potential candidate countries, countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy and, in certain circumstances, other third countries. In principle, MFA is only available to countries benefiting from an International Monetary Fund programme, payment deficits and/or serious budgetary imbalances.](#)

~~MFA is exceptional in nature and is mobilised on a case-by-case basis to help countries dealing with serious balance-of-payments difficulties. Its objective is to restore a sustainable external financial situation, while encouraging economic adjustments and structural reforms. It is directly linked to the implementation by the recipient countries of macro-financial stabilisation and structural adjustment measures. As a rule, Union actions complement those of the International Monetary Fund, coordinated with other bilateral donors.~~

~~While MFA can take the form of medium/long-term loans or grants, or~~ [The existence of an independent national audit body in the recipient country is a combination of these, this Budget Line 01 03 02 only covers the grant element of MFA operations, condition for granting macro-financial assistance.](#)

~~Appropriations under this article will also be used to cover costs incurred in relation to MFA operations, and in particular (i) costs incurred to conduct operational assessments in the beneficiary countries to obtain reasonable assurances on the functioning of administrative procedures and financial circuits, (ii) costs for ex-post evaluations of MFA operations, and (iii) costs to cover comitology requirements. The Commission will inform the budgetary authority regularly of the macro-financial situation of the beneficiary countries and will report extensively on the implementation of this assistance on a yearly basis.~~

~~The Commission will inform the budgetary authority regularly of the macro-financial situation of the beneficiary countries and will report extensively on the implementation of MFA on a yearly basis. Appropriations under this article will also be used to cover financial aid for the reconstruction in Georgia of the areas affected by the conflict with Russia. The actions should be primarily geared to the macro-financial stabilisation of the country. The total financial allocation for the aid was decided at an international donors' conference in 2008.~~

Any revenue entered in Item 5 5 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(3) (a) of the Financial Regulation. Appropriations under this article will also be used to cover or temporarily pre-finance costs incurred by the Union in concluding and carrying out operations linked with macro-financial assistance borrowing and lending operations.

Legal basis

Council Decision No 2002/639/EC of 12 July 2002 providing supplementary macro-financial assistance to Ukraine (OJ L 209, 6.8.2002)~~2006/880/EC of 30 November 2006 providing exceptional Community financial assistance to Kosovo (OJ L 339, 6.12.2006, p. 36).~~

Council Decision No 2009/891/EC of 30 November 2009 providing macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 320, 5.12.2009)~~2007/860/EC of 10 December 2007 providing Community macro-financial assistance to Lebanon (OJ L 337, 21.12.2007, p. 111).~~

~~Council Decision 2009/889/EC of 30 November 2009 providing macro-financial assistance to Georgia (OJ L 320, 5.12.2009, p. 1).~~

~~Council Decision 2009/890/EC of 30 November 2009 providing macro-financial assistance to Armenia (OJ L 320, 5.12.2009, p. 3).~~

Decision No 388/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 providing macro-financial assistance to Ukraine (OJ L 179, 14.7.2010, p. 1).

~~Decision No 938/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Moldova (OJ L 277, 21.10.2010, p. 1).~~

Decision No 778/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 August 2013 providing further macro-financial assistance to Georgia (OJ L 218, 14.8.2013, p. 15).

Decision No 1025/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 providing macro-financial assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic (OJ L 283, 25.10.2013, p. 1)~~p. 1~~.

Decision No 1351/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on providing macro-financial assistance to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (OJ L 341, 18.12.2013, p. 4).

Article 01 03 05 — European Union guarantee for European Investment Bank loans and loan guarantees for operations in third countries

Legal basis

Council Decision of 8 March 1977 (Mediterranean Protocols).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1273/80 of 23 May 1980 on the conclusion of the Interim Protocol between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the advance implementation of Protocol 2 to the Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 130, 27.5.1980, p. 98).

Council Decision of 19 July 1982 (further exceptional aid for the reconstruction of Lebanon).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/82 of 22 November 1982 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic (OJ L 337, 29.11.1982, p. 22).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3183/82 of 22 November 1982 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (OJ L 337, 29.11.1982, p. 43).

Council Decision of 9 October 1984 (loan outside the Yugoslavia Protocol).

Council Decision 87/604/EEC of 21 December 1987 concerning the conclusion of the second Protocol on financial cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (OJ L 389, 31.12.1987, p. 65).

Council Decision 88/33/EEC of 21 December 1987 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic (OJ L 22, 27.1.1988, p. 25).

Council Decision 88/34/EEC of 21 December 1987 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (OJ L 22, 27.1.1988, p. 33).

Council Decision 88/453/EEC of 30 June 1988 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (OJ L 224, 13.8.1988, p. 32).

Council Decision 90/62/EEC of 12 February 1990 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania (OJ L 42, 16.2.1990, p. 68).

Council Decision 91/252/EEC of 14 May 1991 extending to Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania Decision 90/62/EEC granting the Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in Hungary and Poland (OJ L 123, 18.5.1991, p. 44).

Council Decision 92/44/EEC of 19 December 1991 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (OJ L 18, 25.1.1992, p. 34).

Council Decision 92/207/EEC of 16 March 1992 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt (OJ L 94, 8.4.1992, p. 21).

Council Decision 92/208/EEC of 16 March 1992 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (OJ L 94, 8.4.1992, p. 29).

Council Decision 92/209/EEC of 16 March 1992 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic (OJ L 94, 8.4.1992, p. 37).

Council Decision 92/210/EEC of 16 March 1992 on the conclusion of a Protocol relating to financial cooperation between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (OJ L 94, 8.4.1992, p. 45).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1763/92 of 29 June 1992 concerning financial cooperation in respect of all the Mediterranean non-member countries (OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 5).

Council Decision 92/548/EEC of 16 November 1992 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (OJ L 352, 2.12.1992, p. 13).

Council Decision 92/549/EEC of 16 November 1992 on the conclusion of the Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic (OJ L 352, 2.12.1992, p. 21).

Council Decision 93/115/EEC of 15 February 1993 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects of mutual interest in certain third countries (OJ L 45, 23.2.1993, p. 27).

Council Decision 93/166/EEC of 15 March 1993 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for investment projects carried out in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (OJ L 69, 20.3.1993, p. 42).

Council Decision 93/408/EEC of 19 July 1993 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Slovenia (OJ L 189, 29.7.1993, p. 152).

Council Decision 93/696/EC of 13 December 1993 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in central and eastern European countries (Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Albania) (OJ L 321, 23.12.1993, p. 27).

Council Decision 94/67/EC of 24 January 1994 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic (OJ L 32, 5.2.1994, p. 44).

Council Decision 95/207/EC of 1 June 1995 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in South Africa (OJ L 131, 15.6.1995, p. 31).

Council Decision 95/485/EC of 30 October 1995 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus (OJ L 278, 21.11.1995, p. 22).

Council Decision 96/723/EC of 12 December 1996 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects of mutual interest in Latin American and Asian countries with which the Community has concluded cooperation agreements (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, El Salvador, Uruguay and Venezuela; Bangladesh, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) (OJ L 329, 19.12.1996, p. 45).

Council Decision 97/256/EC of 14 April 1997 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (Central and Eastern Europe countries, Mediterranean countries, Latin American and Asian countries, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina) (OJ L 102, 19.4.1997, p. 33).

Council Decision 98/348/EC of 19 May 1998 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and amending Decision 97/256/EC granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (Central and Eastern European countries, Mediterranean countries, Latin American and Asian countries and South Africa) (OJ L 155, 29.5.1998, p. 53).

Council Decision 98/729/EC of 14 December 1998 amending Decision 97/256/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 346, 22.12.1998, p. 54).

Council Decision 1999/786/EC of 29 November 1999 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank (EIB) against losses under loans for projects for the reconstruction of the earthquake-stricken areas of Turkey (OJ L 308, 3.12.1999, p. 35).

Council Decision 2000/24/EC of 22 December 1999 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (Central and Eastern Europe, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and the Republic of South Africa) (OJ L 9, 13.1.2000, p. 24).

Council Decision 2000/688/EC of 7 November 2000 amending Decision 2000/24/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in Croatia (OJ L 285, 10.11.2000, p. 20).

Council Decision 2000/788/EC of 4 December 2000 amending Decision 2000/24/EC so as to establish a European Investment Bank special action programme in support of the consolidation and intensification of the EC-Turkey customs union (OJ L 314, 14.12.2000, p. 27).

Council Decision 2001/777/EC of 6 November 2001 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under a special lending action for selected environmental projects in the Baltic Sea basin of Russia under the Northern Dimension (OJ L 292, 9.11.2001, p. 41).

Council Decision 2001/778/EC of 6 November 2001 amending Decision 2000/24/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (OJ L 292, 9.11.2001, p. 43).

Council Decision 2005/47/EC of 22 December 2004 amending Decision 2000/24/EC to take into account the enlargement of the European Union and the European Neighbourhood Policy (OJ L 21, 25.1.2005, p. 9).

Council Decision 2005/48/EC of 22 December 2004 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for certain types of projects in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus (OJ L 21, 25.1.2005, p. 11).

Council Decision 2006/174/EC of 27 February 2006 amending Decision 2000/24/EC in order to include the Maldives in the list of countries covered, following the Indian Ocean tsunamis of December 2004 (OJ L 62, 3.3.2006, p. 26).

Decision No 1080/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Union and repealing Decision No 633/2009/EC (OJ L 280, 27.10.2011, p. 1).

Reference act

[Decision No .../2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union \(OJ L ..., ..., 2014, p. ...\).](#)

Article 01 03 06 — Provisioning of the Guarantee Fund

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to provide the financial resources for payments to the Guarantee Fund according to its provisioning mechanism and for payments of operational costs linked to the management of the fund and the external evaluation to be carried out in the context of the mid-term review of the EIB external mandate.

[Assigned revenue received under Article 810 of the statement of revenue may give rise to additional appropriations under this Article, in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation and according to Article 10 of Decision No .../2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union.](#)

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 of 25 May 2009 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions (OJ L 145, 10.6.2009, p. 10).

Decision No 1080/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Union and repealing Decision No 633/2009/EC (OJ L 280, 27.10.2011, p. 1).

Reference act

[Decision No .../2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union \(OJ L ..., p. ...\).](#)

CHAPTER 01 04 — FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND INSTRUMENTS

Article 01 04 01 — European Investment Fund

Item 01 04 01 01 — European Investment Fund — Provision of paid-up shares of subscribed capital

Legal basis

[Council Decision 94/375/EC of 6 June 1994 on Community membership of the European Investment Fund \(OJ L 173, 7.7.1994, p. 12\).](#)

[Council Decision 2007/247/EC of 19 April 2007 on the Community participation in the capital increase of the European Investment Fund \(OJ L 107, 25.4.2007, p. 5\).](#)

Reference acts

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council [submitted by the Commission on 6 February 2014](#) on the participation of the European Union in the capital increase of the European Investment Fund ([COM\(2014\) 66 final](#)).([COM\(2014\)...](#)).

Item 01 04 01 02 — European Investment Fund — Callable portion of subscribed capital

Legal basis

[Council Decision 94/375/EC of 6 June 1994 on Community membership of the European Investment Fund \(OJ L 173, 7.7.1994, p. 12\).](#)

[Council Decision 2007/247/EC of 19 April 2007 on the Community participation in the capital increase of the European Investment Fund \(OJ L 107, 25.4.2007, p. 5\).](#)

Reference acts

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council [submitted by the Commission on 6 February 2014](#) on the participation of the European Union in the capital increase of the European Investment Fund (COM [\(2014\)66 final](#)).([\(2014\)...](#)).

Article 01 04 03 — Guarantee for Euratom borrowings

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Council decision, submitted by the Commission on 6 November 2002, amending Decision 77/270/Euratom empowering the Commission to contract Euratom loans for the purpose of contributing to the financing of nuclear power stations (OJ C 45 E, 25.2.2003, p. 194).~~

~~Proposal for a Council decision, submitted by the Commission on 6 November 2002, amending Decision 77/271/Euratom on the implementation of Decision 77/270/Euratom empowering the Commission to contract Euratom loans for the purpose of contributing to the financing of nuclear power stations (OJ C 45 E, 25.2.2003, p. 201).~~

CHAPTER 01 AWBL-02 — POLICY STRATEGY AND COORDINATION FOR THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Remarks

Legal basis

Reference acts

TITLE 02 — ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY

CHAPTER 02 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY’ POLICY AREA

Article 02 01 05 — Support expenditure for research and innovation programmes in the ‘Enterprise and industry’ policy area

Item 02 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover other administrative expenditure for all management of research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020 in the form of indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including other administrative expenditure incurred by staff posted in Union delegations.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this Item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on technical and administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or projects, such as expenditure on conferences, workshops, seminars, development and maintenance of IT systems, missions, trainings and [representation expenses](#).~~representation.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

CHAPTER 02 02 — COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (COSME)

Article 02 02 01 — Promoting entrepreneurship and improving the competitiveness and access to markets of Union enterprises

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to strengthen the competitiveness of enterprises, in particular that of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and to encourage entrepreneurship and foster the creation and growth of SMEs.

The implemented measures will include:

- networks bringing together a variety of stakeholders,
- market replication projects,
- policy analyses, development and coordination with participating countries,
- information sharing, dissemination and awareness raising,
- support to joint actions of Member States or regions, as well as other measures under the Cosme programme.

The Union will provide support to activities such as the Enterprise Europe Network and entrepreneurship promotion. It will also support projects concerned with the first applications or market replication of techniques, practices or products (e.g. new business concepts for consumer goods) of Union relevance that have already been technically demonstrated with success but, owing to residual risk, have not yet significantly penetrated the market. Those projects will be designed to promote wider use within the participating countries and facilitate market uptake.

Projects will also seek to improve the framework conditions [including through capacity building in clusters and other business networks notably with regard to support SME internationalisation](#) in order to ensure that Union enterprises are competitive and sustainable, including in the tourism sector, by supporting coherence and consistency in implementation, as well as informed policy-making at Union level. In addition, projects will be put in place to support the implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe. [Support actions, directly linked to the achievement of these objectives are also considered for funding: meetings, studies, information and publications, participation in study groups, conferences, workshops.](#)

Sustainable tourism activities will receive a special focus with initial priority given to soft mobility, cycling networks, eco-tourism and nature protection. Accessibility for all, particularly for people with reduced mobility and for socially disadvantaged people is also of high importance in this context.

The Erasmus for Entrepreneurs programme aims to encourage European entrepreneurship, the sharing of knowledge and best practices, and the creation of valuable networks and partnerships.

Due to the currently difficult economic situation it is indispensable to support European enterprises, in particular young innovative start-ups, and to foster entrepreneurship by assigning enough funds to programmes like the Program for the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME). In particular the Program ‘Erasmus for young entrepreneurs’ has been very successful and can contribute successfully to fight unemployment across Europe.

The financial means for the ‘Erasmus for young Entrepreneurs’ program must be increased in particular due to the following reasons:

- the program helps fostering European entrepreneurship, the sharing of knowledge and best-practices as well as the creation of valuable networks and partnerships;
- the program is very successful and has shown an increasing number of participants over the last years which is expected to increase further;
- the program effectively tackles the problem of youth unemployment as it helps young people without work to become self-employed and existing SME to create jobs by expanding and/or internationalising their business;
- the number of applications exceeds by far the possibilities the Commission can fulfil with the financial means currently available.

Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services — CESES — and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, EU authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to EU projects.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Article 02 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

~~Item 02 02 77 01 — Preparatory action — Support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the new financial environment~~

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

~~Item 02 02 77 04 — Pilot project — Actions in connection with the textile and footwear sector~~

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

~~Item 02 02 77 05 — Preparatory action — European destinations of excellence~~

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 02 02 77 10 — Preparatory action — Euromed innovation entrepreneurs for change

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~This preparatory action aims to increase the growth and competitiveness of young entrepreneurs, investment and innovation networks from Europe and four associated Mediterranean countries (Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia and Morocco), to develop leaders in high-potential markets.~~

Capacity building:

- ~~training on the internationalisation of SMEs will be performed to empower more than 150 entrepreneurs and 500 incubators, investors or entrepreneurs networks followed up by online conferences ('webinars') and technical assistance — two specific mentoring networks will be created (to engage senior entrepreneurs to help other entrepreneurs): one women entrepreneurs mentoring programme and one involving entrepreneurs from the Mediterranean diasporas in Europe. Business development actions in three key sectors: IT/media, energy environment and agro food;~~
- ~~business to business meetings during business events to connect the best start ups with potential clients and investors with a follow up on their presence;~~
- ~~investment workshops will be held during major international fairs not only to connect start ups and innovation clusters with top customers, but also to promote the Euro-Mediterranean integrated offer on innovation and build an international network of ambassadors with the support of Mediterranean diasporas;~~
- ~~actions on access to finance will be developed to improve the impact and efficiency of European funding to Mediterranean SMEs;~~
- ~~business to business meetings will be planned to connect the best start ups with potential investors;~~
- ~~tools will be developed to identify the risks and opportunities in the Mediterranean region for European investors;~~
- ~~investment workshops will be organised putting together European and Mediterranean entrepreneurs, investors and coaching networks (incubators, senior entrepreneurs) to improve cost and general efficiency.~~

Item 02 02 77 16 — Pilot project — on the Future of Manufacturing

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this pilot project.

This pilot project will explore scenarios for the reindustrialisation of Europe and employment-related issues in line with the aim of increasing industry's share of European GDP from its current level of around 16% to 20% by 2020.

It will further implement of the Commission's recommendations, facilitate the exchange of best practice, drawing on Eurofound expertise and assistance, and will also support performance monitoring as part of the European Semester and country-specific recommendations.

This pilot project will have a key focus on manufacturing — a priority of the Commission's Industrial Policy Communication Update, which sets out a detailed strategy for addressing some of the factors that can contribute to economic recovery. Beyond its industrial policy context, the project will have a very clear employment dimension, addressing questions related to job creation and reintegration into the labour market, restructuring trends, the gender dimension, skills/reskilling, entrepreneurship, and SME engagement in markets outside the Union.

This pilot project will look into and put into practice methods for predicting the future of manufacturing. In particular, the pilot project will:

- support a European reindustrialisation strategy capable of responding to the rapid changes brought by globalisation;
- explore the key drivers which will support positive developments in manufacturing, where the employment impact will be central; the case for a European manufacturing renaissance is, in some respects, more economic than technological: because labour-saving technology decreases the need for the productive factor labour, labour costs in manufacturing will be less important for determining location of operations; in addition, the pay gap between Europe and the rest of the world can surely only decline with time;
- involve detailed quantitative exploration of the employment dimension: there is good reason to believe that most of the jobs created by keeping and increasing manufacturing in Europe will in fact be in related non-manufacturing activities, i.e. in business services, R&D, sales and marketing and in other stages in the manufacturing supply chain; this will multiply the positive employment effects;
- include studies to quantify these employment spill-over effects, which will be quantitative analyses estimating substitution and complementarity effects;
- explore how progress in industrial policy and performance can translate into employment growth — to encourage 'job-rich growth';
- involve a large number of case studies exploring why big companies remain in or go back to Europe in order to manufacture, thus creating jobs in core activities and along the supply chain;

- include key emerging dimensions of entrepreneurship, for example with regard to ‘Born Global’ (i.e. start-ups that immediately have global operations); such companies often have a very high-tech focus on, for example, life sciences and ICT; this ties in closely with the Entrepreneurship 2020 action plan and one of its targets: 25% of SMEs to engage in markets outside the Union;
- explore what existing spill-over effects mean for male and female jobs today and for gender distribution in the future;
- explore the skills/reskilling issue, in particular as a strategic tool for structural change; an in-depth study on dual and vocational systems for creating a hub of industrial professionals and researchers could be considered in cooperation with Cedefop.

Eurofound, with its European Monitoring Centre on Change, is well placed to carry out the pilot project.

CHAPTER 02 03 — INTERNAL MARKET FOR GOODS AND SECTORIAL POLICIES

Article 02 03 01 — Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectorial approximation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on actions to improve the operation of the internal market:

- approximation of standards, and introduction of an information system for technical standards and regulations,
- financing of administrative and technical coordination and of cooperation between the notified bodies,
- examination of the rules notified by Member ~~States, States and the~~ EFTA States [and Turkey](#) and translation of the draft technical regulations,
- application of Union legislation on medical devices, cosmetics, foodstuffs, textile products, medicinal products, chemicals, classification and labelling of substances and preparations, cars and safety, toys, legal metrology and pre-packaging and the quality of the environment,
- greater sectorial approximation in the fields of application of the ‘new approach’ directives, especially the extension of the ‘new approach’ to other sectors,
- implementation measures for Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, both for the infrastructures and market surveillance,
- implementation measures for Regulation (EC) No 764/2008, for procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State,
- implementation measures for Directive 2009/43/EC simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products within the Union,
- organisation of partnerships with the Member States, support for administrative cooperation between the authorities responsible for implementing the legislation on the internal market and for market surveillance,
- grants in support of projects of Union interest undertaken by outside bodies,
- information and publicity measures, greater awareness of Union legislation,
- implementation of the strategic programme on the internal market and market monitoring,
- grants in support of the European Technical Approval Organisation (EOTA),
- grants to the Council of Europe in the framework of the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia,
- participation in the negotiation of agreements on mutual recognition and, under European agreements, support for the associate countries to allow them to adopt the *acquis* of the Union,
- implementation measures for Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, especially those resulting from the REACH review (communication COM(2013) 49 final).

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme or measures coming under this article, as maintenance, updating and development of informatics systems related to technical regulations, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

[Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Articles 34 to 36 \(Consolidated version 2012, OJ C 326, 26.10.2012 \)](#)

Council Directive 75/107/EEC of 19 December 1974 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to bottles used as measuring containers (OJ L 42, 15.2.1975, p. 14).

Council Directive 76/211/EEC of 20 January 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making-up by weight or by volume of certain prepackaged products (OJ L 46, 21.2.1976, p. 1).

Council Directive 76/768/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products (OJ L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 169).

Council Directive 80/181/EEC of 20 December 1979 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement and on the repeal of Directive 71/354/EEC (OJ L 39, 15.2.1980, p. 40).

Council Directive 85/374/EEC of 25 July 1985 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning liability for defective products (OJ L 210, 7.8.1985, p. 29).

Council Directive 89/105/EEC of 21 December 1988 relating to the transparency of measures regulating the pricing of medicinal products for human use and their inclusion in the scope of national health insurance systems (OJ L 040, 11.2.1989, p. 8).

Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices (OJ L 189, 20.7.1990, p. 17).

Council Directive 91/477/EEC of 18 June 1991 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (OJ L 256, 13.9.1991, p. 51).

Council Decision (8300/92) of 21 September 1992 authorising the Commission to negotiate agreements between the Community and certain non-member countries on mutual recognition.

Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food (OJ L 52, 4.3.1993, p. 18).

Council Directive 93/7/EEC of 15 March 1993 on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State (OJ L 74, 27.3.1993, p. 74).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 of 23 March 1993 on the evaluation and control of the risks of existing substances (OJ L 84, 5.4.1993, p. 1).

Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonisation of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses (OJ L 121, 15.5.1993, p. 20).

Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices (OJ L 169, 12.7.1993, p. 1).

Council Decision 93/465/EEC of 22 July 1993 concerning the modules for the various phases of the conformity assessment procedures and the rules for the affixing and use of the CE conformity marking, which are intended to be used in the technical harmonisation directives (OJ L 220, 22.7.1993, p. 23).

Council Decision 94/358/EC of 16 June 1994 accepting, on behalf of the European Community, the Convention on the elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (OJ L 158, 25.6.1994, p. 17).

Directive 96/100/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 February 1997 amending the Annex to Directive 93/7/EEC on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State (OJ L 60, 1.3.1997, p. 59).

Council Decision (8453/97) confirming the Article 113 Committee's interpretation of the Council decision of 21 September 1992 giving the Commission directives for the negotiation of European conformity assessment agreements.

Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 envisaging an information procedure in the field of the technical standards and regulations (OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37).

Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 July 1998 amending Directive 98/34/EC laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations (OJ L 217, 5.8.1998, p. 18).

Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2679/98 of 7 December 1998 on the functioning of the internal market in relation to the free movement of goods among the Member States (OJ L 337, 12.12.1998, p. 8).

Directive 1999/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts (OJ L 66, 13.3.1999, p. 26).

Council Directive 1999/36/EC of 29 April 1999 on transportable pressure equipment (OJ L 138, 1.6.1999, p. 20).

Directive 1999/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 1999 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (OJ L 200, 30.7.1999, p. 1).

Directive 2000/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons (OJ L 106, 3.5.2000, p. 21).

Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors (OJ L 162, 3.7.2000, p. 1).

Directive 2000/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2000 on combating late payment in commercial transactions (OJ L 200, 8.8.2000, p. 35).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/2000 of 20 November 2000 amending Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 5).

Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products (OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 1).

Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 67).

Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (OJ L 37, 13.2.2003, p. 19).

Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (OJ L 37, 13.2.2003, p. 24).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1435/2003 of 22 July 2003 on the Statute for a European Cooperative Society (SCE) (OJ L 207, 18.8.2003, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 relating to fertilisers (OJ L 304, 21.11.2003, p. 1).

Directive 2003/102/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 relating to the protection of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users before and in the event of a collision with a motor vehicle and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC (OJ L 321, 6.12.2003, p. 15).

Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 on drug precursors (OJ L 47, 18.2.2004, p. 1).

Directive 2004/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 on the inspection and verification of good laboratory practice (GLP) (OJ L 50, 20.2.2004, p. 28).

Directive 2004/10/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 on the harmonisation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of the principles of good laboratory practice and the verification of their applications for tests on chemical substances (OJ L 50, 20.2.2004, p. 44).

Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents (OJ L 104, 8.4.2004, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

Directive 2004/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on measuring instruments (OJ L 135, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC (OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

Directive 2007/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 on the placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles (OJ L 154, 14.6.2007, p. 1).

Directive 2007/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 laying down rules on nominal quantities for prepacked products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC (OJ L 247, 21.9.2007, p. 17).

Regulation (EC) No 764/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State (OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 21).

Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products (OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 30).

Decision No 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products and repealing Council Decision 93/465/EEC (OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 82).

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (OJ L 353, 31.12.2008, p. 1).

Directive 2009/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on non-automatic weighing instruments (OJ L 122, 16.5.2009, p. 6).

Directive 2009/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 relating to common provisions for both measuring instruments and methods of metrological control (OJ L 106, 28.4.2009, p. 7).

Directive 2009/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products within the Community (OJ L 146, 10.6.2009, p. 1).

Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys (OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1).

Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (OJ L 285, 31.10.2009, p. 10).

Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC (OJ L 88, 4.4.2011, p. 5).

Regulation (EU) No 1007/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products and repealing Council Directive 73/44/EEC and Directives 96/73/EC and 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 272, 18.10.2011, p. 1).

Directives of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the new approach in certain sectors such as machinery, electromagnetic compatibility, radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment, low voltage electrical equipment, personal protective equipment, lifts, explosive atmospheres, medical devices, toys, pressure equipment, gas appliances, construction, the interoperability of the rail system, recreational craft, tyres, motor vehicle emissions, explosives, pyrotechnic articles, cableways installations, etc.

Council Directives adopted for the removal of technical barriers to trade in areas not covered by the ‘new approach’.

Article 02 03 03 — European Chemicals Agency — Chemicals legislation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency’s staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure in connection with the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this Item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of the Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

~~In 2015, No Union contribution is foreseen for 2014 as the Agency's operations will be financed with 'Revenue from fees and charges' and the surplus, which are assumed to be widely sufficient to cover for the expected expenditure. Surpluses will be carried over from previous to the following year will not be sufficient to cover for the expected expenditure, which implies the need of a subsidy from the Commission, in order to ensure the continuity of the tasks of the Agency.~~

Article 02 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 02 03 77 01 — Preparatory action — RECAP: recycling at local scale of internal plastic scrap created by major Union polymer converting regions

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The European polymer converting industry is a major European industry, comprising 50 000 companies, of which 85 % are SMEs, and 1 600 000 employees. Its production reached 45 000 000 tons in 2009 with Germany (23 %), Italy (16 %), France (12 %), Spain (8,5 %), the United Kingdom (8 %) and Poland (5,5 %) being the top European producers of finished plastic parts. Almost two thirds of the plastic scrap created (1 300 000 tons of plastics) is considered as 'final' waste and is either exported to the Far East (essentially China) or landfilled. Recycling 50 % of the current non-recycled plastic scrap would save around 650 000 tons of plastic materials each year. By increasing recycle rates, this preparatory action reaches the target of the Europe 2020 Strategy on resource efficiency. RECAP aims to be a preparatory action for the improvement of internal plastic scrap recycling. It paves the way for the development of new technological solutions to recycle plastic production scrap and for the implementation and structuring of recycling channels based on sustainable solutions and technologies. The project creates competitiveness and employment, extending the lifetime of plastic materials, save crude oil, and make the plastics industry a more responsible industry. A roadmap was established in order to specify the necessary steps to achieve a final sustainable solution: definition of R&D collaborative projects to overcome technological bottlenecks, organisation and structuring of recycling channels, transfer of best practices and technologies towards the community of the Union's plastic converters, demonstration of recycling technologies through pilot equipment and the creation of companies to exploit the intellectual property rights generated. The results are meant to be duplicated in several Union regions presenting a high density of plastic converting activity.~~

~~RECAP's first sub-objective is to carry out a benchmark on internal scrap management in several major Union regions from the plastic converting industry in France, Italy, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Austria and Poland. Each of these regions presents the particularity to concentrate plastic converting activities in a reduced geographical perimeter.~~

~~From the analysis of the benchmark, RECAP's second sub-objective is to identify best practices and make recommendations for future actions that will be consolidated into a global methodology for internal scrap management. Several scenarios have been established. Each one was split up into structuring (economical, financial and political organisation of recycling channels) and technological objectives (R&D bottlenecks to be overcome). RECAP's third sub-objective is to pre-implement a scenario in one of the regions studied within the project. Actions such as launching R&D projects to overcome the technological bottlenecks identified are part of the pre-implementation phase.~~

CHAPTER 02 04 — HORIZON 2020 — RESEARCH RELATING TO ENTERPRISES

Article 02 04 03 — Societal challenges

Item 02 04 03 01 — Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials

Remarks

The aim of this appropriation will be to support secure supply of raw materials in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources. Activities will target the improvement of the knowledge base on raw materials and the development of innovative solutions for the cost-effective and environmentally friendly exploration, extraction, processing, recycling and recovery of raw materials and for their substitution by economically attractive [alternatives](#). ~~alternatives with a lower environmental impact.~~

Item 02 04 03 02 — Fostering secure European societies

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular [Article 3\(3\)\(g\)](#) ~~Article 3(3)(f)~~ thereof.

CHAPTER 02 05 — EUROPEAN SATELLITE NAVIGATION PROGRAMMES (EGNOS AND GALILEO)

Article 02 05 01 — Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2019

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on the further implementation of the European satellite navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) (OJ L 196, 24.7.2008, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1285/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the implementation and exploitation of European satellite navigation systems and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 876/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 1(4) thereof.

Article 02 05 02 — Providing satellite-based services improving the performance of GPS to gradually cover the whole European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) region by 2020 (EGNOS)

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on the further implementation of the European satellite navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) (OJ L 196, 24.7.2008, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1285/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the implementation and exploitation of European satellite navigation systems and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 876/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 1), and in particular Article 1(5) thereof.

Article 02 05 11 — European GNSS Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European GNSS Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 26 840 000~~~~EUR 24 651 117~~. An amount of ~~EUR 49 000~~~~EUR 64 117~~, coming from the reserve of surplus, is added to the amount of ~~EUR 26 791 000~~~~EUR 24 587 000~~ entered in the budget.

CHAPTER 02 06 — EUROPEAN EARTH OBSERVATION PROGRAMME

Article 02 06 01 — Delivering operational services relying on space-borne observations and in-situ data (Copernicus)

Remarks

The aim of this appropriation is to:

- enable operations of Copernicus services, tailored to the needs of users,
- contribute to ~~ensure access to data~~~~ensuring availability~~ of the observation infrastructure necessary to ~~operate~~~~enable the~~ Copernicus services,
- create opportunities for increased private sector usage of information sources, thereby facilitating innovation by value-adding service providers.

~~This appropriation will, in particular, fund the set-up, the establishment and operation of the six services mentioned in the Copernicus Regulation and the related activities. The development of Earth monitoring based services is vital for policy and decision makers in Europe, who require the best available information on the state of the planet and the environment. Moreover, they play a key role in enhancing competitiveness and innovation, although a sustainable provision of Earth monitoring related services in Europe still requires consistent public intervention.~~

~~This appropriation may also fund cross-cutting activities among the services or their articulation and co-ordination, as well as for the in-situ co-ordination, user uptake and training and communication. It is not only because of market failures in answering diverse public needs but also because the downstream market is a non-mature market relying heavily on public funding and whose development has, until today, been significantly curbed by uncertainties about the affordability and long-term availability of the basic services and the data they build upon. Achievement of the specific objectives outlined above will therefore contribute to growth and job creation in an innovative sector, the downstream segment of which is composed mainly of small and medium-sized enterprises.~~

The budget envelope will be managed either directly by the Commission services or indirectly via delegation agreements with Union agencies and international organisations, or any entity eligible under Article 58 of the Financial Regulation.

When the Commission manages the budget directly, it may entrust the Joint Research centre with scientific and technical support tasks. The funding of these tasks may be entered into the JRC's indirect budget under Article 183(2)(c) and (6) of the Financial Regulation.

This appropriation may also fund cross-cutting activities among the services or their articulation and co-ordination, as well as for the in-situ co-ordination, user uptake and training and communication.

In addition, in support of competitiveness and growth, this appropriation may also fund data dissemination and the incubation of new businesses by supporting more robust and innovative IT structures in Europe.

Copernicus These services will facilitate access to key data required in policy formulation at Union, national, regional and local level in fields such as agriculture, forest monitoring, water management, transport, urban planning, climate change and many others. This appropriation covers mainly the implementation of delegation agreements for the Copernicus programme, pursuant to Article 58 of the Financial Regulation.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget. Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from contributions from third parties entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue will give rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in this Item in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 377/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the Copernicus programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010 (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 29 May 2013, establishing the Copernicus Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010 (COM(2013)0312).

Article 02 06 02 — Building an autonomous Union's Earth observation capacity (Copernicus)

Remarks

The aim of this appropriation is to:

- build an autonomous Union's Earth observation capacity by funding the space infrastructure and favouring the European industry in that regard, namely in the construction and launch of satellites~~enable operations of Copernicus services, tailored to the needs of users,~~
- contribute to ~~the ensuring~~ availability of the observation ~~capacity~~infrastructure necessary to enable the Copernicus services, in particular through the operations of the ground segment of the space infrastructure
- create opportunities for increased private sector usage of information sources, thereby facilitating innovation by value-adding service providers.

The development of a European space infrastructure has~~In particular, the development of Earth monitoring based services is vital for policy and decision makers in Europe, who require the best available information on the state of the planet and the environment. Moreover, they play a key role in enhancing competitiveness and innovation, and although a sustainable provision of Earth monitoring related services in Europe still~~ requires consistent public ~~intervention to sustain the industrial effort.~~intervention.

This appropriation will fund the development and construction of satellites, as well as their operation. The data and information obtained through the space infrastructure is subject to the free, full and open data policy, which will increase their availability and thereby boost the downstream market.~~is not only because of market failures in answering diverse public needs but also because the~~

~~downstream market is a non-mature market relying heavily on public funding and whose development has, until today, been significantly curbed by uncertainties about the affordability and long-term availability of the basic services and the data they build upon. Achievement of the specific objectives outlined above will therefore contribute to growth and job creation in an innovative sector, the downstream segment of which is composed mainly of small and medium-sized enterprises.~~

To supplement the data needed by users, this appropriation may also fund the acquisition of data from third parties and the access to contributing mission from Member States, as well as the dedicated dissemination platform (core ground segment) which will serve, in priority the operational services funded by Article 02 06 01.

~~The budget envelope will be managed either directly by the Commission services or indirectly via These services will facilitate access to key data required in policy formulation at Union, national, regional and local level in fields such as agriculture, forest monitoring, water management, transport, urban planning, climate change and many others. This appropriation covers mainly the implementation of delegation agreements with Union agencies and international organisations, or any entity eligible under for the Copernicus programme, pursuant to Article 58 of the Financial Regulation.~~

When the Commission manages the budget directly, it may entrust the Joint Research centre with scientific and technical support tasks. The funding of these tasks may be entered into the JRC's indirect budget under Article 183(2)(c) and (6) of the Financial Regulation..

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from contributions from third parties entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue will give rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in this Item in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 377/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the Copernicus programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010 (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 29 May 2013, establishing the Copernicus Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 911/2010 (COM(2013)0312).~~

TITLE 04 — EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

CHAPTER 04 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION’ POLICY AREA

Article 04 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Employment, social affairs and inclusion’ policy area

Item 04 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the programme Employment and Social Innovation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on studies, [committees](#), meetings of experts, [conferences](#), information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures falling under this item, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Item 04 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to be used, at the initiative of the Commission, subject to a ceiling of ~~0,5%~~^{0,5%} of the annual maximum amount of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) as defined in Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December ~~2013~~^{2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855)}. The ~~appropriation~~^{EGF} may be used to finance the preparation, monitoring, data gathering and creation of a knowledge base relevant to the implementation of the EGF. It may also be used to finance administrative and technical support, information and communication activities, as well as audit, control and evaluation activities necessary to implement the operations of the EGF.

[Item 04 01 04 05 — Support expenditure for the Fund for European aid to the most deprived](#)

Remarks

[New item](#)

[This appropriation is intended to cover technical assistance as provided for in Article 27 of the Regulation No 223/2014.](#)

[Technical assistance may finance preparation, monitoring, administrative and technical assistance, audit, information, control and evaluation measures necessary for implementing Regulation No 223/2014 as well as for activities pursuant to Article 10 of the same Regulation.](#)

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions and translations)
- preparation, monitoring, data gathering and creation of a knowledge base relevant to the implementation of the FEAD
- contracts for the provision of services and studies

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.03.2014, p. 1).

Reference acts

CHAPTER 04 03 — EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

Article 04 03 01 — Prerogatives and specific competencies

Item 04 03 01 06 — Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover in particular the following activities:

- measures to set the conditions for social dialogue in companies and proper employee involvement in undertakings as provided under Directive 2009/38/EC on European Works Councils, Directives 2001/86/EC and 2003/72/EC on employees' involvement in the European company and in the European cooperative society, respectively, Directive 2002/14/EC establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community, Directive 98/59/EC on collective redundancies and Article 16 of Directive 2005/56/EC on cross-border mergers of limited liability companies,
- initiatives to strengthen transnational cooperation between workers' and employers' representatives in respect of information, consultation and participation of employees within companies operating in more than one Member State and short training actions for negotiators and representatives in transnational information, consultation and participation bodies may be funded in that context. This may involve social partners from candidate countries,
- measures to enable social partners to exercise their rights and duties as regards employee involvement, especially within the framework of European Works Councils, to familiarise them with transnational company agreements and strengthen their cooperation in respect to Union law on employee involvement,
- operations fostering the development of employee involvement in undertakings as well as to follow up on the findings of the 'Fitness check' on EU acts in the area of Information and Consultation of Workers, undertakings,
- innovative actions relating to employee involvement, with the view of supporting the anticipation of change and the prevention and resolution of disputes in the context of corporate restructuring, mergers, take-overs and relocation in Union-scale undertakings and Union-scale groups of undertakings,
- measures to strengthen cooperation between the social partners for the development of employee involvement in the design of solutions addressing the consequences of the economic crisis, such as mass redundancies, or the need for a shift towards an inclusive, sustainable and low-carbon economy,
- transnational exchange of information and good practice in matters relevant for social dialogue at company level.

Article 04 03 02 — Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI')

Item 04 03 02 01 — Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation

Remarks

The general objective of the Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) is to contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy and the related headline targets for employment, education and poverty by providing financial support for the Union's objectives.

To achieve the general objectives of EaSI in terms of promoting a high level of employment, guaranteeing adequate social protection, combating social exclusion and ~~poverty, poverty and~~ improving working conditions and protecting worker's safety and health, the specific objectives of the Progress axis are to:

- develop and disseminate high-quality comparative analytical knowledge in order to ensure that Union employment and social policy and working conditions and occupational health and safety legislation are based on sound evidence and are relevant to needs, challenges and conditions in the individual Member States and the other participating countries,
- facilitate effective and inclusive information-sharing, mutual learning and dialogue on Union employment and social policy and working conditions and occupational health and safety legislation at Union, national and international level in order to assist the Member States and the other participating countries in developing their policies and in implementing Union law,
- provide policymakers with financial support to promote social and labour market policy reforms, build up the main actors' capacity to design and implement social experimentation, and make the relevant knowledge and expertise accessible,
- monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the European Employment Guidelines and Recommendations and their impact, notably through the Joint Employment Report, and analysing the interaction between the EES and general economic and social policy areas,
- provide Union and national organisations with financial support to develop, promote and support the implementation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions and occupational health and safety legislation,
- raising awareness, exchanging good practice, disseminating information and promoting the debate on the key challenges and policy issues in relation to working ~~conditions, occupational health and safety~~conditions and the reconciliation of work and family life (e.g. family and informal care givers friendly policies in the workplace, sufficient high quality and affordable childcare, supportive infrastructures for expectant and working mothers and those trying to re-enter the labour market, etc.) and the ageing society, including among social partners,
- to encourage job creation, promote youth employment and fight poverty by promoting increased social convergence by means of Social Mark.

The aim of the Social Mark is to promote:

- ~~the application of minimum social standards throughout Europe through the regular monitoring and assessment of the businesses involved,~~
- ~~the improvement of social convergence at a European level,~~
- ~~a decline in insecure employment,~~
- ~~investments in socially responsible businesses.~~

~~This project will link in with works of the Expert group on social business, will complement the intermediate report on social business initiative expected for 2014, and will link in with other actions under EaSI and the European Strategy for Corporate Social Responsibility 2014-2020.~~

~~Social label is mentioned in 8 texts adopted by the European Parliament (of which, five are legislative texts).~~

~~A feasibility study and a high level conference with stakeholders should explore the opportunities for the establishment of Social Mark — both with regard to political impact in different policy areas and at the level of enterprises. The study should in particular investigate:~~

- ~~the probable impact and benefits of the Social Mark in different policy areas,~~
- ~~what types of businesses wish to engage voluntarily in respecting minimum social criteria beyond the existing international, European and national social legislation,~~

- ~~a possibility of creating a charter of undertaking for businesses with good social values and establish progressive social criteria that must be respected in order for a business to benefit from this Social Mark,~~
- ~~to study how to assess and monitor the undertakings seeking this Social Mark,~~
- ~~how to put in place a communication plan (addressing businesses and citizens) with a website of Social Mark, with criteria for award, procedures, the list of companies awarded, etc.~~

~~In addition support could be provided to actions related to the implementation of the common provisions of EaSI such as monitoring, evaluation, dissemination of results and communication. Article 16 of the Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 describes the types of actions which may be financed, a whole by creating a single European mark for consumers and investors for better information and increased transparency.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/2013, 20.12.2013, p. 238–252), ~~and in particular Article 3(1)(a) thereof.~~

Item 04 03 02 02 — EURES — Promoting workers' voluntary geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities

Remarks

The general objective of the EU programme for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") ~~EaSI~~ is to contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy and the related headline targets for employment, education and poverty by providing financial support for the Union's objectives.

The EaSI is structured around three complementarity axes: Progress, EURES and Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship.

To achieve the general objectives of EaSI in particular to promote workers' geographical mobility and boost employment opportunities by developing Union labour markets that are open and accessible to all, the specific objectives of the EURES axis are to:

- ensure that job vacancies and applications, and any related information as well as working conditions and rights are transparent for the potential applicants and the employers; this shall be achieved through their exchange and dissemination at transnational, interregional and cross-border level using standard interoperability forms,
- help ensure that European level job vacancies and mobility options are advertised in parallel to national job vacancies and applications and not only after local or national options are exhausted,
- develop services for the recruitment and placing of workers in employment through the clearance of job vacancies and applications at European level; this shall cover all phases of placement, ranging from pre-recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance, including language skill development options, with a view to the applicant's successful integration into the labour market; such services shall include targeted mobility schemes to fill job vacancies where labour market shortcomings have been identified and/or help particular groups of workers such as young people.
- provide assistance for national and cross-border support activities organised by EURES partners,
- initial and further training of EURES advisers in the Member States,
- contacts between EURES advisers and cooperation between government employment services, including those of candidate countries,

- promotion of EURES among firms and the general public,
- development of special structures for cooperation and services in border regions pursuant to point (b) of Article 17(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68,
- measures to help remove mobility obstacles, particularly in the field of work-related social security.

This programme should also facilitate the matching and placement of apprentices and trainees as a critical element in helping the transition of young people from school to work, as already begun under the preparatory action ‘Your first EURES job’ and complemented by the Youth Employment Initiative. Companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), will be encouraged to recruit more young people, including by financial support.

Target groups:

- young people up to 30 years of age, regardless of their qualifications and work experience as the scheme is not exclusively tailored for labour market entrants,
- all legally established businesses, particularly SMEs, to assist with reducing the costs of international hiring that affect mostly smaller companies.

Eligible jobs under this part of the programme will offer young people apprenticeships, a first work experience or specialised jobs. The scheme will not support situations of job substitution or precarious employment, or in any circumstances be contrary to national labour law.

To be eligible for funding, jobs have also to comply with the following criteria:

- be located in a EURES member country other than the country of origin of the young job seeker (transnational vacancies),
- ensure a work placement for a minimum contractual period of six months.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

In addition support could be provided to actions related to the implementation of the common provisions of EaSI such as monitoring, evaluation, dissemination of results and communication. Article [2146](#) of Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 describes the types of actions which may be financed.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 2).

Commission Decision 2003/8/EC of 23 December 2002 implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 as regards the clearance of vacancies and applications for employment (OJ L 5, 10.1.2003, p. 16).

Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (‘EaSI’) and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, [20/12/2013](#), ~~20.12.2013~~, p. [238–252](#)).~~238~~, and in particular [Article 3\(1\)\(b\) thereof](#).

Item 04 03 02 03 — Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Increasing access, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

Remarks

The general objective of the [EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation \(‘EaSI’\)](#) is to contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy and the related headline targets for employment, education and poverty by providing financial support for the Union’s objectives.

The EaSI is structured around three complementarity axes: Progress, EURES and Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship.

To achieve the general objectives of EaSI in particular to promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable groups and micro-enterprises, and by increasing access to finance for social enterprises, the specific objectives of the Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis are to:

- increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their jobs, or who have difficulty in entering or re-entering the labour market, persons at risk of social exclusion and vulnerable persons who are in a disadvantaged position with regard to access to the conventional credit market and who wish to start up or develop their own micro-enterprises; and for micro-enterprises, especially those which employ these persons as referred to,
- build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers,
- support the development of social enterprises, in particular by facilitating access to finance.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue. In addition support could be provided to actions related to the implementation of the common provisions of EaSI such as monitoring, evaluation, dissemination of results and communication. Article 16 of the Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 describes the types of actions which may give rise to provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation. be financed.

Any repayment from financial instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation, including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6 3 4 1 of the statement of revenues may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(3)(i) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/2013, p. 238–252).

Reference acts

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 238), and in particular Article 3(1)(e) thereof.

Article 04 03 11 — European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure for the work programme (Title 3).

The Eurofound must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of EUR 20 371 000. An amount of EUR 191 000 EUR 517 000 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 20 180 000 EUR 19 854 000 entered in the budget.

Part of this appropriation is intended for the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Change, decided upon at the Nice European Council of 7 to 9 December 2000 with a view to identifying, anticipating and managing technological, social (in particular demographic) and economic trends. To that end, high-quality information must be collected, processed and analysed.

Part of this appropriation is intended to cover also work on three topics of importance in relation to family policies:

- family-friendly policies in the workplace (balance between work and family life, working conditions, etc.),
- factors influencing the situation of families with regard to community housing (access to decent housing for families),

— lifelong family support concerning, for example, childcare and other issues that fall within the Foundation’s forms of reference. This appropriation is also intended to cover studies on the impact of new technologies in the workplace and on occupational illnesses. The Foundation’s establishment plan is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

Article 04 03 12 — European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Agency) staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Agency’s objective is to provide the Union institutions, Member States and interested parties with technical, scientific and economic information of use in the area of health and safety at work.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 14 679 000~~~~EUR 14 094 900~~. An amount of ~~EUR 145 000~~~~EUR 81 000~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 14 534 000~~~~EUR 14 013 900~~ entered in the budget.

This appropriation is intended to cover the measures necessary to accomplish the Agency’s tasks as defined in Regulation (EC) No 2062/94, and in particular:

- awareness-building and risk anticipation measures, with special emphasis on SMEs,
- ~~operation of the European Risk Observatory~~²~~setting up a ‘risk observatory’~~ based on examples of good practice collected from firms or specific branches of ~~activity~~²~~activity~~,
- ~~preparation and provision of relevant tools for smaller companies to manage health and safety at work~~
- ~~operation of the Network comprising the main component elements of the national information networks, including the national social partner’s organisations, according to national legislation and/or practice, as well as the national focal points,~~
- also in collaboration with the International Labour ~~Organization and other international organisations~~²~~Organization~~, organising exchanges of experience, information and good practices,
- integrating the candidate countries into these information networks and devising working tools which are geared to their specific situation,
- organising ~~and running the European Campaign on Healthy Workplaces as well as the European Week~~²~~the European week~~ on health and safety, focusing on specific risks and needs of users and final beneficiaries.

The Agency’s establishment plan is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

Article 04 03 53 — Completion of other activities

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the funding of commitments remaining to be settled from past years in respect of the former Articles 04 04 07, 04 04 12 and 04 04 15.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding

appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

~~Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Article 04 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 04 03 77 07 — Preparatory action — Your first EURES Job

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~This preparatory action is intended to provide young people with access to more employment opportunities and to encourage and facilitate their work placement throughout the Member States. With the support of EURES work matching, work placement services will be provided, granting access to employment opportunities throughout the Union. This action should be broadened to also facilitate the matching and placement of apprentices and trainees as a critical element in helping the transition of young people from school to work. Companies, particularly SMEs, will be encouraged to recruit more young people, including by financial support.~~

Target groups:

- ~~— young people up to 30 years of age, regardless of their qualifications and work experience as the scheme is not exclusively tailored for labour market entrants;~~
- ~~— all legally established businesses, particularly SMEs, to assist with reducing the costs of international hiring that affect mostly smaller companies.~~

Eligible jobs:

~~'Your first EURES job' will offer young people apprenticeships, a first work experience or specialised jobs. The scheme will not support situations of job substitution or precarious employment, or in any circumstances be contrary to national labour law.~~

~~To be eligible for funding, jobs have also to comply with the following criteria:~~

- ~~— be located in a EURES member country other than the country of origin of the young job seeker (transnational vacancies);~~
- ~~— ensure a work placement for a minimum contractual period of six months.~~

The following costs will be covered:

- ~~— costs generated by the recruitment process and a recruitment allowance allocated by the EURES member of the country of destination;~~
- ~~— a financial incentive for the employer to cover the mobile worker's integration costs (e.g. induction training, language course, administrative support) after the recruitment process has been concluded;~~
- ~~— the job seeker's travel and subsistence costs for the first interview and the costs of moving abroad.~~

Item 04 03 77 09 — Preparatory action — Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

This appropriation is intended to continue to cover actions with the general objective to ensure the equal treatment and non-discrimination of migrant workers on the host labour market by means of information centres in the Member States to provide information, advice and support, including legal support, to posted workers as well as to migrant workers.

The objective of this preparatory action is to ensure the equal treatment and non-discrimination of migrant workers on the host labour market by means of information centres in the Member States to provide information, advice and support, including legal support, to migrant workers.

This preparatory action is linked to the up-coming Union initiative on the freedom of movement within the Union. This initiative is aimed at improving the enforceability of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 1). It aims to remove existing barriers to mobility of Union workers by enhancing the enforcement of rights conferred by Union law and providing information and legal support to migrants facing discrimination based on nationality. This preparatory action will build on~~continues~~ the work done in the framework of the past pilot project ‘Working and living conditions of posted workers’ (Article 04 03 77 03) as well as actions started under the preparatory action in 2013.~~04 03 09).~~

Actions:

- a study to explore the modalities of organising a network of centres across the Union,
- a stakeholder conference,
- launching ~~2 to~~ 3 pilot measures to test the network of centres in selected Member States~~States.~~
- a stakeholder conference.

The information centres can be based upon established trade union information activities and should with the assistance of the Commission:

- provide immigrant groups with support and information with regard to labour and foreign national issues,
- provide legal services for EU migrants~~immigrants~~ who may be the object of exploitation and harassment, and who are entitled to present claims and formal complaints in accordance with current legislation,
- combat discrimination and intolerance, which damage labour and social integration,
- support those in an irregular situation by providing legal assistance with the objective of regularising workers and defending their fundamental rights,
- keep up-to-date and provide permanent legal information, in particular in relation to employment cases, in order to ensure the full recognition of the rights of posted and migrant workers,
- provide legal support in the following cases: deportation orders, migrants in irregular situations, undocumented migrant workers, work and residence permit renewal,
- develop actions that tackle the fight against undeclared work and develop employer’s awareness of the issue of undeclared work,
- develop campaigns about labour market shortages and hiring in the country of origin,
- design informative campaigns and hold conferences, seminars, etc.,
- foster cooperation and the exchange of information between employment and immigration services.

The expected results of this preparatory action are: helping a smooth integration of migrant workers in host labour markets while at the same time helping them to protect and enforce their right to equal treatment. In terms of improving the administrative environment, the preparatory action will foster cooperation between employment and immigration services at the level of the Commission and the Member States.

Item 04 03 77 13 — Preparatory action — Activation measures targeting young people — implementing the ‘Youth on the Move’ initiative

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~Youth unemployment is a major challenge in Europe. Around 5 500 000 young people within the Union are currently unemployed, one in five persons under the age of 25 is out of a job and 15 % leave school without graduating. The decline in youth employment was more pronounced in 2011 and the youth unemployment rate continued to rise in 2012 reaching 45 % in some Member States. This has severe economic and social consequences for society, as well as for individuals. Studies show that people who are unemployed while young are more likely to fall into long term unemployment later in life and they are more likely to end up in precarious work. It is consequently of the utmost importance that Member States help all young people to find a job or to pursue their education when unemployed, irrespective of their level of education. In this context, the Europe 2020 Strategy sets clear targets for the Member States to reduce the share of early school leavers to 10 % and raise the employment rate to 75 % and addresses these problems by means of the flagship initiative ‘Youth on the Move’ calling upon Member States to provide a so-called ‘Youth Guarantee’ to ensure that all young people are in employment, in further education or that activation measures are taken within four months of leaving school. Youth Guarantee is an important element among the innovative approaches to transition from school to~~

work as reiterated in the Commission communication of 20 December 2011 entitled ‘Youth Opportunities Initiative’ (COM(2011) 933 final).

Against this backdrop, the objectives of the preparatory action are the following:

- target young people including those who are neither in education, nor in apprenticeship, nor employed (so-called ‘NEETs’);
- explore how the Youth Guarantee would work in practice in the Member States;
- aim at establishing innovative action as regards the transition from unemployment to employment of young people and at spreading this knowledge to all Member States;
- ensure a job or further education or activation measures for young people within four months of unemployment.

The preparatory action would therefore include the following measures:

- supporting investigation and collecting the experience of existing projects in Member States where a scheme comparable to the European Youth Guarantee is in force;
- based on the best practices collected, launching two or three pilot projects in Member States to establish a Youth Guarantee locally. This means that relevant stakeholders locally would be supported in providing counselling and help regarding the implementation of a Youth Guarantee;
- designing alternative programmes at local level for early school leavers to develop their skills and, in this context, putting a special focus on networking between relevant stakeholders (companies, schools, youth welfare services) as one important measure to improve the integration of young people into the labour market;
- making use of this experience with a view to the future Union funding schemes relevant to young people and labour market integration.

Item 04 03 77 14 — Preparatory action — Social innovation driven by social business and young entrepreneurship

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

This preparatory action ~~builds~~will build on the importance of social innovation and the emergence of social enterprises. Together these serve as drivers of change that operate on the basis of viable business models to further inclusive, socially fairer and environmentally sustainable growth. They also generate jobs through activities that meet social needs in the context of sustainable and inclusive development. The objective of this preparatory action is to identify, develop, promote and disseminate the good practice of national, regional or local governments and of financial intermediaries in assisting young or social entrepreneurs at times of high youth unemployment. As such, the preparatory action ~~contributes~~will contribute to realising the potential of young and social entrepreneurship, emphasised also in the Annual Growth Survey 2012 and in the Commission communication of 18 April 2012 entitled ‘Towards a job-rich recovery’ (COM(2012) 173 final). The goal is to improve the economic and social situation at local level, and this preparatory action will show ways in which support for young and social entrepreneurship can be most effectively incorporated into regional, urban and/or local development strategies. Special focus ~~is made~~will be on the use ~~that could be made~~, in the 2014-2020 ~~period~~period, of Union financial instruments, in particular the Structural Funds.

The main task will be to work together with potential finance providers (in particular managing authorities for structural fund programmes, notably those financed by the ESF), and financial intermediaries, including the EIB Group, in a limited number of pilot regions. This will help develop and establish feasible, suitable and reliable schemes or funds providing equity or mezzanine funding (including venture philanthropy). These can be used to support structures providing business development services and networking facilities, with the aim of stimulating and facilitating the green shoots of development and growth in social enterprises. Actions may include feasibility studies, mutual learning, dissemination of good practice, and targeted assistance to the national or regional authorities, where appropriate. Where relevant, such actions may build on the results of previous actions for capacity-building and mutual learning of regional authorities and financial intermediaries, such as the JESSICA Networking Platform¹. The results of these

¹ A learning platform helping national and regional authorities and financial intermediaries develop repayable support schemes for sustainable urban development in the context of the Structural Funds (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jessica_network_en.cfm).

learning pilots will be beneficial for implementing the relevant Europe 2020 Strategy flagship initiatives ², and will prepare the ground for effective use of the ESF and other Union funds after 2014.

Item 04 03 77 15 — Pilot project — Feasibility and added value of a European unemployment insurance or benefit scheme

Remarks

This [appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project](#). This pilot project aims at assessing the feasibility and added value of introducing a European unemployment insurance or benefit scheme possibly taking the form of a minimum unemployment allowance. The ultimate aim would be to pave the way for the concrete implementation of this idea, as a key component of the social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union.

The ~~following~~ actions/measures to be funded are:

- a detailed study in three part on the options, feasibility and added value of a European insurance scheme. First, the study will examine the different possible options as for the scope and content of the scheme, inter alia a minimum unemployment allowance. Second, the study will test their feasibility with due regard for differing practices, and for collective labour agreements and legislation in the various Member States. Third, the study should assess their European added value and in particular how such scheme could allow economic growth, prevent poverty and serve as a basis for people to live in dignity, play a full part in society and make headway with finding employment, and which will play an automatic stabilising role for the economy,
- the creation of a network to facilitate the exchange of best practices between Member States, local and territorial administrations, trade unions and associations on national unemployment insurance schemes. The information collected and exchanged should also facilitate the drawing up of the study,
- the organisation of a high level conference at the end of the project to communicate and debate the results of the study.

Item 04 03 77 16 — Preparatory action — Micro credit to specifically combat youth unemployment

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

Currently there is no microfinance facility that ~~specifically~~^{specially} tackles youth employment. This preparatory action should be awarded directly to European Investment Fund.

CHAPTER 04 04 — EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION ADJUSTMENT FUND

Remarks

Article 04 04 01 — EGF - to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of the globalisation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the EGF so as to enable the Union to ~~demonstrate solidarity towards, and to provide temporary and targeted~~ support ~~for~~ workers made redundant [and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased](#) as a result of major structural changes in world patterns due to globalisation, [as a result of the continuation of the global financial and economic crisis addressed in Regulation \(EC\) No 546/2009, trade agreements,](#) or [as a result of a new global financial and economic](#) ~~an unexpected~~ crisis and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into [sustainable](#)~~stable~~ employment.

² Notably ‘Youth on the Move’, ‘An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs’, ‘Innovation Union’ and ‘European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion’.

The actions undertaken by the EGF should be complementary to those of the [European Social Fund and the ESF](#). There must be no double funding from these ~~instruments, instruments and~~ EGF-supported ~~actions or training or transition~~ measures [should aim to ensure that the largest possible number of beneficiaries participating in these actions find sustainable employment as soon as possible before the final report is due, must be tailored to the sector or market requirements to bring any added value.](#)

The rules for entering the appropriations in this reserve and for mobilising the EGF are laid down in point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.).

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund \(2014-2020\) and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1927/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855\), and in particular Article 1 thereof.](#)

Reference acts

Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund \(2014-2020\) and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1927/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855\), and in particular Article 1 thereof.](#)

Article 04 04 51 — Completion of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2007 to 2013)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the EGF so as to enable the Union to provide ~~time-limited temporary~~ and targeted support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation where these redundancies have a significant adverse impact on the regional or local ~~economy. It is applicable to all economy for~~ applications submitted ~~up to before~~ 31 December 2013. For applications submitted ~~between 1 May 2009 and before~~ 31 December 2011, it may also be used to provide support to workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis.

The actions undertaken by the EGF should be complementary to those of the [European Social Fund, ESF](#). There must be no double funding from these instruments.

The rules for entering the appropriations in this reserve and for mobilising the EGF are laid down in point [13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management \(OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.\).](#) ~~28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 and in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.~~

Reference acts

Interinstitutional Agreement of ~~2 December 2013~~ ~~17 May 2006~~ between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary ~~discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters~~ ~~discipline~~ and ~~on~~ sound financial management (OJ C ~~373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.),~~ ~~139, 14.6.2006, p. 1).~~

CHAPTER 04 05 — INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE — EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICIES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Article 04 05 01 — Support to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Item 04 05 01 01 — Support for political reforms and [related](#) progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening [of](#) the ability of [the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels](#)~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from [Union membership in the area of political reforms](#) by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~[acquis](#)[.acquis](#), structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)~~

Item 04 05 01 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development [and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*](#)

Remarks

[Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:](#)

- [Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.](#)
- [Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.](#)

~~[Under IPA II, this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in the Western Balkans, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.](#)~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) thereof.](#)

Article 04 05 02 — Support to Iceland

Item 04 05 02 01 — Support for political reforms and [related](#) progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under IPA II, this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening [of](#) the ability of [the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels](#)~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from [Union membership in the area of political reforms](#) by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~[acquis, aquis, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.](#)~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Item 04 05 02 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union acquis, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under IPA II, this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in Iceland, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) thereof.~~

Article 04 05 03 — Support to Turkey

Item 04 05 03 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under IPA II, this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels ~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union acquis. ~~acquis, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % ~~4 %~~ of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)~~

Item 04 05 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development [and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis](#)

Remarks

[Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:](#)

- [Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.](#)
- [Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union acquis, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.](#)

~~[Under IPA II, this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in Turkey, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.](#)~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding ~~4 %~~ [4 %](#) of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) thereof.](#)~~

CHAPTER 04 06 — FUND FOR EUROPEAN AID TO THE MOST DEPRIVED

Remarks

Article 174 TFEU sets out the Union's objective of economic, social and territorial cohesion while Article 175 specifies the role of the Structural Funds in achieving this objective and makes provisions for the adoption of specific actions outside the Structural Funds.

Article 80 of the Financial Regulation provides for financial corrections in the event of expenditure incurred in breach of applicable law.

Articles ~~5653~~ and ~~5754~~ of the ~~proposal for a~~ Regulation on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived ([Reg. 223/2014](#))~~(COM(2012) 617 final)~~ (FEAD) on criteria for financial corrections by the Commission provide for specific rules on financial corrections applicable to the FEAD.

Any revenue from the financial corrections carried out on that basis is entered in Item 6 5 0 0 of the statement of revenue and constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 177 of the Financial Regulation lays down the conditions for the repayment in full, or in part, of pre-financing payments in respect of a given operation.

Article ~~44 of the FEAD~~~~41 of the proposed~~ Regulation provides for specific rules on repayment of pre-financing applicable to the FEAD.

Pre-financing amounts repaid shall constitute internal assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation and shall be entered in Item 6 1 5 0 or 6 1 5 7.

Article 19 of the MFF Regulation lays down the conditions for the revision of MFF in order to transfer to subsequent years, in excess of the corresponding expenditure ceilings, allocations not used in 2014, in the event of the adoption after 1 January 2014 of new rules or programmes.

Legal basis

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 174 and 175 thereof.

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1) and in particular Articles 21(3)(4), 80 and 177 thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.03.2014, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 24 October 2012, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (COM(2012) 617 final).~~

Conclusions of the European Council of 7 and 8 February 2013.

Article 04 06 01 — Promoting social cohesion and alleviating the worst forms of poverty in the Union

Remarks

The Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) replaces the European Union's Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons of the Community, ~~People~~ which was discontinued at the end of 2013.

To ensure continuity between the two programmes, expenditure shall be eligible for a support from a FEAD operational programme if it is incurred by a beneficiary and paid between 1 December 2013 and 31 December 2023.

FEAD shall promote social cohesion, enhance social inclusion and therefore ultimately contribute to the objective of eradicating~~combat~~ poverty in the Union by contributing to achieving the poverty reduction target of at least 20 million of the number of persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion in accordance with the Europe 2020 strategy, ~~Strategy~~, whilst complementing the Structural Funds, ~~ESF~~. FEAD shall contribute to achieving the specific objective of alleviating and eradicating the worst forms of poverty, ~~in particular food poverty~~, by providing non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons by food and/or basic material assistance, and social inclusion activities aiming at the social integration of the most deprived persons.

~~FEAD shall contribute to the sustainable eradication of food poverty, offering most deprived persons the prospect of a decent life. That objective and the structural impact of the FEAD shall be qualitatively and quantitatively assessed.~~

~~FEAD shall complement and shall not replace or reduce sustainable national poverty eradication and social inclusion programmes, which remain the responsibility of Member States.~~

~~Following the political agreement on the Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014–2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884), it was agreed that provision shall be made for an additional increase of up to EUR 1 billion (on top of the EUR 2,5 billion already agreed) for the whole 2014–2020 period for this program for those Member States wishing to use this increase.~~

~~This objective and the results of the implementation of the Fund shall be qualitatively and quantitatively assessed. political agreement was reflected in the budget appropriations entered in Budget 2014. Figures agreed are in 2011 prices.~~

~~FEAD shall complement and shall not replace or reduce sustainable national poverty eradication and social inclusion policies, which remain the responsibility of Member States. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure via transitional provisions that activities eligible for support can start as of 1 January 2014, even if operational programmes have not yet been submitted.~~

~~The resources for the Fund available for budgetary commitment for the period 2014–2020 shall be EUR 3 395 684 880 in 2011 prices. Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorizing officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the Financial Regulation, in particular taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.03.2014, p. 1).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 24 October 2012, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (COM(2012) 617 final), and in particular Article 3 thereof.~~

Article 04 06 02 — Technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover technical assistance as provided for in Article ~~2725~~ of the Regulation No 223/2014.~~proposed Regulation.~~

Technical assistance covers preparation, may cover preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical assistance, administrative, audit, information, control and evaluation measures necessary for implementing Regulation No 223/2014 as well as for activities pursuant to Article 10 of the same Regulation.~~measures.~~

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings and missions)
- information and publishing expenditure
- expenditure on information technology and telecommunications
- contracts for the provision of services and studies
- grants
- audit, control and evaluation activities

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the

European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived \(OJ L 72, 12.03.2014, p. 1\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 24 October 2012, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (COM(2012) 617 final).~~

TITLE 05 — AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER 05 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT’ POLICY AREA

Remarks

The following legal basis applies to all articles [and items](#) of this chapter unless otherwise stated.

Article 05 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Agriculture and rural development’ policy area

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 of 21 June 1999 on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the pre-accession period (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 87).

Council Regulation (EC) No 870/2004 of 26 April 2004 establishing a Community programme on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture (OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 18).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development \(EAFRD\), amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 73/2009 and Regulations \(EU\) No 1307/2013, \(EU\) No 1306/2013 and \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p.11\).](#)

Item 05 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for European Agriculture Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Non-operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical ~~support activities, as well as~~ support, evaluation, audit and inspection measures required to implement the common agricultural policy and in particular the measures as stipulated ~~in Article 5(a) to (d) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and~~ Article 6(a) and (d) to (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013.

~~This includes expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the genetic resources programme laid down by Regulation (EC) No 870/2004. It also includes the expenditure for~~ ~~It is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the genetic resources programme laid down by Regulation (EC) No 870/2004 as well as~~ the financing of the Conciliation Body within the framework of the common agricultural policy clearance of accounts (fees, equipment, travel and meetings) and studies and other expenditure on communication and support for [audit and](#) controls, such as assistance by audit firms.

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with ~~Articles~~ [Article](#) 21 and ~~174~~ [Article 174\(2\)](#) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

~~Commission Regulation (EC) No 885/2006 of 21 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 as regards the accreditation of paying agencies and other bodies and the clearance of the accounts of the EAGF and of the EAFRD (OJ L 171, 23.6.2006, p. 90).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 485/2008 of 26 May 2008 on scrutiny by Member States of transactions forming part of the system of financing by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (OJ L 143, 3.6.2008, p. 1).~~

Item 05 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for administrative technical assistance related to the agricultural part in the scope of the European Globalisation Fund (EGF) financed by Article 05 10 01. The financial allocation for the EGF may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives. Those activities include, in particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of the EGF. The financial allocation for the EGF may also cover expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the programme.~~

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014–2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855).~~

Item 05 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the Pre-accession assistance in the field of agriculture and rural development (IPA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external staff in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external staff remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) ~~and~~ publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the ~~objective~~[objectives](#) of the ~~programme~~[Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance](#),
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof,](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers administrative expenditure under Chapter 05 05.

Item 05 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) — Non-operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the EAFRD-funded technical assistance provided for in Article 66(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No [1305/2013](#), [Article 6 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013](#) and [Article 58 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1303/2013](#). ~~1305/2013~~. Technical assistance covers preparatory, monitoring, administrative support, [evaluation](#), ~~audit~~[evaluation](#) and control measures. ~~It~~[In this connection the appropriation](#) can, in particular, be used to ~~finance~~[cover](#):

- support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions, translations),
- [information and publishing expenditure,](#)
- [expenditure on information technology and telecommunications,](#)
- [audit and control measures, such as assistance by audit firms,](#)
- [contracts for the provision of services,](#)
- expenditure on external ~~staff~~[personnel](#) at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) up to [EUR 1 850 000](#), ~~EUR 1 800 000~~, as well as missions relating to such staff.

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 1 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with ~~Articles~~[Article](#) 21 [and 177](#) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

~~Commission Regulation (EC) No 885/2006 of 21 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 as regards the accreditation of paying agencies and other bodies and the clearance of the accounts of the EAGF and of the EAFRD (OJ L 171, 23.6.2006, p. 90).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 485/2008 of 26 May 2008 on scrutiny by Member States of transactions forming part of the system of financing by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (OJ L 143, 3.6.2008, p. 1).~~

Article 05 01 05 — Support expenditure for research and innovation programmes in the ‘Agriculture and rural development’ policy area

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\).](#)

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(3\)\(b\) thereof.](#)

Item 05 01 05 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Legal basis

~~[See Chapter 05-09.](#)~~

Item 05 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Legal basis

~~[See Chapter 05-09.](#)~~

Item 05 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover other administrative expenditure for all management of research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020 in the form of indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including other administrative expenditure incurred by staff posted in Union delegations.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on technical ~~and/or~~ administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or projects, such ~~as, but not limited to,~~ conferences, workshops, seminars, development and maintenance of IT systems, missions, trainings and representation ~~expenditure, expenses.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

~~See Chapter 05 09.~~

CHAPTER 05 02 — IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR THROUGH INTERVENTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any line in this chapter in accordance with ~~Articles~~[Article 21](#) and ~~174~~[Article 174\(2\)](#) of the Financial Regulation.

In the framework of establishing the budgetary needs for this chapter, an amount of ~~EUR 250 000 000~~[EUR 464 000 000](#) originating from Item 6 7 0 1 of the general statement of revenue was taken into account in establishing the budgetary needs concerning Article 05 02 08, and in particular for Item 05 02 08 03.

The following legal basis applies to all articles [and items](#) of this chapter unless otherwise stated.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

~~Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing laying down certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (OJ L 346, transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 12), 865).~~

Article 05 02 01 — Cereals

Item 05 02 01 01 — Export refunds for cereals

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for cereals granted in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles 196 to 199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~[1308/2013.](#)

Item 05 02 01 02 — Intervention storage of cereals

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover technical, financial and other costs, in particular the financial depreciation of stocks, resulting from the buying-in of cereals for public storage in accordance with Articles ~~10 to 13, 18, 25 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007~~

~~and Articles 8, 9, 11 to 16, 16 and 19 and 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, to 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 01 99 — Other measures (cereals)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover outstanding balances as well as other expenditure related to intervention schemes for cereals under ~~Regulations~~ Regulation (EC) No ~~1234/2007, 1234/2007 and under Regulation~~ (EU) No 1308/2013 ~~and (EU) No 1370/2013~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 01.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles~~ Article 219, ~~Article~~ 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 of 27 July 1994 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch (OJ L 197, 30.7.1994, p. 4).~~

Article 05 02 02 — Rice

Item 05 02 02 01 — Export refunds for rice

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for rice granted in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to ~~199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 02 99 — Other measures (rice)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure under other intervention schemes for rice under ~~Regulations~~ Regulation (EC) ~~No 1234/2007, No 1234/2007 and under Regulation~~ (EU) No 1308/2013 ~~and (EU) No 1370/2013~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 02.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles~~ Article 219, ~~Article~~ 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 of 21 June 1976 on the common organisation of the market in rice (OJ L 166, 25.6.1976, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EEC) No 738/93 of 17 March 1993 amending the transitional measures governing common organisation of the market as provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 3653/90 (OJ L 77, 31.3.1993, p. 1).~~

Article 05 02 03 — Refunds on non-Annex 1 products

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover refunds on cereals exported in the form of certain spirits drinks, in accordance with Articles ~~13 to 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, Articles 162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and Articles 196 to 199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 1308/2013,~~ as well as refunds on goods resulting from the processing of cereals and rice, sugar and isoglucose, skimmed milk, butter and eggs, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No ~~1216/2009, 3448/93.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 1216/2009 of 30 November 2009 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (OJ L 328, 15.12.2009, p. 10).

Article 05 02 04 — Food programmes

Item 05 02 04 99 — Other measures (food programmes)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding balances resulting from the application of ~~Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87, of Regulation (EC) 2802/98 and of~~ Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the supply of food from intervention stocks and products mobilised on the Union market to designated organisations for distribution to the most deprived persons in the ~~Union. Union and any other balances relating to the application of the scheme.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87 of 10 December 1987 laying down the general rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks to designated organisations for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community (OJ L 352, 15.12.1987, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2802/98 of 17 December 1998 on a programme to supply agricultural products to the Russian Federation (OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 12).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 121/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards distribution of food products to the most deprived persons in the Union (OJ L 44, 16.2.2012, p. 1).~~

Article 05 02 05 — Sugar

Item 05 02 05 01 — Export refunds for sugar and isoglucose

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for sugar and isoglucose granted in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to ~~199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013~~, as well as outstanding expenditure granted in accordance with Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, including those relating to certain sugars incorporated into processed fruit and vegetables, in accordance with Articles 16 and 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector (OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1).

Item 05 02 05 03 — Production refunds for sugar used in the chemical industry

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover outstanding expenditure on production refunds for industrial sugar in accordance [with Article 129 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013](#) and ~~with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 as well as 97 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007~~ and outstanding expenditure for refunds for use in the chemical industry in accordance with Article [97 of Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007](#). ~~7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.~~

Item 05 02 05 08 — [Private storage of](#)~~Storage measures for~~ sugar

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover aid for the private storage of sugar in accordance with Articles ~~31 and 32 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007~~ and Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 [of Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013](#) and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No [1370/2013](#). ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 05 99 — Other measures (sugar)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for sugar under [Regulations \(EC\) No 1234/2007, \(EU\) No 1308/2013 and \(EU\) No 1370/2013](#), ~~Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013~~, as well as any other outstanding ~~balances, including corrections related to it, balances~~ from the application of Regulations (EC) No [1260/2001](#), [\(EC\) No 318/2006](#) and [\(EC\) No 320/2006](#), ~~1260/2001 and (EC) No 318/2006~~, not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 05.

These outstanding balances include, in particular, possible outstanding expenditure for measures to aid the disposal of raw sugar produced in the French Overseas Departments, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 and for the adjustment aid for the refinery industry, in accordance with the second subparagraph of [Article 7\(4\)](#), ~~Article 7(4) and~~ 33(2) and Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001. [It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with Articles 219, 220\(1\)\(b\) and 221 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013.](#)

~~It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Legal basis

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector \(OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1\).](#)

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector \(OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1\).](#)

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 320/2006 of 20 February 2006 establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the Community and amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy \(OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 42\).](#)

Article 05 02 06 — Olive oil

Legal basis

~~Regulation No 136/66/EEC of the Council of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats (OJ L 72, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 865/2004 of 29 April 2004 on the common organisation of the market in olive oil and table olives (OJ L 161, 30.4.2004, p. 97).~~

Item 05 02 06 03 — [Private storage of](#)~~Storage measures for~~ olive oil

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover ~~expenditure incurred in accordance with Articles 31 and 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and expenditure for~~ aid for ~~the private storage of olive oil incurred in accordance with Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

~~This appropriation is also intended to cover any outstanding balances resulting from the application of Article 20d(3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC (storage contracts) and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 865/2004 (disturbance of the market).~~

Item 05 02 06 05 — Quality improvement measures

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for aid to operator organisations incurred in accordance with ~~Article 103 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and~~ Articles 29 to 31 ~~of Regulation~~ ~~of Regulation~~ (EU) No 1308/2013.

~~This appropriation is also intended to cover any outstanding expenditure of operations in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC providing for measures to improve the quality of olive oil production, as well as any outstanding expenditure of operations in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 865/2004.~~

Item 05 02 06 99 — Other measures (olive oil)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for olive oil under ~~Regulations~~ ~~Regulation~~ (EC) No 1234/2007 and ~~under Regulation~~ (EU) No 1308/2013, as well as any other outstanding balances from the application of Regulation No 136/66/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 865/2004, not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 06. ~~It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures under~~ ~~These outstanding balances include, in particular, possible outstanding expenditure on consumption aid for Community olive oil (in accordance with Article 11(1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC), technical, financial or other public storage costs (in accordance with Articles 219, 220(1)(b) and 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, 42 and 43 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC), export refunds for olive oil (in accordance with Article 20 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC), and the granting of a production refund for olive oil used in the manufacture of preserved fish and vegetables (in accordance with Article 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC).~~

~~It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures under Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Article 05 02 07 — Textile plants

Item 05 02 07 02 — [Private storage of](#)~~Storage measures for~~ flax fibre

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover ~~expenditure on~~ aid for the private storage of flax fibre in accordance with Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 ~~of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 07 03 — Cotton — National restructuring programmes

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure in accordance with ~~Article 66(2) of Regulation (EU)~~ ~~Chapter 2 of Regulation (EC)~~ No ~~1307/2013.~~ ~~637/2008.~~

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013~~ ~~Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 of 23 June 2008~~ establishing ~~rules~~ ~~national restructuring programmes~~ for ~~direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009~~ ~~the cotton sector~~ (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608), 178, 5.7.2008, p. 1).

Item 05 02 07 99 — Other measures (textile plants)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding expenditure on aid for cotton which is not carded or combed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 ~~and as well as~~ any other expenditure for textile ~~plants, including outstanding payments on processing aid for flax fibre and hemp fibre, under Regulations~~ ~~plants under Regulation~~ (EC) No 1234/2007 and ~~(EU) No 1308/2013~~ ~~under Commission proposal COM(2011) 626 final~~, not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 07.

~~It also covers outstanding expenditure on processing aid for long and short flax fibre and hemp fibre in accordance with Article 2(3)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000 and Articles 91 to 95 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, outstanding expenditure on production aid for fibre flax and hemp in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70, less the deductions made in accordance with Article 2 of that Regulation, as well as any outstanding balances on other measures financed under Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70.~~

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures ~~under Article~~ ~~carried out in accordance with Article~~ 219, Article 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of the Council of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp (OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000 of 27 July 2000 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp grown for fibre (OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 16).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 1050/2001 of 22 May 2001 adjusting, for the sixth time, the system of aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece (OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 of 22 May 2001 on production aid for cotton (OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 3).

Article 05 02 08 — Fruit and vegetables

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in processed fruit and vegetable products (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 of 28 October 1996 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 49).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007 of 26 September 2007 laying down specific rules as regards the fruit and vegetable sector (OJ L 273, 17.10.2007, p. 1).~~

Item 05 02 08 03 — Operational funds for producer organisations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Union's part-financing of expenditure connected with operational funds for producer organisations, in accordance with ~~Subsection II of Section IVa of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007~~

~~and Articles 32 to 38 and 152 to 160 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, 1308/2013, as well as any outstanding expenditure in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 and Chapter II of Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007.~~

Item 05 02 08 12 — School fruit scheme

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to the Union contribution to the school fruit scheme in accordance with ~~Subsection IIa of Section IVa of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and~~ Articles ~~2223~~ 25 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 08 99 — Other measures (fruit and vegetables)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for fruit and vegetables under ~~Regulations~~ Regulation (EC) No ~~1234/2007, (EU) No 1308/2013, 1234/2007 and (EU) No 1370/2013, under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013,~~ as well as any outstanding expenditure for measures under Regulations (EC) No 399/94, (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96, (EC) No 2202/96 and (EC) No 1782/2003, not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 08.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures ~~under Article~~ ~~carried out in accordance with Article~~ 219, Article 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 399/94 of 21 February 1994 concerning specific measures for dried grapes (OJ L 54, 25.2.1994, p. 3).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).~~

Article 05 02 09 — Products of the wine-growing sector

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine (OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine (OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 of 29 April 2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine (OJ L 148, 6.6.2008, p. 1).~~

Item 05 02 09 08 — National support programmes for the wine sector

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on support programmes for the wine sector in accordance with ~~Subsections I and II of Section IVb of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and in accordance with~~ Articles 39 to 54 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Item 05 02 09 99 — Other measures (wine-growing sector)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding balances from application of Regulations ~~(EC) No 479/2008~~, (EEC) No 822/87, ~~822/87 and~~ (EC) No 1493/1999, ~~(EC) No 479/2008, (EC) No 1234/2007 and (EU) No 1308/2013~~, not covered by the appropriations for the other Items under Article 05 02 09. ~~It is also intended to cover any outstanding expenditure on the grubbing up scheme in accordance with Subsection III of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.~~

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles~~Article 219, ~~Article~~ 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

[Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine \(OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1\).](#)

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine \(OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1\).](#)

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 479/2008 of 29 April 2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine \(OJ L 148, 6.6.2008, p. 1\).](#)

Article 05 02 10 — Promotion

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 of 14 December 1999 on measures to provide information on, and to promote, agricultural products in third countries (OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 7).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 of 19 December 2000 on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market (OJ L 328, 23.12.2000, p. 2).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 3/2008 of 17 December 2007 on information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries (OJ L 3, 5.1.2008, p. 1).

Item 05 02 10 01 — Promotion measures — Payments by Member States

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to co-finance promotion programmes implemented by the Member States in respect of agricultural products, their method of production and food ~~products in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 3/2008.~~products.

Item 05 02 10 02 — Promotion measures — Direct payments by the Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to finance promotion actions directly managed by the Commission as well as the technical [assistance, such as preparatory work, assistance required for the implementation of the promotion programmes. Technical assistance covers preparatory](#), monitoring, evaluation, supervision and management [measures, required for the implementation of the promotion programmes in accordance with the provisions of Regulation \(EC\) No 3/2008](#)measures.

Item 05 02 10 99 — Other measures (promotion)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to finance other measures in accordance with regulations on promotion [measures, interventions](#), not financed by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 10.

Article 05 02 11 — Other plant products/measures

Item 05 02 11 03 — Hops — Aid to producer organisations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the aid to producer organisations in the hops sector in accordance with [Articles 58 to 60](#)~~Article 102a of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Chapter II of Title I~~ of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Item 05 02 11 04 — POSEI (excluding direct aids)

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred in accordance with Regulation \(EU\) No 228/2013 and Regulation \(EU\) No 229/2013 as well as any outstanding expenditure arising from the implementation of the POSEI and Aegean islands legislation under Regulations \(EC\) No 247/2006 and \(EC\) No 1405/2006.](#)

~~This appropriation is intended to cover:~~

- ~~— expenditure incurred in accordance with Regulations (EU) No 228/2013 and (EU) No 229/2013 and any outstanding expenditure arising from the implementation of the POSEI and Aegean islands legislation under Regulations (EC) No 247/2006 and (EC) No 1405/2006,~~
- ~~— subsidies for Union rice supplied to the French overseas department of Réunion, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 of 30 January 2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union (OJ L 42, 14.2.2006, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006 of 18 September 2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (OJ L 265, 26.9.2006, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 228 /2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 (OJ L 78, 20.3.2013, p. 23).

Regulation (EU) No 229/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006 (OJ L 78, 20.3.2013, p. 41).

Item 05 02 11 99 — Other measures (other plant products/measures)

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for other plant products/measures under Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, as well as any other outstanding balances as well as other expenditure for other plant products/measures under from the application of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 and from the application of Regulations (EEC) No 2075/92, (EC)(EC) No 603/95 and (EC) No 1786/2003, not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 11. It is also intended to cover any outstanding expenditure related to the production aid for dried fodder in accordance with Article 87 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and (EU) No 1308/2013 not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 11, any outstanding expenditure in accordance with Article 104 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.~~

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures [under Article](#)~~carried out in accordance with Article~~ 219, ~~Article~~ 220(1)(b) and ~~Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco (OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70).

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 603/95 of 21 February 1995 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (OJ L 63, 21.3.1995, p. 1).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 1786/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 114).

Article 05 02 12 — Milk and milk products

Item 05 02 12 01 — Refunds for milk and milk products

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for milk and milk products in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to ~~199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 12 02 — ~~Storage measures for~~ Intervention storage of skimmed-milk powder

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover technical, financial and other costs, in particular the financial depreciation of stocks, resulting from public buying-in into storage of skimmed-milk powder in accordance with Articles ~~10 to 13, 18, 25 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 8, 9, 11 to ~~16, 16 and~~ 19 and 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013. ~~to 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

This appropriation is also intended to cover private storage aid for skimmed milk powder in accordance with Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 12 03 — Aid for disposal of skimmed milk

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on:~~

- ~~— aid for partly skimmed milk powder for animal feed granted in accordance with Article 99 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007,~~
- ~~— aid for skimmed milk processed into casein in accordance with Article 100 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.~~

Item 05 02 12 04 — ~~Storage measures for~~ Intervention storage of butter and cream

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on private storage aid for butter and cream granted in accordance with Articles ~~28 and 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 8, 9 and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

It is also intended to cover technical, financial and other costs, in particular the financial depreciation of stocks, resulting from the buying-in into public storage of butter and cream in accordance with Articles ~~10 to 13, 18, 25 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and Articles~~ 8, 9, 11 to ~~16, 16 and~~ 19 and 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 2 and 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013. ~~to 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 12 06 — Private storage of certain cheeses

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on private storage aid for certain cheeses granted in accordance with Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.

Item 05 02 12 08 — School milk

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on Union aid granted for supplying to pupils in educational establishments certain milk products in accordance with ~~Article 102 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and in accordance with~~ Articles 26 to 28 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 12 99 — Other measures (milk and milk products)

Remarks

Former items 05 02 12 03 and 05 02 12 99

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding balances as well as other expenditure for measures in the milk sector under ~~Regulations~~ Regulation (EC) No ~~1234/2007, (EU) 1233/2009, (EU) No 1308/2013~~ ~~1234/2007~~ and ~~(EU) No 1370/2013,~~ ~~under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013,~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 12.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on compensation for certain producers of milk or milk products, known as ‘SLOM’ in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2330/98.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles 219 to Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Article 05 02 13 — Beef and veal

Item 05 02 13 01 — Refunds for beef and veal

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for beef and veal in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 13 02 — Storage measures for~~Intervention storage of~~ beef and veal

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover aid for the private storage of beef and veal in accordance with ~~Articles 31 and 34 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with~~ Articles ~~8 to 108,~~ ~~9~~ and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

It is also intended to cover technical, financial and other costs, in particular the financial depreciation of stocks, resulting from the buying-in into public storage of beef and veal in accordance with ~~Articles 10 to 12, 18, 25 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with~~ Articles 8 to ~~16,~~ ~~16 and~~ 19 ~~and 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~to 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 13 04 — Refunds for live animals

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for live animals in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 13 99 — Other measures (beef and veal)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for measures in the beef and veal sector under ~~Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 1370/2013, Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013,~~ as well as any other outstanding balances from the application of ~~Regulations (EC) No 1254/1999 and (EC) 1234/2007, Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 13.

It is also intended to cover any outstanding payments concerning the Union's contribution to the cost of the voluntary slaughter of cattle slaughtered before 23 January 2006 that were more than 30 months old (OTMS) and of cattle slaughtered after 23 January 2006 that were born before 1 August 1996 (OCDS), resulting from the application of Commission Regulation (EC) No 716/96 of 19 April 1996 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom (OJ L 99, 20.4.1996, p. 14).

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles 219 to Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Article 05 02 14 — Sheepmeat and goatmeat

Item 05 02 14 01 — ~~Private~~~~Intervention~~ storage of sheepmeat and goatmeat

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on the private storage of sheepmeat and goatmeat in accordance with Articles ~~8 to 10, 31 and 38 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles 8, 9~~ and 17 to ~~21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 14 99 — Other measures (sheepmeat and goatmeat)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for measures in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector under ~~Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 and Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and under Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, 1308/2013,~~ as well as any other outstanding balances from the application of ~~Regulations (EC) No 2529/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007, Regulation (EC) No 2529/2001,~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 02 14.

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles 219 to 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.~~

Article 05 02 15 — Pigmeat, eggs and poultry, bee-keeping and other animal products

Item 05 02 15 01 — Refunds for pigmeat

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover export refunds for pigmeat in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to 199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 15 02 — ~~Private~~Intervention storage of pigmeat

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover costs related to the private storage of pigmeat in accordance with ~~Articles 31 and 37 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with~~ Articles 8, 9 and 17 to 20 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 15 04 — Refunds for eggs

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on export refunds for eggs in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to 199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 15 05 — Refunds for poultrymeat

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on export refunds for poultrymeat in accordance with Articles ~~162 to 170 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 196 to 199 and Articles 201 to 204 of Regulation (EU) No ~~1308/2013 and with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013.~~ ~~1308/2013.~~

Item 05 02 15 06 — Specific aid for bee-keeping

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to support, with specific measures, the bee-keeping sector, to compensate income losses and to improve consumer information and market transparency, as well as quality control in accordance with Articles ~~105 to 110 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and with Articles~~ 55 to 57 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Item 05 02 15 99 — Other measures (pigmeat, poultry, eggs, bee-keeping, other animal products)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any other expenditure for measures in the pigmeat, poultry, eggs, bee-keeping and other animal products sectors under ~~Regulations Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and under Regulation~~ (EU) No 1308/2013 ~~and (EU) No 1370/2013, as well as any other outstanding balances from the application of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007~~ not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article ~~05 02 15.05-02-15.~~

It includes in particular expenditure on exceptional measures carried out in accordance with ~~Articles 219 to Article 219, Article 220(1)(b) and Article~~ 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Legal basis

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 797/2004 of 26 April 2004 on measures improving general conditions for the production and marketing of apiculture products \(OJ L 125, 28.4.2004, p. 1\).](#)

CHAPTER 05 03 — DIRECT AIDS AIMED AT CONTRIBUTING TO FARM INCOMES, LIMITING FARM INCOME VARIABILITY AND MEETING ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE OBJECTIVES

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any line in this chapter in accordance with Article 21 and Article [174174\(2\)](#) of the Financial Regulation.

When establishing the budgetary needs for this chapter, an amount of [EUR 780 000 000](#)~~EUR 1 000 000 000~~ originating from Items 6 7 0 1, 6 7 0 2 and 6 7 0 3 of the general statement of revenue was taken into account in establishing the budgetary needs concerning Article 05 03 01, and in particular for Item 05 03 01 01.

The following legal basis applies to all Articles and Items of this chapter unless otherwise stated.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy \(OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1\).](#)

Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16).

Regulation (EU) No 671/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013 (OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 11).

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).

Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).

Reference acts

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 964/2013 of 9 October 2013 on fixing an adjustment rate to direct payments provided for in Council Regulation \(EC\) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013 \(OJ L 268, 10.10.2013, p. 5\).](#)

Article 05 03 01 — Decoupled direct aids

[Item 05 03 01 07 — Redistributive payment](#)

Remarks

[New item](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure under the redistributive payment in calendar year 2014 provided for in Articles 72a and 125a of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in Member States applying the single payment scheme in accordance with Title III of that Regulation and in Member States applying the single area payment scheme in accordance with Title V of that Regulation.

Item 05 03 01 99 — Other (decoupled direct aids)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for other decoupled direct aids not covered by the appropriations for the other items under Article 05 03 01 and to cover corrections arising from non-compliance with the ceilings as laid down by Articles 8 and 40 of net ceilings fixed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 ~~or the national ceilings fixed in Annex VIII to that Regulation~~ which are not attributable to a specific budget line under Article 05 03 01.

Article 05 03 02 — Other direct aids

Item 05 03 02 39 — Additional amount for sugar beet and cane producers

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding payments to sugar beet and cane producers in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Chapter 10f of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003. ~~This aid is provided to producers in Member States which have granted the restructuring aid provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 for at least 50 % of the sugar quota fixed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.~~

Item 05 03 02 42 — Transitional fruit and vegetables payment — Other products than tomatoes

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any outstanding transitional payments to farmers producing one or more of the fruit and vegetables, other than tomatoes, in accordance with ~~Article~~Articles 54(2) and Article 128(2) of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and ~~Article~~Articles 68b(2) and Article 143bc(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

Item 05 03 02 99 — Other (direct aids)

Remarks

Former Items 05 03 02 01, 05 03 02 04, 05 03 02 05, 05 03 02 08, 05 03 02 09, 05 03 02 10, 05 03 02 18, 05 03 02 19, 05 03 02 21, 05 03 02 22, 05 03 02 23, 05 03 02 24, 05 03 02 25, 05 03 02 26, 05 03 02 41, 05 03 02 43, 05 03 02 51 and 05 03 02 99

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for other direct aids not covered by the appropriations of the other items under Article 05 03 02 and to cover corrections which are not attributable to a specific budget line. It is also intended to cover corrections arising from non-compliance with the ceilings as laid down by Articles 8 and 40 of net ceilings fixed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 ~~or the national ceilings fixed in Annex VIII to that Regulation~~ which are not attributable to a specific budget line under Article 05 03 02. It may also finance outstanding expenditure linked to:

- the supplement to the area payment in accordance with Chapter 8 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, and Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999,
- the per hectare aid to maintain crops of chickpeas, lentils and vetches in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 1577/96,
- the transitional regime for dried fodder in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 603/95, No 1782/2003 and No 1786/2003,
- the supplement for durum wheat in non-traditional production zones in accordance with Chapter 10 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999,

- the beef deseasonalisation premium in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,
- the beef extensification premium in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,
- the additional payments to beef producers in accordance with Article 133 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,
- the additional payments in the sheep and goat sector in accordance with Chapter 11 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2519/2001,
- the dairy premium to milk producers in accordance with Chapter 7 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the additional premiums to milk producers in accordance with Chapter 7 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the compensatory aid for bananas in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 404/93,
- the transitional aid for sugar beet growers in accordance with Chapter 10e of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the establishment of the agrimonetary arrangements for the euro in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2799/98,
- the area aid for dried grapes in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96,
- the area aid to producers of energy crops in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the area aid for cereals, oilseeds, protein crops, grass silage and set aside in accordance with Chapter 10 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999,
- the supplementary aid to the per hectare payments granted for durum wheat producers in traditional production zones in accordance with Chapter 10 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999,
- the production aid for seeds in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, Chapter 9 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71,
- the beef special premiums in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, Chapter 12 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,
- the premium for the slaughter of bovine calves in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, Chapter 12 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 and any outstanding payments relating to the processing premiums for young male calves in accordance with Article 4i of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and [veal](#) ~~(OJ L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24)~~,
- the premium for the slaughter of adult bovine animals in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, Chapter 12 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 and any outstanding payments relating to the processing premiums for young male calves in accordance with Article 4i of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68,
- the production aid paid to producers of potatoes intended for the manufacture of potato starch in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Chapter 6 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the area aid for rice granted in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, Chapter 3 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and any outstanding payments in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95,
- the aid for olive groves in accordance with Chapter 10b of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 and Title II of Regulation (EEC) No 136/66,
- the aid granted to farmers producing raw tobacco in accordance with Chapter 10c of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 546/2002, Title I of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 and Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2076/92,
- the hops area aid granted to producers in accordance with Chapter 10d of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71,
- the specific quality premium for durum wheat in accordance with Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the aid to producers of protein crops in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Chapter 2 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,

- the area aid to producers of nuts in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Chapter 4 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,
- the transitional payments to farmers producing tomatoes, in accordance with ~~Article~~[Articles](#) 54(1) and ~~Article~~[Article](#) 128(1) of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and ~~Article~~[Articles](#) 68b(1) and ~~Article~~[Article](#) 143bc(1) of Regulation (EC) No ~~1782/2003~~,[the aid related to the transitional soft fruit payment in accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation \(EC\) No 73/2009 and Chapter 10h of Title IV of Regulation \(EC\) No 1782/2003](#),
- ~~the aid related to the transitional soft fruit payment in accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Chapter 10h of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003,~~
- the direct aids granted in the outermost regions in accordance with Article 70(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and the direct aids granted in these regions before 2006.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993 on the common organisation of the market in bananas (OJ L 47, 25.2.1993, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1577/96 of 30 July 1996 introducing a specific measure in respect of certain grain legumes (OJ L 206, 16.8.1996, p. 4).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro (OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2800/98 of 15 December 1998 on transitional measures to be applied under the common agricultural policy with a view to the introduction of the euro (OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 8).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1259/1999 of 17 May 1999 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 113).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments, ~~amending Directive 72/462/EEC and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 525/77 and (EEC) No 3763/91~~ (Poseidom) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1453/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira ~~and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92~~ (Poseima) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 26).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands ~~and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92~~ (Poseican) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 45).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1786/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 114).

Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 of 30 January 2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union (OJ L 42, 14.2.2006, p. 1).

Article 05 03 09 — Reimbursement of direct aids in relation to financial discipline

Remarks

New article

This Article does not include any fresh appropriations but is intended to accommodate the amounts that may be carried over in accordance with Article 169(3) of the Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for reimbursement of the reduction of direct aids due to the application of financial discipline in the previous year. In accordance with Article 26(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013, Member States shall reimburse the final recipients who are subject, in the financial year to which the appropriations are carried over, to the application of financial discipline in accordance with Article 26, paragraphs (1) to (4) thereof.

Article 05 03 10 — Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector

Remarks

The appropriations ~~of entered in~~ this reserve article are intended to cover expenditure for measures needed to cope with major crises affecting agricultural production or distribution.

The reserve is to be established by applying at the beginning of each year a reduction to agricultural direct aids (Chapter 05 03) with the financial discipline mechanisms in accordance with ~~Articles 25 and Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 671/2012, as well as Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as well as~~ Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013. When the Commission considers the reserve needs to be called on, in accordance with the relevant legislative act, it shall present to the ~~two arms of the budgetary authority European Parliament and the Council~~ a proposal for a transfer from the reserve to the corresponding budget lines financing the measure deemed necessary. Any Commission proposal for a transfer to draw on the reserve must be preceded by an examination of the scope for reallocating appropriations. By the end of the financial year, any amount of the reserve not made available for crisis measures shall be reimbursed proportionally as agricultural direct aids to the budget lines from which the reduction was made. Any reimbursement will be done under Article 05 03 09 from appropriations carried-over from the previous financial year.

Transfers calling on the reserve and ~~transfer~~ transfers back from the reserve to agricultural direct aids shall be made in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).~~

~~Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014–2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).~~

Reference acts

~~Interinstitutional agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 964/2013 of 9 October 2013 on fixing an adjustment rate to direct payments provided for in Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013 (OJ L 268, 10.10.2013, p. 5).~~

CHAPTER 05 04 — RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Article 05 04 01 — Completion of rural development financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section — Programming period 2000 to 2006

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any item in this article in accordance with ~~Articles Article~~ 21 and ~~174 Article 174(2)~~ of the Financial Regulation.

[The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.](#)

Item 05 04 01 14 — Completion of rural development financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section — Programming period 2000 to 2006

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover sums recovered by the Member States that cannot be considered to constitute an irregularity or negligence under Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005. These sums will be booked as corrections regarding expenditure previously financed from Items 05 04 01 01 to 05 04 01 13 and cannot be reused by the Member States.

It is also intended to cover the payment of outstanding amounts declared by Member States subsequent to the application of Article 39(3) of [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1290/2005](#).

Legal basis

~~[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy \(OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 4\).](#)~~

Article 05 04 02 — Rural development financed by the EAGGF Guidance Section — Completion of earlier programmes

Remarks

Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides for financial corrections, any revenue from which is entered in Item 6 5 0 0 of the statement of revenue. That revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, in accordance with ~~Articles~~[Article 21 and 177](#) of the Financial Regulation, in specific instances where they are necessary to cover risks of cancellation or of reductions in corrections previously decided upon.

[The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.](#)

Legal basis

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Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 158, 159 and 161 thereof.

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund \(EAGGF\) \(OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80\).](#)

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1), and in particular Article 39 thereof.

Item 05 04 02 01 — Completion of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section — Objective 1 regions (2000 to 2006)

Reference acts

[Commission Decision 1999/501/EC of 1 July 1999 fixing an indicative allocation by Member State of the commitment appropriations for Objective 1 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006 \(OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 49\), and in particular recital 5 thereof.](#)

Legal basis

~~[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund \(EAGGF\) \(OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80\).](#)~~

Item 05 04 02 02 — Completion of the special programme for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland (2000 to 2006)

Legal basis

~~Commission Decision 1999/501/EC of 1 July 1999 fixing an indicative allocation by Member State of the commitment appropriations for Objective 1 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006 (OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 49), and in particular recital 5 thereof.~~

Reference acts

~~Commission Decision 1999/501/EC of 1 July 1999 fixing an indicative allocation by Member State of the commitment appropriations for Objective 1 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006 (OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 49), Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999, and in particular recital 5 ~~paragraph 44(b)~~ thereof.~~

Item 05 04 02 03 — Completion of earlier programmes in Objectives 1 and 6 regions (prior to 2000)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 04 — Completion of earlier programmes in Objective 5b regions (prior to 2000)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 05 — Completion of earlier programmes outside Objective 1 regions (prior to 2000)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 06 — Completion of Leader (2000 to 2006)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 07 — Completion of earlier Community initiatives (prior to 2000)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 08 — Completion of earlier innovative measures (prior to 2000)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Item 05 04 02 09 — Completion of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section — Operational technical assistance (2000 to 2006)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).~~

Article 05 04 03 — Completion of other measures

Item 05 04 03 02 — Plant and animal genetic resources — Completion of earlier measures

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the settlement of commitments entered in respect of the Community programme on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture.

This appropriation is to be used as a matter of priority for the sustainable use and further development of biodiversity through the interaction of farmers, established nongovernmental organisations in the area and public and private-sector institutes. Consumer awareness in this field should also be fostered.

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with ~~Articles~~Article 21 and 174 of the Financial ~~Regulation~~Regulation and Article 180 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 870/2004 of 26 April 2004 establishing a Community programme on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture (OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 18).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).

Article 05 04 05 — Completion of rural development financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (2007 to 2013)

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 1 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any item in this article in accordance with ~~Articles~~Article 21 and 177 of the Financial Regulation.

The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 378/2007 of 27 March 2007 laying down rules for voluntary modulation of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (OJ L 95, 5.4.2007, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development \(EAFRD\), amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 73/2009 and Regulations \(EU\) No 1307/2013, \(EU\) No 1306/2013 and \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865\).](#)

Reference acts

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 335/2013 of 12 April 2013 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1974/2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development \(EAFRD\) \(OJ L 105, 13.4.2013, p.1\).](#)

Item 05 04 05 01 — Rural development programmes

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to ~~pay commitments~~~~cover the financing~~ of the 2007 to 2013 rural development programmes funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

~~Of the total commitment appropriations in this item, an amount of EUR 2 355 300 000 results from the compulsory modulation in conformity with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009. In addition, an amount of EUR 347 900 000 results from the voluntary modulation in conformity with Regulation (EC) No 378/2007.~~ Rural development measures under all axes will be measured against more refined performance indicators for farming systems and production methods so as to respond to the challenges related to climate change, water protection, biodiversity and renewable energies. Member States shall report on action taken on the new challenges in rural development measures, including the milk sector.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 378/2007 of 27 March 2007 laying down rules for voluntary modulation of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 95, 5.4.2007, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16).~~

Item 05 04 05 02 — Operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to ~~pay commitments~~~~forever~~ technical assistance measures as provided for by Article 66(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and in particular the European Network for Rural Development.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to steadily expand the European Rural Solidarity Network, which has been in operation for two years now.~~

~~1. Aim: to create a European area of solidarity, prevention and research~~

~~— Phase 1: consolidating the current solidarity network.~~

- ~~Phase 2: expanding the network to offer other European countries the benefits of its expertise in taking preventive action to safeguard agricultural employment and maintain the economic vitality of rural areas. There is an urgent need to share and standardise the comprehensive support schemes already in use and to exchange views on exactly what being ‘in difficulty’ means, with a view to detecting people who are in this situation, using common criteria referred to as ‘alarm signals’. These prevention tools will help newly established support groups to address the problems faced in rural areas more effectively.~~

~~2. Action to be taken: dissemination of prevention tools~~

~~The following tools need to be disseminated as widely as possible among European farmers:~~

- ~~‘alarm signals’: the basic preventive self-assessment tool to be used by farmers to assess the difficulties they face. This tool will enable farmers to determine exactly how bad their situation is, so that they can seek the assistance of agencies able to help them out of their difficulties at the earliest possible stage,~~
- ~~‘simplified management tool’: this financial self-assessment tool will enable farmers to assess the financial situation of their farms and to anticipate difficulties, determine how much scope they have for investment or diversification and keep to a pre-established recovery plan. Training in the use of the simplified management tool will be provided by the individual support groups at national level. The training will be targeted at people looking after and supporting farmers in difficulty.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1).~~

Article 05 04 60 — European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development — EAFRD (2014 to 2020)

Remarks

Any revenue entered in article 6 7 1 of the general statement of revenue in relation to programmes 2014-2020 may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any line in this article in accordance with Articles 21 and 177 of the Financial Regulation.

The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).

Reference acts

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 335/2013 of 12 April 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 1974/2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 105, 13.4.2013, p.1).

Item 05 04 60 01 — Promoting sustainable rural development, a more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and innovative Union agricultural sector

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).~~

Item 05 04 60 02 — Operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover technical assistance measures at the initiative of the Commission as provided for by Articles 51 to 54 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 and Article 58 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. This includes Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 and in particular the European Network for Rural Development and the European Innovation Partnership Network.~~Development.~~

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).~~

Item 05 04 60 03 — Operational technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover part of the national envelope for technical assistance transferred to the technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission at the request of a Member State which faces temporary budgetary difficulties. In accordance with [Article 25](#)~~the proposed Article 22bis of the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, proposed under COM(2013) 246 final~~, it is intended to cover measures to identify, prioritise and implement structural and administrative reforms in response to economic and social challenges in this Member State.

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards their application in the year 2014 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 865).~~

CHAPTER 05 05 — INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE — AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Article 05 05 01 — Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (Sapard) — Completion of earlier measures (prior to 2014)

Remarks

[The following legal basis applies to all items of this article unless otherwise stated.](#)

Item 05 05 01 01 — The Sapard pre-accession instrument — Completion of the programme (2000 to 2006)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the clearance of commitments made up to 31 December 2006 in Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia for support measures relating to agriculture and rural development under Sapard.

Irrespective of the beneficiary, no administrative expenditure against this [Item](#)~~item~~ is authorised.

Item 05 05 01 02 — The Sapard pre-accession instrument — Completion of the pre-accession assistance related to eight applicant countries

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the clearance of commitments made up to 31 December 2003 for support measures relating to agriculture and rural development under Sapard in the eight candidate countries which became Member States in 2004.

Irrespective of the beneficiary, no administrative expenditure against this ~~Item~~ is authorised.

Article 05 05 02 — Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development (IPARD) — Completion of the programme (2007 to 2013)

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. ~~82~~ [82](#))

Article 05 05 03 — Support to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Item 05 05 03 01 — Support for political reforms and [related](#) progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), , this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening ~~of~~ the ability of ~~the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~ [beneficiary countries](#) to fulfil the obligations stemming from [Union membership in the area of political reforms](#) by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~*acquis*~~ [acquis](#), ~~structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union~~.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural ~~persons~~ [persons](#), to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf~~ [behalf](#) may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding ~~4 %~~ [4 %](#) of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(a\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.~~

Item 05 05 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective to provide support for economic, social and territorial development in the Western Balkans, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural ~~persons~~persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf~~behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding ~~4 %~~4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) thereof.~~

Article 05 05 04 — Support to Turkey

Item 05 05 04 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~*acquis*, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~*acquis*.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural ~~persons~~persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf~~behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by

the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.~~

Item 05 05 04 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union acquis, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective to provide support for economic, social and territorial development in Turkey, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) thereof.~~

CHAPTER 05 06 — INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ‘AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT’ POLICY AREA

Article 05 06 01 — International agricultural agreements

Legal basis

Council Decision 92/580/EEC of 13 November 1992 on the signing and conclusion of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 (OJ L 379, 23.12.1992, p. 15).

Council Decision 96/88/EC of 19 December 1995 concerning the approval by the European Community of the Grains Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention, constituting the International Grains Agreement 1995 (OJ L 21, 27.1.1996, p. 47).

Council Decision 2005/800/EC of 14 November 2005 concerning the conclusion of the International Agreement on olive oil and table olives 2005 (OJ L 302, 19.11.2005, [p. 46](#)~~p. 47~~).

[Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation \(EC, Euratom\) No 1605/2002 \(OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1\), and in particular Article 54\(2\)\(d\) thereof.](#)

[Council Decision 2013/139/EU of 18 March 2013 on establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 \(OJ L 77, 20.03.2013, p. 2\).](#)

[Council Decision 2013/138/EU of 18 March 2013 on establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995 \(OJ L 77, 20.03.2013, p.1\).](#)

Reference acts

[Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation \(EC, Euratom\) No 1605/2002 \(OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1\), and in particular Article 54\(2\)\(d\) thereof.](#)

[Proposal for a Council Decision, submitted by the Commission on 19 December 2012, establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 \(COM\(2012\) 780 final\).](#)

[Proposal for a Council Decision, submitted by the Commission on 19 December 2012, establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995 \(COM\(2012\) 779 final\).](#)

CHAPTER 05 07 — AUDIT OF AGRICULTURAL EXPENDITURE FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE FUND (EAGF)

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations on any Item in this chapter in accordance with Article 21 and Article [174174\(2\)](#) of the Financial Regulation.

[The following legal basis applies to all articles and items of this chapter unless otherwise stated.](#)

Legal basis

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy \(OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1\).](#)

Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

Article 05 07 01 — Control of agricultural expenditure

Item 05 07 01 02 — Monitoring and preventive measures — Direct payments by the Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for carrying out remote-sensing [checks in accordance with Articles 6 \(b\) and 21 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013](#). ~~checks.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 165/94 of 24 January 1994 concerning the co-financing by the Community of remote sensing checks (OJ L 24, 29.1.1994, p. 6).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).~~

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 671/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013 (OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 11).~~

Item 05 07 01 06 — Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on accounting clearance of previous years' accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the results of [clearance of accounts](#) decisions in accordance with Article ~~30(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and Article~~ 51 of Regulation (EU) [No 1306/2013 in case these decisions are in favour of the Member States](#). ~~No 1306/2013.~~

It is also intended to cover the results of accounting clearance decisions relating to the Sugar Restructuring [Fund when these are Fund](#). ~~The principle of the clearance of accounts is provided for in~~ [favour of the Member States](#). ~~Article 59(6) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103).~~

~~Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 of 20 February 2006 establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the Community and amending Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 42).

Item 05 07 01 07 — Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on conformity clearance of previous years' accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the results of [conformity clearance](#) decisions in accordance with ~~Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and Article~~ 52 of Regulation (EU) No [1306/2013 in case these decisions are in favour of the Member States](#). ~~1306/2013.~~

It is also intended to cover the results of conformity clearance decisions relating to the Sugar Restructuring Fund when these are in favour of Member States. ~~The principle of the clearance of accounts is provided for in Article 59(6) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103).~~

~~Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 of 20 February 2006 establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the Community and amending Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 42).

CHAPTER 05 08 — POLICY STRATEGY AND COORDINATION OF THE ‘AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT’ POLICY AREA

Remarks

Any revenue entered in Article 6 7 0 of the general statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with ~~Articles~~Article 21 and ~~174~~Article 174(2) of the Financial Regulation.

The following legal basis applies to all articles and items of this chapter unless otherwise stated.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing, management and monitoring financing of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~ (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).

Article 05 08 02 — Surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings (OJ L 56, 2.3.1988, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods (OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 14).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods, as regards the financial framework for the period 2014-2018 (COM(2013)757 of 4.11.2013).

Article 05 08 03 — Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on the improvement of systems of agricultural statistics in the Union,
- subsidies, contractual expenditure and expenditure involving payments for services connected with the purchasing and the consulting of databases,

- subsidies, contractual expenditure and expenditure involving payments for services connected with agricultural sector modelling and short- and medium-term forecasts of market and agricultural structure trends, and with the dissemination of results,
- subsidies, contractual expenditure and expenditure involving payments for services connected with the implementation of operations for applying remote sensing, area sampling and agrometeorological models to agricultural statistics,
- subsidies, contractual expenditure and expenditure involving payments for services connected with the carrying out of economic analyses and development of indicators in the field of the agricultural ~~policy~~ [policy](#),
- [subsidies, contractual expenditure and expenditure involving payments for services connected with measures required for the analysis, management, monitoring of agricultural resources and implementation of the common agricultural policy in accordance with Articles 6\(c\) and 22 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013 as well as for the implementation of the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in accordance with Articles 6\(a\) and 110 of Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013.](#)
- [outstanding commitments made under Council Regulation \(EC\) No 78/2008 of 21 January 2008.](#)

Article 05 08 06 — Enhancing public awareness of the common agricultural policy

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of measures for enhancing public awareness of the common agricultural policy by the Union, as provided for ~~in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 814/2000 and~~ in Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 .

The measures may take the form of:

- annual work programmes submitted, in particular, by farmers' or rural development organisations, consumers' associations and environmental protection associations,
- specific measures submitted, in particular, by the public authorities of the Member States, the media and universities,
- activities implemented at the Commission's initiative,
- activities for the promotion of family farming.

Part of this appropriation is intended to finance information in schools, at points of sale and at other consumer contact points on the high-quality, food-safety, environmental and animal-welfare standards that European farmers have to meet, as compared with those required in third countries. It should highlight the important contribution made by the common agricultural policy in achieving these high standards and include explanations of the various quality schemes in force, such as denominations of origin and geographical indications.

Part of this appropriation is intended to finance an information campaign to consumers on causes and consequences of waste in food and advice on ways of reducing it, as well as the promotion of benchmarking practices within the different sectors of the food chain.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 814/2000 of 17 April 2000 on information measures relating to the common agricultural policy (OJ L 100, 20.4.2000, p. 7).~~

Article 05 08 09 — European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure in conformity with Article ~~5(a) to (d) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and Article 6(a) and (d) to (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013.~~ [1306/2013.](#)

[This appropriation also includes the expenditure for establishing an analytical databank for wine products provided for in Article 89\(5\)\(a\) of Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013.](#)

~~This appropriation may also be used to cover:~~

- ~~expenditure for establishing an analytical databank for wine products which is provided for in Article 87 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 of 27 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine as regards support programmes, trade with third countries, production potential and on controls in the wine sector (OJ L 170, 30.6.2008, p. 1).~~

- expenditure on a study on ‘Assessing end user costs of compliance with EU legislation in the fields of environment, animal welfare and food safety’.

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1).~~

Article 05 08 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 05 08 77 09 — Preparatory action — Union plant and animal genetic resources

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action. This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of a preparatory action for a third Union programme for the conservation and sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture. Previous programmes based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1476/94 and Council Regulation (EC) No 870/2004 were completed in 2010. First evaluations of projects suggest that there is need for further actions in order to enhance the conservation of genetic diversity and sustainable use of genetic resources within agriculture, contribute to quality products and local food chains; and to support cooperation and exchange of knowledge between researchers, farmers, breeders and networks of engaged citizens and NGOs, involving the end-users and raising consumer awareness in this field.

Building upon the preparatory work of the European Commission in 2013, the preparatory action shall provide support for Europe wide interlinking projects and activities in conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in the framework of upcoming rural development programmes. It shall contribute to delivering the elements for a third Union genetic resources programme, specifically on the following questions:

- how to improve communication between Member States and their authorities on best practices and harmonisation of efforts in conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources,
- how to enhance networking between key stakeholders including farmers, researchers, gene banks, NGOs and end-users, and to enhance marketing opportunities in the context of quality schemes and short food chains,
- how to improve the exchange of knowledge and research in enhancing genetic diversity within agricultural systems,
- how to adapt breeding methods and legislation to the need for the conservation of genetic diversity and sustainable use of genetic resources,
- how to contribute to the successful implementation of rural development measures through actions in the field of genetic diversity in agriculture,
- how to reduce the administrative burden so as to improve access to actions.

Item 05 08 77 10 — Pilot project — Agropol: development of a European cross-border Agribusiness Model Region

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The project is supposed to bring together and promote cross-border agribusiness expertise in rural areas and to form agribusiness competence regions — so-called Agropols, which will offer a sustainable economic perspective to those areas. The Germany-Netherlands cross border region (at least 4 661 German Micromicro and Small Enterprises~~small enterprises (SMEs)~~ in agriculture and horticulture [SMEs]; horticulture; enterprises in industry; service companies, education and science institutions; administrations; chambers of industry and commerce, chambers of agriculture and associations) as a pioneer for other European agrarian regions illustrates how the on-going challenges of structural change in agriculture and increasing competition in the agricultural sector through cross-sector development into an Agropol can be successfully addressed:

- scientific adaptation of the approach of sectoral economic development for an Agropol,
- composing a strategic plan for developing a common European Agrobusiness-Food-Region,
- mobilization of the stakeholder, particularly administration and economy, for the common aim,

- cooperation becomes successful by the common approach: Resource conservation and efficiency / developing a master-plan are main focal points of the project. The project thereby also contributes towards surmounting global challenges such as climate change, scarcity of raw materials and natural resources as well as food security. Ecologically and economically effective industry and agriculture is supported, balanced rural development is promoted,
- presentation of the transferability to other European regions.

It is expected, that the project will support the European 2020 Strategy and the flagship initiatives Agenda for new Skills and Jobs, Resource efficient Europe, Industrial Competitiveness and ETP 2020.

Item 05 08 77 11 — Pilot project — Agroforestry

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover the results of decisions in accordance with the European Commission's positive assessment and its guidelines.

Article 05 08 80 — Union participation at the 'Feeding the Planet — Energy for Life' World Exposition 2015 in Milan

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to finance the participation of the Union at the universal Expo 'Feeding the Planet: Energy for Life', to be held in Milan in 2015.

The appropriations are intended to cover the baseline costs for the Union participation within the Italian Pavilion (rental of space, stand erection and decoration, running costs) as well as for the preparatory and initial stages of a basic scientific programme for the EXPO 2015 involving the compilation of baseline data for policy support purposes. The cost ~~foref~~ organising ~~specific or thematic~~ events and exhibitions (e.g. reimbursement of expert costs, exhibition materials, etc.) will be covered by appropriations of the relevant specific programmes according to the policy area concerned.

CHAPTER 05 09 — HORIZON 2020 — RESEARCH AND INNOVATION RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

Remarks

These remarks are applicable to all the budget lines in this chapter.

This appropriation will be used for [the](#) Horizon 2020 — The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation which covers the 2014 to 2020 period.

Horizon 2020 shall play a central role in the implementation of the Europe 2020 flagship initiative 'Innovation Union' and other flagship initiatives, notably 'Resource efficient Europe', 'An industrial policy for the globalisation era', and 'A digital agenda for Europe', as well as in the development and functioning of the European Research Area (ERA). Horizon 2020 shall contribute to building an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the whole Union by leveraging sufficient additional research, development and innovation funding.

It will be carried out in order to pursue the general objectives set out in Article 179 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to contribute to the creation of a society of knowledge, based on the European Research Area, i.e. supporting transnational cooperation at all levels throughout the Union, taking the dynamism, creativity and the excellence of European research to the limits of knowledge, strengthening human resources for research and for technology in Europe, quantitatively and qualitatively and research and innovation capacities in the whole of Europe and ensuring optimum use thereof.

Also entered against these articles and items are the costs of high-level scientific and technological meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars of European interest organised by the Commission, the funding of high-level scientific and technological analyses and evaluations carried out on behalf of the Union to investigate new areas of research suitable for Union action, inter alia, in the context

of the European Research Area, and measures to monitor and disseminate the results of the programmes, including measures under previous framework programmes.

This appropriation will be used in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in ‘Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)’ and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this chapter. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The possibility of third countries or institutes from third countries taking part in European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research is envisaged for some of these projects. Any financial contribution entered in Items 6 0 1 3 and 6 0 1 5 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from States taking part in the European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research entered in Item 6 0 1 6 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions by outside bodies to Union activities entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Additional appropriations will be provided under Item 05 09 50 01.

Administrative appropriations of this chapter will be provided under Article 05 01 05.

TITLE 06 — MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 06 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT’ POLICY AREA

Article 06 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Mobility and transport’ policy area

Item 06 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Transport

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the ‘Programme Support Actions’ (PSA) defined in Article 2(7) and Article 5(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and directly related to the accompanying measures necessary for the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility programme and Trans-European Transport Network guidelines (TEN-T). This includes expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications, [software and databases](#) supporting actions directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the Connecting Europe Facility.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue~~

in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 06 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 06 01 06 03 — Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from the Cohesion Fund

Remarks

New item

This appropriation constitutes the subsidy to cover administrative expenditure on staff and operating expenditure by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency as a result of its participation in the management of the Cohesion Fund envelop of the Connecting Europe Facility programme.

The establishment plan of the Executive Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 680/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European transport and energy networks (OJ L 162, 22.6.2007, p. 1).

Decision No 661/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (OJ L 204, 5.8.2010, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129).

Reference acts

Commission Decision 2007/60/EC of 26 October 2006 establishing the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 32, 6.2.2007, p. 88).

Commission Decision C(2007) 5282 of 5 November 2007 delegating powers to the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to implementation of the Community programmes for grants in the field of the trans-European transport network, comprising in particular implementation of appropriations entered in the Community budget, as amended by Decision C(2008) 5538 of 7 October 2008.

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/801/EU of 23 December 2013 establishing the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency and repealing Decision 2007/60/EC as amended by Decision 2008/593/EC (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 65).

Commission Decision C(2013) 9235 of 23 December 2013 delegating powers to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of transport, energy and telecommunications infrastructure and in the field of transport and energy research and innovation comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

CHAPTER 06 02 — EUROPEAN TRANSPORT POLICY

Article 06 02 01 — Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Item 06 02 01 01 — Removing [bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bottlenecks and](#) bridging missing links [and improving cross-border sections](#)

Item 06 02 01 02 — Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport [systems in the long run](#)

Item 06 02 01 03 — Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing [interoperability, safety and security of transport](#)

Item 06 02 01 05 — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for transport infrastructure projects

Remarks

This objective of ‘Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for transport infrastructure projects’ aims to implement the projects of common interests through the financial instruments, based on an *ex-ante* assessment as required by Article 224 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. [In accordance with Article 21\(4\) of the CEF Regulation, from 10% About EUR 2 billion are estimated to 20% of the financial envelope for CEF transport shall](#) be available ~~during the next MFF~~ for innovative financing instruments such as the Project Bonds Instrument, the Loan Guarantee Instrument and other instruments such as joint ventures and the equity instruments to combine public and private financial resources to accelerate infrastructure investments in Europe. The financial instruments are intended to facilitate access to private financing and thus to accelerate or to make possible financing of the TEN-T projects eligible under the TEN-T Guidelines and Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013. The financial instruments are intended to be established as ‘debt’ or ‘equity’ frameworks and they should address specific market failures and provide appropriate financing solutions. They are intended to be implemented as direct management by the entrusted entities, within the meaning of the Financial Regulation or jointly with the entrusted entities. The entrusted entities must be accredited to provide guarantees to the Commission on the protection of the Union financial interests in line with the requirements of the Financial Regulation.

Any repayment from financial instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation, including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6 3 4 1 of the statement of revenues may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(3)(i) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 06 02 02 — European Aviation Safety Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency’s staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The establishment plan of the Agency is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of [EUR 36 370 000](#). [An amount of EUR 735 233 coming from the recovery of surplus, is added to the amount of EUR 35 634 767 entered in the budget.](#)~~EUR 34 173 871.~~

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Article 06 02 03 — European Maritime Safety Agency

Item 06 02 03 01 — European Maritime Safety Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3) with the exception of anti-pollution measures (see Item 06 02 03 02).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 including antipollution measures amounts to a total of [EUR 52 656 000](#).~~EUR 50 452 997.~~ An amount of [EUR 1 773 677](#)~~EUR 74 202~~ coming from the recovery of surplus, is added to the amount of [EUR 50 882.323](#)~~entered~~~~EUR 50 378 795 entered~~ in the budget.

Article 06 02 04 — European Railway Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of [EUR 25 613 000](#).~~EUR 25 007 400.~~ An amount of [EUR 954 000](#)~~EUR 1 434 336~~ coming from the recovery of surplus, is added to the amount of [EUR 24 659 000](#)~~EUR 23 573 064~~ entered in the budget.

Article 06 02 05 — Support activities to the European transport policy and passenger rights including communication activities

Legal basis

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

[Council Decision \(93/704/EC\) of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a community database on road accidents \(OJ L 329, 30.12.1993, p. 63\).](#)

[Directive 1999/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 1999 on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures \(OJ L 187, 20.7.1999, p. 42\).](#)

[Directive 2002/15/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2002 on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities \(OJ L 80, 23.3.2002, p. 35\).](#)

[Directive 2002/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 March 2002 on the establishment of rules and procedures with regard to the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at community airports \(OJ L 85, 28.3.2002, p. 40\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 May 2002 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) no 2027/97 on air carrier liability in the event of accidents \(OJ L 140, 30.5.2002 P. 2\).](#)

[Directive 2003/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2003 on occurrence reporting in civil aviation \(OJ L 167, 4.07.2003, p. 26\).](#)

[Directive 2004/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on safety on the community's railways \(OJ L 164, 30.4.2004, p. 44\).](#)

[Directive 2004/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems in the Community \(OJ L 166, 30.4.2004, p. 124\).](#)

Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 295/91 (OJ L 46, 17.2.2004, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 549/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 laying down the framework for the creation of the single European sky (the framework Regulation) [\(Text with EEA relevance\) — Statement by the Member States on military issues related to the single European sky](#) (OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 550/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the provision of air navigation services in the single European sky (the service provision Regulation) (OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 10).

Regulation (EC) No 551/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the organisation and use of the airspace in the single European sky (the airspace Regulation) (OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 20).

Regulation (EC) No 552/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network (the interoperability Regulation) (OJ L 96, 31.3.2004, p. 26).

[Regulation \(EC\) No 2111/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 on the establishment of a community list of air carriers subject to an operating ban within the community and on informing air transport passengers of the identity of the operating air carrier \(OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 15\).](#)

[Directive 2006/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels \(OJ L 389, 30.12.2006, p. 1\).](#)

[Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licenses \(OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 18\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport \(OJ L 102, 11.4.2006, p. 1\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air \(OJ L 204, 26.7.2006, p. 1\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1370/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road \(OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 1\).](#)

Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on rail passengers' rights and obligations (OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 4).

[Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the interoperability of the rail system within the community \(OJ L 191, 18.7.2008, Regulation \(EU\) No 1177/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation \(EC\) No 2006/2004 \(OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 1\).](#)

[Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on the inland transport of dangerous goods \(OJ L 260, 30.9.2008, p. 18\).](#)

[Directive 2008/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on road infrastructure safety management \(OJ L 319, 29.11.2008, p. 59\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a european aviation safety agency \(OJ L 79, 19.3.2008, p. 1\).](#)

[Directive 2009/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on the establishment of a european works council or a procedure in community-scale undertakings and community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees\(OJ L 122, 16.5.2009, p. 28\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 392/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents \(OJ L 131, 28.5.2009, p. 24\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1071/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator \(OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 51\).](#)

Article 06 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 06 02 77 01 — Preparatory action — European transport information and booking interface across transport modes

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The preparatory action aims to connect existing local, regional, national and international traveller information systems as well as to offer the international public information and the possibility of purchasing tickets through a single, multilingual interface. This initiative should aim at:~~

- ~~— creating a European transport information interface which would be easy to access and provide passengers with real time data for any trip in Europe and for any transport mode; this interface could also provide some information on passenger rights and the environmental footprint of each trip (CO₂ emissions, fuel consumption, etc.) so as to allow a comparison between transport modes;~~
- ~~— creating an online booking tool which would facilitate travelling through Europe, as well as a journey planner, a journey pricing tool, an availability requests management tool and a ticket integration tool;~~
- ~~— connecting international traveller information systems.~~

~~The preparatory action should be based on Commission Regulation (EU) No 454/2011 of 5 May 2011 on the technical specification for interoperability relating to the subsystem 'telematics applications for passenger services' of the trans-European rail system (OJ L 123, 12.5.2011, p. 11). In a first stage, the preparatory action should apply only to a limited number of countries, to a limited number of languages and to a limited set of data. It should be based on different scenarios presenting different combination of modes. Particular attention should be paid to the reservation of assistance for persons with reduced mobility.~~

Item 06 02 77 04 — Pilot project — Security on the trans-European road network

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

CHAPTER 06 03 — HORIZON 2020 — RESEARCH AND INNOVATION RELATED TO TRANSPORT

Article 06 03 07 — Joint Undertakings

Item 06 03 07 31 — Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2) — Support expenditure

Remarks

The Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020 and in particular the Societal challenge ‘Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system’. It shall have the objective of ensuring the modernisation of the European Air Traffic Management (ATM) system by concentrating and coordinating all relevant ATM Research and Innovation activities in the EU and in line with the ATM Master Plan.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Item 06 03 07 32 — Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2)

Remarks

The Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020 and in particular the Societal challenge ‘Achieving a resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system’. It shall have the objective of ensuring the modernisation of the European Air Traffic Management (ATM) system by concentrating and coordinating all relevant ATM Research and Innovation activities in the EU and in line with the ATM Master Plan.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Item 06 03 07 33 — Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking – Support expenditure

Remarks

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The Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020 and in particular the Societal challenge ‘Smart, Green and Integrated Transport’. It shall have the objective of contributing to the achievement of the Single European Railway Area and to a faster and cheaper transition to a more attractive, competitive, efficient and sustainable European rail

system, through a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach addressing the research and innovation needs of the rail system and its users.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Item 06 03 07 34 — ~~Item 06 03 07 34~~ — Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking

Remarks

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The Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020 and in particular the Societal challenge ‘Smart, Green and Integrated Transport’. It shall have the objective of contributing to the achievement of the Single European Railway Area and to a faster and cheaper transition to a more attractive, competitive, efficient and sustainable European rail system, through a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach addressing the research and innovation needs of the rail system and its users.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

TITLE 07 — ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 07 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘ENVIRONMENT’ POLICY AREA

Article 07 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes of ‘Environment’ policy area

Item 07 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for Environment

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover, inter alia:

- development, hosting, maintenance, security, quality assurance, operation and support of adequate information technology (IT) systems for communication, selecting, monitoring, reporting on projects and disseminating results of projects, as well as of IT systems directly linked to the achievement of the policy objectives of the programme, for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries and stakeholders. The engagement of IT experts intra-muros to support the development, quality assurance and security of critical policy supporting IT system is also targeted;
- procurement of technical and/or administrative assistance relating to the evaluation, audit and supervision of programmes and projects.

~~The financial allocation for the LIFE programme may cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives; in particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of the LIFE programme, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on~~

information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the programme.

This appropriation is also intended to cover:

- costs of technical assistance for monitoring, evaluating and auditing ongoing LIFE III and LIFE+ projects;
- meetings of project beneficiaries (advice on management of projects, networking, sharing results and best practices).

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for the participation in Union programmes:

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget;~~
- ~~acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation;~~
- ~~countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies;~~
- ~~countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1): any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

~~This appropriation may finance activities outside the Union provided those activities are indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States (Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the action grant projects provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.~~

Article 07 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 07 01 06 01 — Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises — Contribution from LIFE

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).

Commission Implementing Decision C(2013)9293 of 17 December 2013 establishing the "Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises" and repealing Decisions 2004/20/EC and 2007/372/EC.

Commission Decision C(2013)9414 of 23 December 2013 delegating powers to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of energy, environment, climate action, competitiveness and SMEs, research and innovation and ICT, maritime policy and fisheries comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

Reference acts

~~Commission Implementing Decision of XXX establishing the "Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises" and repealing Decisions 2004/20/EC and 2007/372/EC.~~

~~Commission Decision of XXX delegating powers to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of energy, environment, climate action, competitiveness and SMEs, research and innovation, ICT, maritime policy and fisheries comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.~~

CHAPTER 07 02 — ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AT UNION AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Article 07 02 01 — Contributing to a greener and more resource-efficient economy and to the development and implementation of Union environmental policy and legislation

Remarks

The LIFE regulation has four general objectives (Article 3) and three priority areas for the sub-programme for the environment (Article 9), of which the first one is Environment and resource efficiency.

Specific objectives of this first priority area are set out in Article 10.

All the types of funding defined in Articles 17, 18 and 22 can be financed by this appropriation.

At least 81% of the budgetary resources for the LIFE programme shall be allocated to projects supported by the way of action grants or, where appropriate, financial instruments (Article 17, paragraph 4)

~~In accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation is intended to cover in particular projects and activities that aim:~~

- ~~— to develop, test and demonstrate policy or management approaches, best practices, and solutions to environmental challenges, suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, including with respect to the link between environment and health, and in support of resource efficiency related policy and legislation, including the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe,~~
- ~~— to support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste and air,~~
- ~~— to improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union environmental policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the environment within and outside the Union.~~

~~In accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may finance actions implemented by the Commission in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives of contributing to the shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy and to protect and improve the quality of the environment. Such actions may include:~~

- ~~— information and communication, including awareness raising campaigns. Financial resources allocated to communication activities shall also cover corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union,~~
- ~~— studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building,~~
- ~~— preparation, implementation, monitoring, checking and evaluation of projects, policies, programmes and legislation,~~
- ~~— workshops, conferences and meetings,~~
- ~~— networking and best practice platforms,~~
- ~~— any other activities needed for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the programme.~~

~~At least 55 % of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment (i.e. actions grants under Articles 07 02 01, 07 02 02 and 07 02 03) shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity (Article 9(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013).~~

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for the participation in Union programmes:

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget,~~
- ~~acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation,~~
- ~~countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies,~~
- ~~countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1): any revenue from the Swiss Confederation’s contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

~~This appropriation may finance activities outside the Union provided those activities are indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States (Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the action grant projects provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.~~

In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, action grants may finance the following projects:

- ~~pilot projects,~~
- ~~demonstration projects,~~
- ~~best practice projects,~~
- ~~integrated projects,~~
- ~~technical assistance projects,~~
- ~~capacity building projects,~~
- ~~preparatory projects,~~
- ~~information, awareness and dissemination projects,~~
- ~~any other projects needed for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the LIFE programme~~

Article 07 02 02 — Halting and reversing biodiversity loss

Remarks

The LIFE regulation has four general objectives (Article 3) and three priority areas for the sub-programme for the environment (Article 9), of which the second one is Nature and Biodiversity.

Specific objectives of this second priority area are set out in Article 11.

All the types of funding defined in Articles 17, 18 and 22 can be financed by this appropriation.

At least 81% of the budgetary resources for the LIFE programme shall be allocated to projects supported by the way of action grants or, where appropriate, financial instruments (Article 17, paragraph 4).

In accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may finance actions that support the specific objective for the priority area concerning halting and reversing the biodiversity loss and in particular actions that:

- contribute to the implementation of Union policy and legislation in the area of biodiversity, including the Union Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, Directive 2009/147/EC and Directive 92/43/EEC, in particular by applying, developing, testing and demonstrating approaches, best practices and solutions,
- support the further development, implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network set up under Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC, in particular the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of the prioritised action frameworks referred to in Article 8 of Directive 92/43/EEC,
- improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union biodiversity policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the biodiversity within and outside the Union.

This appropriation may finance actions implemented by the Commission in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives of halting and reversing biodiversity loss (Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). Such actions may include:

- information and communication, including awareness raising campaigns. Financial resources allocated to communication activities shall also cover corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union,
- studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building,
- preparation, implementation, monitoring, checking and evaluation of projects, policies, programmes and legislation,
- workshops, conferences and meetings,
- networking and best practice platforms,
- any other activities needed for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the programme.

At least 55 % of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment (i.e. actions grants under Articles 07-02-01, 07-02-02 and 07-02-03) shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity (Article 9(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013).

In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, action grants may finance the following projects:

- pilot projects,
- demonstration projects,
- best practice projects,
- integrated projects,
- technical assistance projects,
- capacity building projects,
- preparatory projects,
- information, awareness and dissemination projects,
- any other projects needed for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the LIFE programme.

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for the participation in Union programmes:

- European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6-3-0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget,
- acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6-0-3-1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation,

- countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies;
- countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1); any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

At least 55% of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity (Article 9, paragraph 3). This appropriation may finance activities outside the Union provided those activities are indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States (Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the action grant projects provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.

Article 07 02 03 — Supporting better environmental governance and information at all levels

Remarks

The LIFE regulation has four general objectives (Article 3) and three priority areas for the sub-programme for the environment (Article 9), of which the third one is Environment Governance and Information.

Specific objectives of this third priority area are set out in Article 12.

All the types of funding defined in Articles 17, 18 and 22 may be financed by this appropriation.

At least 81% of the budgetary resources for the LIFE programme shall be allocated to projects supported by the way of action grants or, where appropriate, financial instruments (Article 17, paragraph 4).

Operating grants shall support certain operational and administrative costs of non-profit making entities which pursue an aim of general Union interest, are primarily active in the field of environment or climate action and are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union policy and legislation (Article 21).

In accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may finance activities that support the specific objective for the priority area Environmental Governance and Information and in particular:

- to promote awareness raising on environmental matters, including generating public and stakeholders support to Union policy-making in the field of the environment, and to promote education for sustainable development;
- to support communication, management and dissemination of information in the field of the environment and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful environmental solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms between stakeholders and training;
- to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches;
- to promote better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGO's, in policy consultation and implementation.

This appropriation may finance actions implemented by the Commission in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives of supporting better environmental governance at all levels (Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). Such actions may include:

- information and communication, including awareness raising campaigns. Financial resources allocated to communication activities shall also cover corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union;
- studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building;
- preparation, implementation, monitoring, checking and evaluation of projects, policies, programmes and legislation;
- workshops, conferences and meetings;
- networking and best practice platforms;
- any other activities needed for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the programme.

~~At least 55 % of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment (i.e. actions grants under Articles 07 02 01, 07 02 02 and 07 02 03) shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity (Article 9(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013).~~

~~Operating grants shall support certain operational and administrative costs of non-profit making entities which pursue an aim of general European interest, are primarily active in the field of environment or climate action and are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union policy and legislation. The maximum rate of Union co-financing for operating grants shall be 70 % of eligible costs (Article 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013).~~

~~In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, action grants may finance the following projects:~~

- ~~— pilot projects,~~
- ~~— demonstration projects,~~
- ~~— best practice projects,~~
- ~~— integrated projects,~~
- ~~— technical assistance projects,~~
- ~~— capacity building projects,~~
- ~~— preparatory projects,~~
- ~~— information, awareness and dissemination projects,~~
- ~~— any other projects needed for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the LIFE programme.~~

~~In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries and such participation shall be done in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for the participation in Union programmes:~~

- ~~— European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget,~~
- ~~— acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation,~~
- ~~— countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies,~~
- ~~— countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network(OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1): any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

~~Costs of technical assistance for selecting projects and monitoring, evaluating and auditing projects under the LIFE and LIFE+ programme (including non-governmental organisations supported via operating grants) may also be financed by this appropriation. This appropriation may finance activities outside the Union provided those activities are indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States (Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013). A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the action grant projects provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is indispensable to achieve Union environmental objectives or to pursue the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.~~

Article 07 02 04 — Contribution to multilateral and international environment agreements

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover obligatory and voluntary contributions to a number of international conventions, protocols and agreements to which the Union is ~~partyparty~~, and preparatory work for future international agreements involving the Union.

In some cases, contributions to subsequent protocols are included in contributions to their basic convention.

Legal basis

[Actions carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and pursuant to Article 54\(2\) of Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation \(EC, Euratom\) No 1605/2002 \(OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1\).](#)

Council Decision 77/585/EEC of 25 July 1977 concluding the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and the Protocol for the prevention of the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft (OJ L 240, 19.9.1977, p. 1).

Council Decision 81/462/EEC of 11 June 1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution (OJ L 171, 27.6.1981, p. 11).

Council Decision 82/72/EEC of 3 December 1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (OJ L 38, 10.2.1982, p. 1).

Council Decision 82/461/EEC of 24 June 1982 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals (OJ L 210, 19.7.1982, p. 10) and related agreements.

Council Decision 84/358/EEC of 28 June 1984 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement for cooperation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (OJ L 188, 16.7.1984, p. 7).

Council Decision 86/277/EEC of 12 June 1986 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution on long-term financing of the cooperative programme for monitoring and evaluation of the long-range transmission of air pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (OJ L 181, 4.7.1986, p. 1).

Council Decision 93/98/EEC of 1 February 1993 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (Basel Convention) (OJ L 39, 16.2.1993, p. 1).

Council Decision 93/550/EEC of 20 October 1993 concerning the conclusion of the cooperation Agreement for the protection of the coasts and waters of the north-east Atlantic against pollution (OJ L 267, 28.10.1993, p. 20).

Council Decision 93/626/EEC of 25 October 1993 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on Biological Diversity (OJ L 309, 13.12.1993, p. 1).

Council Decision 94/156/EC of 21 February 1994 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area 1974 (Helsinki Convention) (OJ L 73, 16.3.1994, p. 1).

[Council Decision 95/308/EC of 24 July 1995 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes \(OJ L 186, 05.08.1995, p. 42-58\).](#)

Council Decision of 27 June 1997 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context (ESPOO Convention) (proposal OJ C 104, 24.4.1992, p. 5; decision not published).

[Council Decision 98/249/EC of 7 October 1997 on the conclusion of the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic \(OJ L 104, 3.4.1998, p. 1\).](#)

Council Decision 97/825/EC of 24 November 1997 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on cooperation for the protection and sustainable use of the river Danube (OJ L 342, 12.12.1997, p. 18).

Council Decision 98/216/EC of 9 March 1998 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the United Nations Convention to combat desertification in countries seriously affected by drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa (OJ L 83, 19.3.1998, p. 1).

[Council Decision 98/249/EC of 7 October 1997 on the conclusion of the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic \(OJ L 104, 3.4.1998, p. 1\).](#)

Council Decision 98/685/EC of 23 March 1998 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (OJ L 326, 3.12.1998, p. 1).

Council Decision 2000/706/EC of 7 November 2000 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine (OJ L 289, 16.11.2000, p. 30).

Council Decision 2002/628/EC of 25 June 2002 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (OJ L 201, 31.7.2002, p. 48).

~~Council Decision 2006/507/EC of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1).~~

Council Decision 2005/370/EC of 17 February 2005 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Convention on access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters (OJ L 124, 17.5.2005, p. 1).

Council Decision 2006/61/EC of 2 December 2005 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the UN-ECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (OJ L 32, 4.2.2006, p. 54).

~~Council Decision 2006/507/EC of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1).~~

~~Council Decision 2006/730/EC of 25 September 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade (OJ L 299, 28.10.2006, p. 23).~~

Council Decision 2006/871/EC of 18 July 2005 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (OJ L 345, 8.12.2006, p. 24).

~~Council Decision 2006/730/EC of 25 September 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade (OJ L 299, 28.10.2006, p. 23).~~

Council Decision 2011/731/EU of 8 November 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the 2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement (OJ L 294, 12.11.2011, p. 1)4-.

Expected adoption in 2014 of a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the 1973 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (the 'Washington Convention')

Expected adoption in 2014 of a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (the 'Nagoya Protocol')

Expected adoption in 2015 of a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Article 07 02 05 — European Chemicals Agency

Item 07 02 05 01 — European Chemicals Agency — Activities in the field of biocides legislation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff, administrative and operating expenditure for the activities related to the implementation of the biocides legislation.

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The establishment plan of the European Chemicals Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 5 789 000~~~~EUR 5 064 194~~. An amount of ~~EUR 314 875~~~~EUR 40 942~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 5 474 125~~~~EUR 5 023 252~~ entered in the budget.

Item 07 02 05 02 — European Chemicals Agency — Activities in the field of legislation on import and export of dangerous chemicals

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2) for the activities related to the implementation of Union legislation on the export and import of dangerous chemicals (Regulation (EC) No 689/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals (OJ L 204, 31.7.2008, p. 1) and Regulation (EU) No 649/2012).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The establishment plan of the European Chemicals Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 1 222 000~~~~EUR 1 297 224~~. An amount of ~~EUR 91 765~~~~EUR 11 489~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 1 130 235~~~~EUR 1 285 735~~ entered in the budget.

Article 07 02 06 — European Environment Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff, administrative and operating expenditure.

The mission of the Agency is to provide the Union and the Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information on the environment at European level, thus enabling them to take the requisite measures to protect the environment, to assess the results of such measures and to inform the public.

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Environment Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of EUR 36 309 240. An amount of ~~EUR 1 422 874~~~~EUR 943 311~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 34 886 366~~~~EUR 35 365 929~~ entered in the budget.

Article 07 02 51 — Completion of previous environmental programmes

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years and resulting from the general objectives of the previous LIFE programmes ~~under resulting from actions undertaken by the Commission to implement existing legislation, awareness raising and other programmes and~~ general actions based on the Community environmental action programme.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Legal basis

~~Actions carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and pursuant to Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EC) No 1655/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE) (OJ L 192, 28.7.2000, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 2152/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community (Forest focus) (OJ L 324, 11.12.2003, p. 1).

Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1).

Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

~~Actions carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and pursuant to Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Decision No 1600/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2002 laying down the Sixth Community Environment Action Programme (OJ L 242, 10.9.2002, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) (OJ L 149, 9.6.2007, p. 1).

~~Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7)~~

Article 07 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 07 02 77 03 — Preparatory action — Strategic environmental impact assessment on the development of the European Arctic

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~This preparatory action concerns a strategic environmental impact assessment of the development of the European Arctic. Its aim is to increase awareness of the Arctic and its changing political, economic and environmental landscape, and the impact of Union policies.~~

Its aim is also to increase awareness of impact assessments and their importance as a tool and a channel for compiling information for use by decision- and policymakers and the related legal processes.

The strategic environmental impact assessment of the development of the European Arctic is carried out as a networked undertaking, by leading Arctic communication and research centres and universities within and outside the Union creating a bridge that should facilitate information exchange between the Union institutions and the Arctic stakeholders and foster contacts between the Union and civil society. Furthermore, the work should facilitate dialogue within the Union, advance Agenda 21 as well as bring in Union perspectives and contributions, and should be closely linked with the assessment activities of the Arctic Council, as laid down at its ministerial meeting in May 2011.

Finally, this preparatory action is intended to advance the establishment of the EU Arctic Information Centre as expressed in the Commission's Communication on the European Union and the Arctic region of 20 November 2008 (COM(2008) 763 final) and in the European Parliament's resolution of 20 January 2011 on a sustainable EU policy for the High North (OJ C 136 E, 11.5.2012, p. 71).

The Council expressed its support for expanded use of strategic impact assessments in its conclusions on Arctic issues of 8 December 2009.

Item 07 02 77 04 — Preparatory action — Future legal basis on harmonised Union forest information

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

This preparatory action contributes to maintaining a Union-level system and collection of comparable and harmonised forest information to serve as a basis for the provision of policy-relevant information on forests in the Union as required under international obligations and key action 8 of the Forest Action Plan (COM(2006) 302 final) in preparation for an upcoming regulation on harmonised Union forest information.

More specifically, this preparatory action consists of collecting quantitative and qualitative forest data relating to climate change, air pollution, biodiversity and forest condition, including soil condition and carbon sequestration, based on existing transnationally harmonised monitoring methods and standards, preferably for large-scale and intensive monitoring plots, ensuring continuity of data series where possible. The action aims at collecting representative forest information throughout the Union.

Item 07 02 77 18 — Pilot project — Long-term impact of carbon neutral housing on waste water systems

Remarks

This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Legal basis

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Item 07 02 77 23 — Pilot project — Transversal communication on Union policies related to Environment: Tackling environmental awareness deficit of Union citizens through audiovisual tools (movies)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The pilot project seeks further increase public awareness about sustainable development, biodiversity and nature in the Union as well as environmental protection through a pan-European communication initiative. This could be achieved through the production of films/movies dealing with targeted issues to enrich their knowledge about environmental changes and the impact of human's actions on them and to stimulate further discussion about biodiversity at European level.

Item 07 02 77 26 — Pilot project — Creation of South East European regional centre on advanced recycling of electric and electronic waste

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

The pilot project aims at boosting the recycling of electric and electronic waste in the Balkan region. It will insist on the need to develop environmentally friendly infrastructure which will also provide economic and social benefits to local economies. These benefits can translate into profit for local communities through the creation of jobs in a more sustainable way and for the industry with the recycling centre providing better access to raw materials both for the region and for the EU. The project will be a step forward in the process of strengthening regional cohesion and cooperation in the Balkan region as well as an important source of secondary raw materials for EU industries, thus advancing the long-term EU goal of improving its resource efficient use of materials, its higher independence on the import of some raw materials from third countries, and the transition to a circular economy.

Item 07 02 77 27 — Pilot project — Resource efficient use of mixed wastes

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

Recycling of waste is an important pillar of the Resource Efficiency agenda. Yet high quality recycling in Europe is limited and actually only well developed in a few Member States, therefore a huge potential of recoverable resources is currently neglected. Whereas there is a strong focus in Europe on municipal solid waste ('MSW'), this is only a small fraction of all available waste. Dry mixed wastes such as commercial and industrial waste, bulky household waste and construction and demolition waste ('C&DW') contain far more resources which can even be easier extracted than materials out of (wet) MSW. Of these types of waste, C&DW is very significant, due to its volume (it comprises one third of all waste in the EU) and the target currently set for it in the waste framework Directive (70 % recycling).

Development of C&DW recycling (and indeed of the recycling of any type of waste) follows a certain 'generic' path, as shown by the history of well performing countries. This means that general mechanisms for recycling can be identified and best practices can be described. Based on some 30 years of recycling in a few Member States, templates and guidelines should be made available for those Member States where recycling is still in its infancy. It is necessary to stimulate recycling in Europe by the transfer of knowledge and expertise.

Important elements of recycling are for instance good control of waste flows and quality assurance. Recycling industry and authorities in a number of Member States have developed tools for this, for instance a system called Tracemat (tracing materials) and quality assurance schemes including environmental testing and certification.

The recycling of mixed dry wastes needs to be developed. Valuable materials such as wood and plastics can be recovered and made fit for new use. Recycling plants could also be used to treat MSW if the dry fraction is source separated. Building up such sorting capacity is an option in Member States to find a right balance between recycling and incineration.

Goal

The pilot project aims at boosting recycling in Member States, specifically concerning C&DW and related to that of dry mixed wastes, by implementing efficient transfer of knowledge and expertise. It will also assist Member States in reaching the targets under the waste framework Directive. The key success factor is that the recycling industry itself will be involved. Its experts are acknowledged to be the best carriers of such expertise and knowledge. Specifically the project aims at initiating, on an appropriate basis, recycling of C&DW in three (regions in) Member States. Historical experience will serve as an example for Member States where this type of recycling has not taken off. As for other dry mixed wastes the success cases will be analysed and blueprints for other Member States how to get there will be developed. In one (region in a) Member State such recycling will be initiated.

A key issue of the project is to demonstrate the successful implementation of first steps to recycling of C&DW in selected regions in Europe. For this to happen it is required that stakeholders in these regions agree to an implementation plan. This plan describes goals to be achieved and actions to be taken. Those actions for most part will reflect the best practices developed on the basis of experiences in well performing Member States. Stakeholders agree to the actions and parties are assigned to each action. Key issues are the reliable tracing of wastes and quality control of recycled products.

TITLE 08 — RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Remarks

These remarks apply to all the budget lines in this title.

Research and innovation activities under this title will contribute to three main research programmes, i.e. Horizon 2020, Euratom and ITER programme. It will also cover research programmes of the research fund for coal and steel.

It will be carried out in order to pursue the general objectives set out in Article 179 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to contribute to the creation of a society of knowledge, based on the European Research Area, i.e. supporting transnational cooperation at all levels throughout the Union, taking the dynamism, creativity and the excellence of European research to the limits of knowledge, strengthening human resources for research and for technology in Europe, quantitatively and qualitatively and research and innovation capacities in the whole of Europe and ensuring optimum use thereof.

Particular account will be taken of the need to step up efforts to enhance the participation and role of women in science and research.

Also entered against these articles and items are the costs of high-level scientific and technological meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars of European interest organised by the Commission, the funding of high-level scientific and technological analyses and evaluations carried out on behalf of the Union to investigate new areas of research suitable for Union action, inter alia, in the context of the European Research Area, and measures to monitor and disseminate the results of the programmes, including measures under previous framework programmes.

These appropriations also cover administrative expenditure, including expenditure on staff, whether covered by the Staff Regulations or not, information, publications, administrative and technical operation, and certain other expenditure items relating to internal infrastructure linked with the achievement of the objective of the measure of which they form an integral part, including the action and initiatives necessary for preparation and monitoring of the Union's strategy on research, technological development and demonstration (RTD).

Revenue resulting from cooperation agreements between the European Atomic Energy Community and Switzerland or the multilateral European Fusion Development Agreement (EFDA) will be entered in Items 6 0 1 1 and 6 0 1 2 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

The possibility of third countries or institutes from third countries taking part in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research is envisaged for some of these projects. Any financial contribution will be entered in Items 6 0 1 3 and 6 0 1 5 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from States taking part in the European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research will be entered in Item 6 0 1 6 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

~~Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Any revenue from the contribution by outside bodies to Union activities will be entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Additional appropriations will be made available under ~~Article 02 50 01 and~~ Items [08 02 50 01](#), 08 03 50 01 and 08 04 50 01.

Administrative appropriations of this title will be provided under Article 08 01 05.

CHAPTER 08 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘RESEARCH AND INNOVATION’ POLICY AREA

Article 08 01 05 — Support expenditure for research and innovation programmes in the ‘Research and innovation’ policy area

Item 08 01 05 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation covers expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020, occupying posts on the authorised establishment plans engaged in indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including staff posted in Union delegations.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on external personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020 in the form of indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including external personnel posted in Union delegations.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover other administrative expenditure for all management of research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020 in the form of indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including other administrative expenditure incurred by staff posted in Union delegations.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on technical and administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or projects, such as conferences, workshops, seminars, development and maintenance of IT systems, missions, trainings and representation expenses.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 11 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme

Remarks

This appropriation covers expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Euratom programme, occupying posts on the authorised establishment plans engaged in indirect action under the nuclear programmes, including staff posted in Union delegations.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 12 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on external personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme in the form of indirect action under the nuclear programmes, including external personnel posted in Union delegations.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 13 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover other administrative expenditure for all management of research and innovation programmes — Euratom Programme in the form of indirect action under the nuclear programmes, including other administrative expenditure incurred by staff posted in Union delegations.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on technical and administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or projects, such as conferences, workshops, seminars, development and maintenance of IT systems, missions, trainings and representation expenses.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Item 08 01 05 21 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — ITER-programme

Item 08 01 05 22 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — ITER-programme

Item 08 01 05 23 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — ITER-programme

Article 08 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 08 01 06 01 — European Research Council Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

~~Decision No 1982/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013) (OJ L 412, 30.12.2006, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013) (OJ L 391, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

~~Decision No 1982/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013) (OJ L 412, 30.12.2006, p. 1).~~

Council Decision 2006/972/EC of 19 December 2006 concerning the specific programme ‘Ideas’ implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013) (OJ L 400, 30.12.2006, p. 243).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).~~

Item 08 01 06 02 — Research Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Decision No 1982/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013) (OJ L 412, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the Seventh Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013) (OJ L 391, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

Council Decision 2006/971/EC of 19 December 2006 concerning the specific programme 'Cooperation' implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013) (OJ L 400, 30.12.2006, p. 86).

Council Decision 2006/973/EC of 19 December 2006 concerning the specific programme 'People' implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013) (OJ L 400, 30.12.2006, p. 272).

Council Decision 2006/974/EC of 19 December 2006 on the specific programme 'Capacities' implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013) (OJ L 400, 30.12.2006, p. 299).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).~~

Item 08 01 06 03 — Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Decision No 1230/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2003 adopting a multiannual programme for action in the field of energy: 'Intelligent Energy — Europe' (2003-2006) (OJ L 176, 15.7.2003, p. 29).

Decision No 1639/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007 to 2013) (OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 15).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).~~

Item 08 01 06 04 — Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\)" and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1906/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81\).](#)

CHAPTER 08 02 — HORIZON 2020 — RESEARCH

Remarks

[These budgetary remarks are applicable to all the budget lines in this chapter.](#)

[This appropriation will be used for Horizon 2020 – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation which research and innovation. It covers the 2014–2020 period between 2014 and 2020 and brings together all existing Union research and innovation funding, including the Framework Programme for Research, the innovation related activities of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\). The Euratom Research and Training Programme \(2014–2018\), based on the Euratom Treaty, is also an integral part of Horizon 2020. Horizon 2020 shall play a central role in the implementation of the Europe 2020 flagship initiative ‘Innovation Union’ and other flagship initiatives, notably ‘Resource efficient Europe’, ‘An industrial policy for the globalisation era’, and ‘A digital agenda for Europe’ ‘Resource efficient Europe’ and ‘An industrial policy for the globalisation era’, as well as in the development and functioning of the European Research Area \(ERA\). Horizon 2020 shall contribute to building an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the whole Union by leveraging sufficient additional research, development and innovation funding.](#)

This appropriation will be used in accordance with the Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for the participation and dissemination in ‘Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020)’ and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this chapter. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Article 08 02 01 — Excellent science

Item 08 02 01 01 — Strengthening frontier research in the European Research Council

Legal basis

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(a\) thereof.~~](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(a\) thereof.~~](#)

Item 08 02 01 02 — Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies

Legal basis

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(b\) thereof.~~](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(b\) thereof.~~](#)

Item 08 02 01 03 — Strengthening European research infrastructures, including e-infrastructures

Remarks

Research infrastructures activity will ensure the implementation and operation of the [ESFRI \(European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructure\)](#) and other world-class research infrastructures, including the development of regional partner facilities, for ~~the year~~ 2020 and beyond. In addition, the integration of and access to national research infrastructures and the development, deployment and operation of e-infrastructures will be ensured. The activity will also encourage research infrastructures to act as early adopters of technology, promote R&D partnerships with industry, facilitate industrial use of research infrastructures and stimulate the creation of innovation clusters.

Legal basis

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(d\) thereof.~~](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(1\)\(d\) thereof.~~](#)

Article 08 02 02 — Industrial leadership

Item 08 02 02 01 — Leadership in nanotechnologies, advanced materials, laser technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing and processing

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\) to \(v\) thereof.](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\) to \(v\) thereof.](#)

Item 08 02 02 02 — Enhancing access to risk finance for investing in research and innovation

Remarks

~~The aim of this Access to risk finance activity is to set up two financial facilities, namely a debt facility and an equity facility, in order to help companies and other types of organisation remedy the current market deficiencies in accessing risk finance for research and innovation. The goal of the debt facility is to improve access to debt financing for public and private entities and public-private partnerships engaged in research and innovation (R&I) to gain easier access, via financial instruments, to loans, guarantees, counter-guarantees and hybrid, mezzanine and equity finance. Debt and equity facilities will be run in a demand-driven manner, though the priorities of activities requiring riskier investments. The goal of the equity facility is in particular sectors or of other EU programmes will be targeted if top-up funding is made available. The focus is on attracting private investments into R&I. The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF) will play an important role, as entrusted entities, in implementing each financial instrument facility on behalf of and in partnership with the European Commission. Part of this appropriation will be used to reinforce, in the form of paid-in capital, the EIF's capital base, to contribute to overcoming the deficiencies of the European venture capital market and provide equity and quasi-equity to cover the development and financing needs of innovating enterprises from the early stage (including seed stage and technology transfer), so that they can grow and expand. In addition to these financial facilities to be implemented in complementarity with Cosme's facilities as far as support to SMEs is concerned, a set of accompanying measures, such as support to investment readiness schemes, will be provided.~~

~~Any repayment from financial instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation, including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6-3-4-1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Articles 21(3)(i) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(2\)\(b\) thereof.](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(2\)\(b\) thereof.](#)

Item 08 02 02 03 — Increasing innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(2)(c) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(2)(c) thereof.

Article 08 02 03 — Societal challenges

Item 08 02 03 01 — Improving lifelong health and wellbeing

Remarks

Lifelong health and wellbeing~~well-being~~ for all, high-quality and economically sustainable health and care systems, and opportunities for new jobs and growth in the health sector and its related industries are the aims of this activity. To that respect activities will focus on effective health promotion and disease prevention (e.g. understanding the determinants of health, developing better preventive vaccines). In addition, emphasis will be placed to manage, treat~~on managing, treating~~ and cure~~uring~~ disease, disability and reduced functionality (e.g. by transferring knowledge to clinical practice and scalable innovation actions, better use of health data, independent and assisted living). Furthermore, efforts will be made to improve decision-making in prevention and treatment provision, identify and support the dissemination of best practice in the healthcare sector, and support integrated care and the uptake of technological, organisational and social innovations empowering in particular older persons as well as disabled persons to remain active and independent.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new Financial Regulation, including CESES contributions in kind to Union projects.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(a) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(a) thereof.

Item 08 02 03 02 — Securing sufficient supplies of safe, healthy and high quality food and other bio-based products

Remarks

This activity will focus on developing more sustainable and productive agriculture and forestry systems, while at the same time developing services, concepts and policies for thriving rural livelihoods. In addition, emphasis will be placed on healthy and safe foods for all as well as competitive food processing methods that use fewer resources and produce fewer by-products. In parallel,

efforts will be made on sustainably exploiting aquatic living resources (e.g. sustainable and environmentally friendly fisheries). Low carbon, resource efficient, sustainable and competitive European bio-based industries will also be promoted.

Part of the appropriations will be used to fund a project on Aquaponics for sustainable, smart and inclusive growth.

Aquaponics is considered a new revolution in food production. Aquaponics is a sustainable food production model, based on the basic principle of organic farming, which combines hydroponics (growing plants in sand, gravel or water) and aquaculture (fish farming). The idea is to combine these two techniques into a single system, so as to reinforce the positive effects of each technique and cancel each other's negative ones.

The major benefits of aquaponics are:

- water recycling and reuse,
- high productivity (measured in terms of quantity/space),
- small environmental footprint.

There are several aquaponics production systems to produce plants and fish. All systems operate on the same principles, however, they are extremely flexible in both their opportunities and in their design. The main challenge is to find the right balance between the fish population, the nutrients brought, the bacterial population and food produced. Research and development is needed to further find this right balance.

Still marginal in Europe, the potential of this culture system has already convinced many countries. Aquaponics is gaining popularity because of its benefits. More and more people are beginning to realise the immense potential of this technique. Entrepreneurs, innovators and producers are getting into aquaponics.

This food production technique can bring several benefits: strengthen the local food systems, addressing the issue of health and food safety; create employment opportunities, reduce the environmental impact, reduce dependence on imports, provide education and training, to stimulate industry, reducing the carbon footprint.

The project is fully in line with the aim of the Europe 2020 strategy. It intends to contribute to a sustainable, smart and inclusive growth in Union and international development context.

The overall objective is to facilitate the emergence of an innovative, resource efficient and more competitive food production system that combines food security and the sustainable use of resources while ensuring environmental protection.

As part of its efforts to improve food security the Union promotes aquaculture as a means to increase food availability, access to food, jobs and income, including within Horizon 2020. Aquaponics is one of the sustainable ways to achieve this.

Research and innovation in aquaponics at the Union level will support the development of a new industrial sector, opening prospects for new business, associations of actors in the aquaculture and horticultural sectors and the creation of dynamic short circuits in rural and urban areas. In addition aquaponics can contribute to strengthening and transforming communities (e.g. neighbourhoods, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes) and be a catalyst for social innovation.

Further research and innovation in this field may enable Europe to play an important role in the global bio-economy. It can make Europe more present on the international scene with regards to innovative, sustainable and competitive food production systems.

This project is based on a multidimensional approach that takes into account:

- the need to ensure the health and safety of food products through ecological agriculture and increasing aquaculture production,
- the inclusion of nutrition,
- the need for economy of resources (e.g. water, energy, land, capital) and improvements in the use of water, energy and space,
- protecting the environment,
- the importance of market development,
- the organisational and social innovation,
- utility organisations' and companies' social and solidarity economy,
- social inclusion and education,
- the need for creating new skills and new jobs with the aim of modernising labour markets,
- the strengthening of governance (i.e. strengthening the participation of stakeholders in decision making),
- the importance attached by the Union to territorial cohesion and integrated territorial approach,
- a European context marked by the emergence of a policy of sustainable cities,

- the importance attached by the Union to develop an economy based on knowledge.

~~The project aims at being cross regional, multi disciplinary and cross disciplinary. Activities shall include:~~

- ~~making an inventory of technologies and organisational models that use aquaponics. The existing information on aquaponics is very scattered and it is therefore necessary to identify the actors, their expertise and mission,~~
- ~~creating a ‘Community of Practice’ that pools within a network the expertise and resources in this field and implement a dynamic exchange, sharing and capitalisation of resource. The creation of a community (Technology Platform) including research, scientific, professional and business community and the operation of this network should be promoted.~~

~~Support should be provided for this Technology Platform to:~~

- ~~identify areas of further need for research and innovation,~~
- ~~coordinate the establishment of collaborative innovation pilot projects,~~
- ~~increase knowledge transfer and disseminate innovations and best practices, expertise and lessons learned,~~
- ~~ensure the creation and maintenance of a resources centre for dissemination of knowledge and results.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(b) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(b) thereof.

Item 08 02 03 03 — Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system

Remarks

Efforts to ensure a secure, clean and efficient energy supply will focus on reducing the ~~EU's~~^{Union's} energy consumption and carbon footprint (for example through affordable systems and components incorporating smart technologies) and securing a low-cost, low-carbon electricity supply (for example through research, development and full-scale demonstration of innovative renewables and carbon capture and storage technologies). There will be a special focus on alternative fuels and mobile energy sources and on developing a single, smart European electricity grid. Activities will also focus on multi-disciplinary research for energy technologies and joint implementation of pan-European research programmes and world-class facilities. Furthermore, tools, methods and models for robust and transparent policy support will be developed and market uptake of energy innovation will be promoted. ~~85%~~^{85 %} of the budget appropriations will be allocated to the renewable and end-use energy efficiency policy areas, including smart ~~grids, grids and energy storage and Smart Cities and Communities~~^{storage}, from 2014 onwards.

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(e) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(c) thereof.

Item 08 02 03 04 — Achieving a European transport system that is resource-efficient, environmentally friendly, safe and seamless

Remarks

Under this activity emphasis will be placed on resource-efficient transport (e.g. accelerating the development and deployment of a new generation of electric and other low or zero emission aircrafts, vehicles and vessels) as well as on better mobility with less congestion and more safety and security (e.g. promoting integrated door-to-door transport and logistics). The focus will also be on reinforcing the competitiveness and performance of European transport manufacturing industries and related services, by, for instance, developing the next generation of innovative transport means and preparing the ground for the following one. Activities ~~aiming at improving which aim to improve~~ the understanding of transport-related socioeconomic trends and prospects, and providing policy makers with evidence-based data and analyses will ~~also be supported too supported.~~

~~Part of the appropriations will be used to conduct an evaluation and feasibility study on ‘Towards a zero-emission ferry’:~~

~~The aim of this project is to evaluate the evolution steps, implementation possibility, and to draw up a feasibility study towards a zero-emission ferry boat, powered by renewable energy sources such as hydrogen in fuel cells.~~

~~While the principle use of hydrogen fuelled fuel cells as power source is proven for smaller transport entities like busses, the utilisation in large ferries boats (e.g. RoPax ferries) should to be further evaluated in order to assess implementation possibilities. An evaluation and feasibility study for this type of transport mode and route would provide with a clearer assessment on the risks and opportunities to use hydrogen as transport fuel and fuel cells as energy converters in ferries.~~

~~The evaluation and feasibility study should notably focus on the possibilities to use surplus energy from wind farms’ night time operations in order to generate hydrogen fuel, which would then provide energy for vessel propulsion and electricity consumption of on board services. Combined energy sources, such as solar panels and flettner rotors on board supplying the vessel with additional energy should also be assessed, with an overall objective of no carbon, sulphur or nitrogen emissions.~~

~~In order to optimise implementation possibilities, the evaluation should focus on short sea shipping routes taking into account the infrastructural and natural prerequisites in order to ensure an efficient supply of alternative energy sources (mainly wind farms), as well as expertise location and the presence of relevant technology centres and potential private sector partners. A mapping of appropriate locations should be realised as a first step, so as to identify possible and optimal routes for zero-emission ferry services in the Union.~~

~~The evaluation and feasibility study should include the mapping of necessary steps to take on hybrids, batteries, fuel cells and fuel types on the journey towards zero-emission so that efficiency gains can be taken as soon as technologies mature sufficiently, but also to gain experience and envision further development.~~

~~In addition, a market assessment on identified routes could give a clearer picture on the costs of the implementation and operation of a zero-emission ferry, and finally assess whether a ferry service as described above would be economically viable under current market conditions.~~

~~The project could be foreseen for a duration of one or two years, selecting one or two appropriate ferry routes.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(d) thereof.~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).~~

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(d) thereof.~~

Item 08 02 03 05 — Achieving a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials

Remarks

The main focus of this activity is to achieve a resource-efficient and climate change resilient economy and a sustainable supply of raw materials in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources.

~~To~~~~In~~ that ~~respect~~~~respect~~, emphasis will be placed on fighting and adapting to climate change, on sustainably managing natural resources and ecosystems and on enabling the transition towards a green economy through eco-innovation. Comprehensive and sustained global environmental observation and information systems will ~~also~~ be ~~developed too~~ developed.

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(e) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(e) thereof.

Item 08 02 03 06 — Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies

Remarks

The aim of this activity is to contribute to making European societies more inclusive, innovative and reflective, by promoting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Actions will support coordinated policymaking through the development of evidence, tools, forward-looking activities and pilots to increase transnational efficiency and economic impact of research and innovation policies and achieve a well-functioning European Research Area and Innovation Union. Actions will also aim at closing the innovation divide, ensuring societal engagement in research and innovation, promoting coherent and effective cooperation with third countries and developing an understanding of Europe's intellectual basis: its history and the many European and non-European influences; as an inspiration for our lives today.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, EU authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new Financial Regulation, including CESES contributions in kind to EU projects.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(f) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(f) thereof.

Article 08 02 04 — Spreading excellence~~Science for~~ and widening participation~~with society~~

Remarks

New Item

The aim is to fully exploit the potential of Europe's talent pool and to ensure that the benefits of an innovation-led economy are both maximised and widely distributed across the Union in accordance with the principle of excellence. By nurturing and connecting pools of excellence, the activities proposed will contribute to strengthening the European Research Area.

The activities will focus on: teaming of excellent research institutions and low performing RDI regions aiming at the creation of new (or significant upgrade of existing) centres of excellence in low performing RDI Member States and regions, twinning of research institutions, establishing "ERA Chairs", a Policy Support Facility (PSF) to improve the design, implementation, and evaluation of national/regional research and innovation policies, supporting access to international networks for excellent researchers and innovators who lack sufficient involvement in European and international networks and strengthening the administrative and operational capacity of transnational networks of National Contact Points, including through training.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(4) thereof.

Item 08-02-04-01 — Science for and with society

Remarks

~~The aim is to build effective cooperation between science and society, to recruit new talent for science and to pair scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility.~~

~~The focus of activities shall be to: make scientific and technological careers attractive to young students, foster sustainable interaction between schools, research institutions, industry and civil society organisations; promote gender equality in the content and design of research activities; integrating society in science and innovation issues, policies and activities in order to integrate citizens' interests and values and to increase the quality, relevance, social acceptability and sustainability of research and innovation outcomes in various fields of activity from social innovation to areas such as biotechnology and nanotechnology; encouraging citizens to engage in science through formal and informal science education; developing the accessibility and the use of the results of publicly funded research; developing the governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation by all which is sensitive to society needs and demands; promote an ethics framework for research and innovation; taking due and proportional precautions in research and innovation activities by anticipating and assessing potential environmental, health and safety impacts; improving knowledge on science communication in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of interactions between scientists, general media and the public.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(f) thereof.~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).~~

Reference acts

Item 08-02-04-02 — Spreading excellence and widening participation

Remarks

New Item

~~The aim is to fully exploit the potential of Europe's talent pool and to ensure that the benefits of an innovation-led economy are both maximised and widely distributed across the Union in accordance with the principle of excellence. By nurturing and connecting pools of excellence, the activities proposed will contribute to strengthening the European Research Area.~~
~~The activities will focus on:~~

teaming of excellent research institutions and low performing RDI regions aiming at the creation of new (or significant upgrade of existing) centres of excellence in low performing RDI Member States and regions, twinning of research institutions, establishing "ERA Chairs", a Policy Support Facility (PSF) to improve the design, implementation, and evaluation of national/regional research and innovation policies, supporting access to international networks for excellent researchers and innovators who lack sufficient involvement in European and international networks and strengthening the administrative and operational capacity of transnational networks of National Contact Points, including through training.

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\)](#), and in particular Article 3(4) thereof.

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\)](#).

Article 08 02 05 — Horizontal activities of Horizon 2020

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\)](#).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\)](#).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\)](#).

Article 08 02 06 — Science with and for society

Remarks

Former article 08 02 04

The aim is to build effective cooperation between science and society, to recruit new talent for science and to pair scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility. Emphasis will be placed on the attractiveness of science education and careers for young people, gender equality, the better integration of citizens' interests and values in science and innovation, and the development of the governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation by all stakeholders (researchers, public authorities, industry and civil society organisations).

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\)](#).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014–2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\)](#), and in particular Article 3(5) thereof.

Article 08 02 07 — Joint Undertakings

Item 08 02 07 31 — Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2) — Support expenditure

Remarks

~~This budget line is intended to cover the administrative/running costs of the JU. The Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing' of the priority 'Societal challenges'. It shall have the objective of improving Union citizens' health and well-being by providing new and more effective diagnostics and treatments such as new antimicrobial treatments.~~

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Reference acts

Proposal for a [Regulation of the Council](#) [Regulation](#) on the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2), submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013 (COM(2013) 495 final).

Item 08 02 07 32 — Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2)

Remarks

~~The Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2-JTI), a Joint Technology InitiativeJTI between the European Commission and the biopharmaceutical industry, will build up on the results of its predecessor, IMI. IMI 2's objective is to improve the drug development process(IMI2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing' of the priority 'Societal challenges'. It shall have the objective of improving Union citizens' health and well-being by supportingproviding new and more efficient research and development cooperation among academia, small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs') and the biopharmaceutical industry, in order to deliver better and safer medicines for patients. effective diagnostics and treatments such as new antimicrobial treatments.~~

~~IMI2 JTI shall contribute to theThe contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing' of the priority 'Societal challenges' under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

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Reference acts

Proposal for a [Council](#) ~~Regulation of the Council~~, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI2) (COM(2013) 495 final).

Item 08 02 07 33 — Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI) — Support expenditure

Remarks

~~This budget line is intended to cover the administrative/running costs of the JU. The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’ and the ‘Key Enabling Technologies’ component of the specific objective ‘Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies’. It shall have the objective of developing new and competitive bio-based value chains that replace the need for fossil fuels and have a strong impact on rural development.~~

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).~~

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a [Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council](#), submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI) (COM(2013) 496 final).~~

Item 08 02 07 34 — Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI)

Remarks

~~The [Bio-based Bio-Based Industries Initiative Joint Undertaking \(BBI\)](#) is ~~shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’ and the ‘Key Enabling Technologies’ component of the specific objective ‘Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies’.~~ It shall have the objective of developing new [Joint Technology Initiative JTI](#) between the European Commission and the bio-based industries, covering a broad range of sectors, from agriculture to biotechnologies or forestry. Its objective is to foster the development of ~~and competitive bio-based value chains that replace the need for fossil fuels and have~~ a strong ~~and globally competitive bio-based industry in Europe and it will focus impact on three main areas: feedstock, biorefineries and the development of markets for bio-based products.~~ ~~rural development.~~~~

~~BBI JTI shall contribute to the~~ ~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to~~ implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’ and the ‘Key Enabling Technologies’ component of the specific objective ‘Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies’, under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI) (COM(2013) 496 final).

Item 08 02 07 35 — Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2) — Support expenditure

Remarks

~~This budget line is intended to cover the administrative/running costs of the JU. The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Smart, green and integrated transport’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’. It shall have the objective of radically reducing the environmental impact of the next generation of aircraft.~~

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6-3-0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2) (COM(2013) 505 final).

Item 08 02 07 36 — Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2)

Remarks

~~The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2), a JTI between the European Commission and the European aeronautical industry, will build up on the results of its predecessor, Clean Sky. Clean Sky 2's objective is to improve 2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Smart, green and integrated transport’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’. It shall have the objective of radically reducing the environmental impact of European aeronautical technologies~~

through advanced research and full-scale demonstration in green technology for air transport, thus contributing to the future international competitiveness of the aeronautical sector. The technical activity is developed through different technical areas and aims at building full scale demonstrators in all flying segments, the next generation of aircraft.

Clean Sky 2 JTI shall contribute to the~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objective ‘Smart, green and integrated transport’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’ under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (Clean Sky 2) (COM(2013) 505 final).

Item 08 02 07 37 — Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH2) — Support expenditure

Remarks

This budget line is intended to cover the administrative costs of the JU. The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH2) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objectives ‘Secure, clean and efficient energy’ and ‘Smart, green and integrated transport’ of the priority ‘Societal challenges’. It shall have the objective of developing commercially viable, clean, solutions that use hydrogen as an energy carrier and of fuel cells as energy converters.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

Reference acts

Proposal for a [Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council](#), submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH2) (COM(2013) 506 final).

Item 08 02 07 38 — Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH2)

Remarks

The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking ([FCH 2 JTI](#)), a [Public Private Partnership between the European Commission, the Industry and the Research Grouping](#), will build up on the results of its predecessor, set up under FP7. [FCH 2' JUs \(FCH2\) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objectives 'Secure, clean and efficient energy' and 'Smart, green and integrated transport' of the priority 'Societal challenges'. It shall have the objective is to tackle a series of obstacles to the commercialisation of fuel cells and hydrogen technologies by reducing the cost of FCH systems, increasing their efficiency and demonstrating their feasibility, thus paving the way for a strong, sustainable and globally competitive fuel cells and hydrogen sector in the Union. This budget line is intended to cover the operational costs of the FCH 2 JU, of developing commercially viable, clean, solutions that use hydrogen as an energy carrier and of fuel cells as energy converters.](#)

[FCH 2 JTI shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the specific objectives 'Secure, clean and efficient energy' and 'Smart, green and integrated transport' of the priority 'Societal challenges'. The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.](#)

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\).](#)

Reference acts

Proposal for a [Council Regulation, Regulation of the Council](#), submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH2) (COM(2013) 506 final).

Article 08 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 08 02 77 02 — Pilot project — Recovering critical raw materials through recycling: an opportunity for the European Union and the African Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Overall objective

[The aim of this initiative is to establish the basis for solid cooperation between Europe and Africa on research and innovation in the field of recycling and recovery of raw materials.](#)

Improving waste management and avoiding environmental and health costs can help reduce the financial pressure on African governments and improve supply of raw materials. Private sector participation can significantly reduce the costs and enhance service delivery.

This would be achieved through two seminars organised in 2013 in Europe and Africa respectively.

The specific objectives in the field of recovery of raw materials and waste recycling include:

- providing knowledge exchange at policy and research level,
- providing a forum for European and African entrepreneurs and academia/research,
- engage the European and African Member governments.

The participants of the pilot project are:

- the European Union,
- the African Union,
- industry representatives from the raw materials and waste/recycling sectors,
- academia/research representatives involved in environmental technologies for resource efficiency and recycling.

Conclusions

The European Union has in the past successfully established similar political/research infrastructures with African countries, in a number of fields such as research networks (e-Infrastructures). These initiatives have ensured close links between both continents based always on objectives of mutual interest.

On this basis, the pilot project addresses the following main issues:

- common policy on waste management: waste (raw materials) produced in Europe and exported to Africa should be treated in an effective and environmentally sound manner. In this context, the European Union and the African Union should develop a common waste management plan for these materials,
- knowledge transfer of innovative recycling technologies: while some solutions would definitely require breakthrough technologies, processes and services, a more urgent priority seems to be the exploitation of existing technologies, knowledge sharing and awareness. Research should encompass the collection, recovery and recycling of valuable materials, including raw materials, from urban and industrial waste streams. African countries need to cope with the waste being shipped for decades in their land and water. European research can help solve some current waste management issues,
- economy and jobs creation: investing in greening the waste sector can generate multiple economic and environmental benefits. For example, recycling creates more jobs than it replaces, making it one of the most important sectors in terms of employment creation. EU waste legislation is one of the most innovative and comprehensive of the world. Implementing it fully would result in cost savings of EUR 72 billion per year, an increase of EUR 42 billion per year in the turnover of waste management and recycling and the creation of 400 000 new jobs.

CHAPTER 08 03 — EURATOM PROGRAMME — INDIRECT ACTIONS

Remarks

The Euratom Research and Training Programme (2014-18) complements of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) ('Euratom Programme') is an integral part of Horizon 2020 in the — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Euratom Programme shall strengthen the research and innovation framework in the nuclear field of nuclear research and training. Its general objective is to pursue nuclear research and training activities with an emphasis on continually improving nuclear safety and radiation protection, notably to contribute to the long-term decarbonisation of the energy system in a safe, efficient and secure way. By supporting this research, the Euratom Programme shall reinforce outcomes under the three priorities of Horizon 2020: excellent science, industrial leadership, and societal challenges, and coordinate Member States' research efforts, thereby avoiding duplication, retaining critical mass in key areas and ensuring public funding is used in an optimal way.

The indirect actions of the Euratom Programme are focused on two areas: nuclear fission, safety and radiation protection, and fusion research and development programme.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation. The Euratom Programme aims to improve

nuclear safety, security and radiation protection and contribute to the long-term decarbonisation of the energy system in a safe, efficient and secure way. It will cover the fusion energy research and development programme, the fission and radiation protection research activities, and the JRC direct actions in nuclear security and safety. By achieving these objectives, the Euratom Programme shall contribute to the outcomes under the three priorities of Horizon 2020: *excellent science, industrial leadership and societal challenges*. These objectives are clearly linked to those of the Europe 2020 and Energy 2020 strategies.

Article 08 03 51 — Completion of the previous Euratom research framework programme (2007 to 2013)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years.

The programme covers two thematic areas:

Fusion research, which includes activities that range from basic research to technology development, construction of major projects and training and education activities. It offers the prospect of an almost limitless supply of clean energy, with ITER being the crucial next step in the progress towards this ultimate goal. The realisation of the ITER project therefore lies at the heart of the present Union strategy. It must be accompanied by a strong and focused European research and development programme on fusion to prepare for the exploitation of ITER and to develop the technologies and knowledge base that will be needed during ITER operation and beyond.

Fission research, which aims is to establish a sound scientific and technical basis in order to accelerate practical developments for the safer management of long-lived radioactive waste, to promote safer, more resource-efficient and cost-effective nuclear energy and to ensure a robust and socially acceptable system of protection of man and the environment against the effects of radiation.

The programme covers two thematic areas:

- Fusion research, which offers the prospect of an almost limitless supply of clean energy, with ITER being the crucial next step in the progress towards this ultimate goal. The realisation of the ITER project therefore lies at the heart of the present Union strategy. It must be accompanied by a strong and focused European research and development programme on fusion to prepare for the exploitation of ITER and to develop the technologies and knowledge base that will be needed during ITER operation and beyond.
- Fission research, which aims to establish a sound scientific and technical basis in order to accelerate practical developments for the safer management of long-lived radioactive waste, to promote safer, more resource-efficient and cost-effective nuclear energy and to ensure a robust and socially acceptable system of protection of man and the environment against the effects of radiation.

CHAPTER 08 04 — ITER PROGRAMME

Remarks

The ITER project aims to demonstrate fusion as a viable and sustainable source of energy by building and operating an experimental fusion reactor as a major step towards the creation of prototype reactors for fusion power stations that are safe, sustainable, environmentally responsible, and economically viable. It~~This programme~~ will contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy and in particular to its Innovation Union flagship initiative as the mobilisation of European high-tech industries, which are involved in the construction of ITER, should provide the Union with a global competitive advantage in this promising sector.

The project brings together seven parties: the European Union, China, India, Japan, South Korea, Russia, and the United States, that represent half of the world's population: the EU, Russia, Japan, China, India, South Korea and the United States, States.

Article 08 04 01 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E)

Item 08 04 01 01 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E) — Support expenditure

Remarks

Former article 08 04 01 (in part)

This budget line is intended to cover the running costs of the Joint Undertaking for ITER-Fusion for Energy.

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/791/Euratom of 13 December 2013 amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it (OJ L 349, 21.12.2013, p. 100)

Item 08 04 01 02 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities – European Joint Undertaking for ITER – Fusion for Energy (F4E)

Remarks

Former article 08 04 01 (in part)

The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion for Energy (‘Fusion for Energy’) provides the contribution of the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) to the joint implementation of the International ITER project. ITER, a major experimental facility which will demonstrate the scientific and technical feasibility of fusion power, will be followed by the construction of a demonstration fusion power plant (DEMO).

This European Joint Undertaking Fusion for Energy has the following tasks:

- to provide the contribution of Euratom to the ITER International Fusion Energy Organization,
- to provide the contribution of Euratom to broader approach activities with Japan for the rapid realisation of fusion energy,
- to prepare and coordinate a programme of activities in preparation for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor and related facilities.

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/791/Euratom of 13 December 2013 amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it (OJ L 349, 21.12.2013, p.100).

Remarks

The objective of the ITER programme is to implement ITER, a major experimental facility which will demonstrate the scientific and technical feasibility of fusion power. This will be followed by the construction of a demonstration fusion power plant (DEMO).

To this end, the European Organisation for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy, in the form of a Joint Undertaking was established. This European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (‘Fusion for Energy’) has the following tasks:

- to provide the contribution of Euratom to the ITER International Fusion Energy Organization, which brings together seven parties that represent half of the world’s population: the Union, Russia, Japan, China, India, South Korea and the United States,
- to provide the contribution of Euratom to broader approach activities with Japan for the rapid realisation of fusion energy,
- to implement a programme of activities in preparation for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor and related facilities.

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/791/Euratom of 13 December 2013 amending Decision 2007/198/Euratom establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it (OJ L 349, 21.12.2013, p. 100).

TITLE 09 — COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY

CHAPTER 09 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY’ POLICY AREA

Article 09 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Communications networks, content and technology’ policy area

Item 09 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on technical and/or administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or actions.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

CHAPTER 09 02 — REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE DIGITAL AGENDA

Article 09 02 01 — Definition and implementation of the Union’s policy in the field of electronic communication

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on a set of measures designed to:

- coordinate a better regulatory framework for competition, investment and growth over the entire range of issues in the e-communications field: economic analysis, impact assessment, policy development, regulatory compliance,
- carry out and review the Union’s policy on electronic communication networks and services with a view to launching initiatives designed to meet the challenges in this dynamically evolving sector (convergence of electronic communication with audio-visual and content delivery), sector,
- facilitate the implementation of the Digital Agenda for Europe, in actions related to broadband targets through regulation, policy and public financial assistance, including coordination with Cohesion Policy in the areas relevant to electronic communications networks and services, particularly as a follow-up to the Lisbon summit,
- develop policies and coordination measures which will ensure that Member States implement their National Broadband Plans with reference to the fixed and mobile infrastructure and their possible convergence, including coherence and economic efficiency of public intervention(s) at European and Member State levels,
- develop policy and legislation with a particular focus on issues related to access and authorisation of e-communicationse-communication networks and services notably interoperability, interconnection, civil works, independence of regulators and new measures to strengthen the single market,

- facilitate the monitoring and implementation of relevant legislation in all Member States,
- provide coordination of infringement proceedings, [and input to relevant state-aid matters](#),
- develop policy and legislation with a particular focus on issues related to retail and consumer issues notably [net neutrality](#), [Net Neutrality](#), switching, roaming, [demand and use stimulation](#) and universal service,
- develop and implement consistent market-based [regulation](#) ~~regulations~~ to be applied by national regulatory authorities (NRAs) and to respond to individual notifications from those authorities, notably regarding relevant markets, competition and appropriate regulatory intervention, in particular for next generation access [networks \(NGAs\)](#), ~~networks~~,
- develop policies across the board which will ensure that Member States manage all uses of spectrum, including the different internal market realms such as e-communications, broadband Internet and innovation,
- promote and monitor the implementation of the regulatory framework for communication services (including the mechanism provided for in Article 7 of Directive 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive) (OJ L 108, 24.4.2002, p. 33),
- enable third countries to pursue a policy of opening up their markets to the same extent as in the Union,
- promote and monitor the implementation of the radio spectrum policy programme [\(RSPP\)](#) (Decision No 243/2012/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 establishing a multiannual radio spectrum policy programme (OJ L 81, 21.3.2012, p. 7)).

The specific objectives of these measures are:

- the formulation of a Union policy and strategy in the field of communication services and networks (including convergence between electronic communications and [audio-visual](#) ~~audiovisual~~ environments, aspects related to the Internet, etc.),
- the development of radio spectrum policy in the Union,
- the development of activities in the mobile and satellite communications sector, particularly as regards frequencies, [and demand stimulation](#),
- an analysis of the situation and the legislation adopted in these areas, [as well as state aid decisions](#),
- [an analysis of the financial state of play and investment intensities in the sector](#),
- the coordination of these policies and initiatives as regards the international environment (e.g. WRC, CEPT, etc.),
- the development of activities and initiatives in relation to the Digital Agenda for Europe,
- [the development of activities and initiatives in relation to Cohesion policy](#),
- the development and maintenance of the database in relation to the radio spectrum policy programme [\(RSPP\)](#) and other actions related to monitoring and the implementation of the programme.

These measures consist, inter alia, of preparing analyses and progress reports, consulting stakeholders and the public, preparing [communications](#), legislative proposals and monitoring the application of legislation, and translations of notifications and consultations under Article 7 of [the Framework Directive for electronic communications, 2002/21/EC](#).

This appropriation is intended to cover, in particular, contracts for analysis and expert reports, specific studies, evaluation reports, coordination activities, grants and the part-financing of certain measures.

In addition, this appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on meetings of experts, communication events, membership fees, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the policy or measures coming under this [item, article](#), and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

Article 09 02 03 — European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the staff and administrative expenditure of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme only (Title 3).

The Agency was set up to enhance the capability of the Union, the Member States and, as a consequence, the business community to prevent, address and respond to network and information security problems. In order to achieve this goal, the Agency will be developing a high level of expertise and stimulating broad cooperation between actors from the public and private sectors.

The Agency's aim is to provide assistance and to deliver advice to the Commission and the Member States on issues related to network and information security falling within its competencies and to assist the Commission, where called upon, in the technical preparatory work for updating and developing Union legislation in the field of network and information security.

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Pursuant to Article 208 of the Financial Regulation and the corresponding Articles of the framework Financial Regulation for each of the bodies set up by the Communities, the role of the European Parliament and the Council has been strengthened.

The establishment plan of the Agency is set out in the Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 9 155 661~~~~EUR 8 820 665~~. An amount of ~~EUR 55 049~~~~EUR 81 665~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 9 100 612~~~~EUR 8 739 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 09 02 04 — Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) — Office

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Office's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme only (Title 3).

BEREC acts as a specialised and independent expert advisory body assisting the Commission and the national regulatory authorities in the implementation of the Union regulatory framework for electronic communications in order to promote a consistent regulatory approach across the Union. BEREC is neither a Union body nor has legal personality.

The Office is established as a Union body with legal personality, providing BEREC with professional and administrative support in carrying out the tasks conferred on it by Regulation (EC) No 1211/2009.

The Office must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Pursuant to Article 208 of the Financial Regulation and the corresponding Articles of the framework Financial Regulation for each of the bodies set up by the Communities, the role of the European Parliament and the Council has been strengthened.

The establishment plan of the Office is set out in the Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 4 017 244~~~~EUR 4 162 874~~. An amount of ~~EUR 519 101~~~~EUR 544 926~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 3 498 143~~~~EUR 3 617 948~~ entered in the budget.

Article 09 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 09 02 77 02 — Pilot project — Implementation of the Media Pluralism Monitoring Tool

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~This appropriation is intended for the implementation of the Media Pluralism Tool. The tool was developed through an independent study at the request of the European Commission: 'Indicators for Media Pluralism in the Member States—Towards a Risk Based Approach'. It is a monitoring tool for assessing risks for media pluralism in Member States and identifying threats to such pluralism based on a set of indicators, covering pertinent legal, economic and socio-cultural considerations.~~

~~The specific objective of this action is to launch a further study that update these indicators in light of the growing importance of the internet and that applies the indicators in practice for obtaining a broad understanding of the risks to media pluralism in Member States. The assessment of the risks is best carried out in a transparent manner in consultation with stakeholders.~~

Item 09 02 77 03 — Pilot project — European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~The proposed European Centre for Press and Media Freedom would follow on from the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Charter for Freedom of the Press by acting as a European level 'drop in centre' for journalistic organisations or individuals and media actors alleging violations of those Charters. The Centre would monitor and document any such violations. It would also act as an alarm centre for acute cases, for instance by organising support from foreign colleagues for journalists who need help. The Centre would benefit from input from a wide range of sources, including academic centres, regional partners from all over Europe and various journalistic organisations.~~

~~The territorial coverage of the centres would be the Member States and the candidate countries.~~

~~This project would be complementary to existing actions supported by the Union budget. More specifically, it would constitute the practical hands-on counterpart of the academically-oriented 'Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom' based at the European University Institute in Florence. It would furthermore benefit from the momentum created by the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism set up by the Commission, and the European Parliament resolution of 21 May 2013 on the EU Charter: standard settings for media freedom across the EU.~~

~~The pilot project would cover start-up costs for such a centre and co-financing of its annual running costs.~~

~~Freedom and pluralism of the media, including independent media governance, are key elements for enabling the exercise of freedom of expression, which constitutes one of the essential foundations of the Union. Media pluralism and freedom is vital for our democratic societies.~~

~~This pilot project aims to support journalistic organisations or individuals and media actors, in the Member States and candidate and potential candidate countries which allege violations of the European Charter for Freedom of the Press.~~

CHAPTER 09 03 — CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (CEF) — TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

Article 09 03 01 — PreparingAccelerating the deployment of broadband projects for public and/or private financingnetworks

Remarks

Actions under this article shall contribute to the objectives [of the Connecting Europe Facility](#) laid out in Article ~~4 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and in Article 3 of the amended proposal for a~~ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European [networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure.networks.](#)

[Actions under this article shall contribute to the broadband-related objectives of the Connecting Europe Facility through studies and programme support actions, in particular technical assistance, as defined in Article 2 of the CEF Regulation. They shall support projects of common interest in the field of broadband networks.](#)

Actions under this article shall typically [be carried out through](#)~~contribute to the above objectives through the instrument of grants or procurement, either under direct management in the meaning of Article 58.1(a) of the Financial Regulation or indirect management in the meaning of Article 58.1 (c) of the Financial Regulation, and procurement.~~

~~The expenses shall cover the building of infrastructure and the installation of equipment. They shall further cover works, studies and programme support actions, in particular technical assistance, as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, including the contribution to existing technical assistance structures.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular [Article 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)~~Article 4(4)~~ thereof.

[Regulation \(EU\) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC \(OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14\) and in particular Article 6 \(9\) and Section 3 of the Annex thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 28 May 2013, on guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC (COM(2013) 329 final).~~

Article 09 03 02 — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for telecommunication infrastructure projects — CEF Broadband

Remarks

Actions under this article shall contribute to the objectives [of the Connecting Europe Facility](#) laid out in Article ~~4 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and in Article 3 of the amended proposal for a~~ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European [networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure.networks.](#)

They shall support projects of common interest in the field of broadband networks.

Actions under this article shall ~~typically~~ contribute to the above objectives through financial instruments in accordance with [Art 7\(4\)](#)~~Articles 14 and 15 of the CEF Regulation. Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.~~

The expenses shall cover ~~financial~~the construction of infrastructure and the installation of equipment. They shall also cover works, studies and programme support actions, in particular technical assistance, as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, ~~including the contribution to existing technical~~ assistance ~~to broadband networks, as defined in Article 2 of the Regulation (EU) No 283/2014, structures.~~

Any repayment from financial ~~instruments, instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation,~~ including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6 3 4 1 of the statement of ~~revenues in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation~~revenue may be used for the same financial ~~instrument pursuant to Article 140 (6) give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Articles 21(3)(i) of the Financial Regulation.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article ~~7(4)4(4)~~ thereof.

[Regulation \(EU\) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC \(OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14\), and in particular Article 6 \(7\) and Section 2 of the Annex thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 28 May 2013, on guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC (COM(2013) 329 final).~~

Article 09 03 03 — Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level~~the interconnection and interoperability of national services of common interest and contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment~~

Remarks

Actions under this article shall contribute to the objectives laid out ~~in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and~~ in Article 3 of the ~~amended proposal for a~~ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European [networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure networks.](#)

They shall support projects of common interest in the field of digital service ~~infrastructures, infrastructures and projects contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment, in particular for children and young people.~~

Actions under this article shall typically contribute to the above objectives through the instrument of grants and procurement:

- core service platforms will typically be financed through procurement, with the exception of Europeana,
- generic services will typically be financed through grants.

The expenses shall cover ~~the entire cycle~~deployment, operation, upgrading and maintenance of digital service infrastructures, ~~including feasibility studies, implementation, continuous operation and upgrading, coordination and evaluation and in particular~~ technical ~~assistance, assistance and maintenance and upgrading of services,~~ as defined in Article 2 of the ~~amended proposal for a~~ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European [networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure networks.](#) The focus ~~must~~~~shall~~ not be ~~entirely solely~~ on the creation of [digital services infrastructures and related](#) ~~core service platform and generic~~ services but also on [the](#) governance relating to the operation of such platforms and services.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue

in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~1316/2013~~ [1316/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular Article 4(4) thereof.

[Regulation \(EU\) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC \(OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14\) and in particular Article 6\(1\) to \(6\), \(9\) and Sections 1 and 3 of the Annex thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 28 May 2013, on guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC (COM(2013) 329 final).~~

~~Article 09 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions~~

~~Item 09 03 77 01 — Preparatory action — Internet-based system for better legislation and for public participation~~

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

CHAPTER 09 04 — HORIZON 2020

Article 09 04 03 — Societal challenges

Item 09 04 03 02 — Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. ~~104~~ [404](#)) and in particular ~~Article 3(3)(f)~~ thereof.

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(f) thereof.

Item 09 04 03 03 — Fostering secure European societies

Remarks

New ~~item~~

The specific objective is to secure societies, protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

The integrated portfolio of activities will develop solutions to protect our society and economy against accidental or man-made disruptions of the information and communication technologies our society and economy depends on; providing solutions for end-to-end secure ICT systems, services and applications; safeguarding the human right of privacy in the digital society; providing the incentives for the industry to supply secure ICT; stimulating the uptake of secure ICT. The aim is to ensure cyber security, trust and privacy in the Digital Single Market, whilst at the same time improving the competitiveness of the EU security, ICT and service industries. Another objective is to increase users trust in their participation to the Digital Society, and overcome citizens' concern with the disclosure of their personal information online because of security issues (e.g. internet usage for banking or purchases).

Activities cover collaboration, networking actions and national programme coordination initiatives. Also entered in this item are the costs of independent experts assisting in proposal evaluations and project reviews, the costs of events, meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars of European interest organised by the Commission, the costs of studies, analyses and evaluations, the costs of monitoring and evaluation of the specific programme and of the framework programmes and the costs of measures to monitor and disseminate the results of the programmes, including measures under previous framework programmes.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. ~~104~~ 104), and in particular Article 3(3)(g) thereof.

Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular ~~Article 3(3)(g)~~ Article 3(3)(f) thereof.

Article 09 04 07 — Joint Undertakings

Item 09 04 07 31 — Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership Joint Undertaking (ECSEL) — Support expenditure

Remarks

The Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership Joint Undertaking (ECSEL) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020, and in particular the 'Information and communications technology' segment of the priority 'Industrial leadership'. It shall have the objective of keeping Europe at the forefront of electronic components and systems and bridge faster the gap to exploitation.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Item 09 04 07 32 — Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership Joint Undertaking (ECSEL)

Remarks

The Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership Joint Undertaking (ECSEL) shall contribute to the implementation of Horizon 2020 and in particular the 'Information and communications technology' segment of the priority 'Industrial leadership'. It shall have the objective of keeping Europe at the forefront of electronic components and systems and bridge faster the gap to exploitation.

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Article 09 04 77 — Pilots projects and preparatory actions

Remarks

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 09 04 77 01 — Pilot project — Open Knowledge Technologies: Mapping and validating knowledge

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

At a time when unemployment among the new generations is alarming, Europe must become an innovation driven society in order to get back on the growth path. For this purpose, it is necessary to create new technologies and to reinvent the ways Union citizens can acquire, transfer and co-construct knowledge. Higher education and research are rapidly evolving. Creating new knowledge technologies requires training teachers, students and researchers alike as well as any individual who needs to adapt to new market demands. Given the ever growing flow of data, a capacity is needed to empower Union citizens to access content and to learn anywhere and anytime in an open collaborative learning ecosystem. Many endeavours, such as citizen science, scientific discovery games and Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs), show that — like many other sectors — education and research are rapidly evolving. Europe can only catch up and take the lead provided it invests in the next generation of tools and in the coming generations of individuals willing to reinvent learning, teaching and research tools.

The initiative 'Opening up education' proposed by the Commission aims at creating the basis for a stronger exploitation of ICT in education. The goal is to make access to education easier and increase efficiencies in learning through sharing and opening content to all individuals. While this initiative aims at making content available, there is still a need for mapping and certifying the knowledge acquired.

Given the current youth unemployment that co-exists with a lack of skilled workers in many Members States, the Union clearly lacks an essential component to fill this knowledge gap. The interests and the current knowledge of individuals should be matched not only with the most demanded labour market skills but also with the possible learning roadmaps that can help them acquire the required knowledge and skills.

In order to fully exploit the potential of this new type of learning systems for the labour market, methods are needed that are able to validate the quality of their learning. Consequently, a mechanism has to be found that allows individuals to assess their competencies (create their individual knowledge map), the knowledge required on the labour market and the learning path that can link the two, hence providing the right content to each individual. Only by doing so, it can be assured that the right content is available to the right target group of individuals. In order to be able to track the learning path, a validation of the acquired knowledge, possible through online certificates or badges must be made available.

This type of social and technological innovations can benefit all citizens regardless of their level of resources, the languages they speak, their age, their health or their cultural capital. Such a project will thus contribute to bridging the knowledge gap and reducing unemployment by helping especially the young currently unemployed to maximize their learning and find new career opportunities.

Item 09 04 77 02 — Pilot project — Connected for health: Wellbeing and Healthcare Solution in an Open Access FTTH-Networks

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This pilot project proposal aims at testing wellbeing and healthcare service applications in Open Access FTTH-Networks. The future delivery of well-being and healthcare services is to rely on FTTH based solutions, and the realisation of a full-scale high-speed eHealth solution would contribute in achieving one of the Union's Digital Agenda targets.

The project will explore, identify and test new and existing eHealth applications to improve profitability and usability of services. The project aims, for instance, to evaluate patient empowerment and ability of wellbeing and healthcare professionals to share digital patient information. Open Access FTTH-Networks have the potential to carry out a range of eHealth solutions, eg. personal health information management, patient in-home monitoring, sending X-rays from the central hospital to the rural area medical centre, and tele-physiotherapy.

The project is to be implemented in rural regions with long distances and with already *existing* co-operative based FTTH-Networks that operate in a real open access principle. Such network exists for instance in Southern Ostrobothnia. Being distant from the physical service providers and having demographic challenges, rural areas should be especially targeted when providing electronic wellbeing and healthcare solutions in the future.

FTTH is the most advanced technology to support specific wellbeing and healthcare service applications with fast symmetric connections and low latencies, notably by providing both high speeds downstream and upstream. Most importantly, open access model enables all service providers to offer their services in the same fibre for free. This fair competition is considered to improve the promotion of services, value for money and accessibility.

This pilot project is unique and not redundant or in conflict with any national or Union programmes. The deployment of broadband networks is not the focus of this pilot project, and therefore it is not overlapping with the existing national or Union programs of deployment of broadband in Member States.

The duration of this pilot project is two years.

Item 09 04 77 03 — Pilot project — REIsearch (Research Excellence Innovation Framework) — Enhancing the competitiveness of the European Research Area by increasing communication among researchers, citizens, industry and policy makers

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

The pilot project aims to accelerate the full use of Europe's intellectual capital to the benefit of citizens, entrepreneurs and scientists through new media tools.

The aim is to develop an e-infrastructure based on the concepts of social networks, to promote direct communication between researchers, businesses and media within the European Research Area (ERA).

Beginning from the strategic areas around the priority 'Societal challenges', as outlined in Europe 2020 strategy, the pilot project will support the creation of virtual clusters on these key themes creating a direct way for open dialogue between science and society.

The pilot project will promote active interaction between science, citizens and policymakers through the involvement of European media and social media, in order to support participation of citizens in research agenda setting, on-going research processes, as well as in discussions on the results and impacts of research for society, policy and further research.

The objectives of the pilot project are:

- to develop a reliable, non-profit e-infrastructure (similar to social networks) as basic tool to promote stronger communication and dialogue across disciplines, sectors and borders;
- to integrate identity security of researchers and other actors to ensure a reliable and secure environment;
- to connect to existing research databases ensuring a single access point to research results from all countries and disciplines (interoperability) connecting also to existing European initiatives;

- to create virtual clusters on the topics of the ‘societal challenges’ that brings together researchers, industry, media and policy makers to enhance collaborations on these key themes, starting from the existing European collaborations and creating an easy and useful tool to facilitate dialogue and collaborations;
- to create a direct dialogue between these virtual clusters (see point d) and citizens through the connection to leading European media.

The project intends to respond to some of the needs and concerns outlined in the Digital Agenda and Horizon 2020.

Current issues that the project will address: recent ICT developments have shown how the power of social networks and e-infrastructures can help harness the potential of networks.

In fact the problems of the existing online environment for research e-Infrastructures are:

- size: the majority of existing networks are too small to go beyond the specific field and research group (according to Commission statistics, the average size of an online network of researchers is around 100 users). A large interoperable network is needed that allows researchers and other stakeholders to find the information they are looking for across sectors and disciplines with a familiar tool,
- reach: traditionally, networks bring together users within the same field and sector. In order to unlock the innovation capacity of Europe, the creation of transdisciplinary (inter-sectorial and inter-disciplinary) connections needs to be made easier,
- reliability: one of the major reasons why big networks in research have not been successful is that existing relations are still based on personal connection and the identities on online networks are not trusted. In order to really foster transdisciplinary connections, a system is needed where the identity verification creates a secure environment for all users engaged,
- trust: a pivotal aspect for any network is trust. Based on market studies a European social network/e-infrastructure would need to be developed in collaboration with the different stakeholders, be non-profit and have a clear IP policy developed together with researchers.

TITLE 10 — DIRECT RESEARCH

CHAPTER 10 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘DIRECT RESEARCH’ POLICY AREA

Article 10 01 05 — Support expenditure for research and innovation programmes in the ‘Direct research’ policy area

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21 and Article 183(2) of the Financial Regulation, any revenue entered in Items 6 2 2 3 and 6 2 2 6 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, any revenue entered in Items 6 2 2 1, 6 2 2 4 and 6 2 2 5 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such revenue will be used to cover, inter alia, expenditure incurred on staff and resources in respect of work for third parties carried out by the Joint Research Centre.

In accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, any revenue entered in Items 6 0 1 3 and 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations.

The appropriations could be supplemented by appropriations that the Joint Research Centre will earn by participating on a competitive basis in indirect actions and in scientific and technical activities in support of Union policies. The activities of a competitive nature conducted by the JRC shall consist of:

- activities carried out following grant or procurement procedures,
- activities on behalf of third parties,
- activities undertaken under an administrative agreement with other institutions or other Commission departments for the provision of technical-scientific services.

~~2013 appropriations from items in Article 10 01 05 automatically carried forward to 2014 will be booked onto the three Horizon 2020 items in this Article.~~

CHAPTER 10 02 — HORIZON 2020 — DIRECT ACTIONS OF THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE (JRC) IN SUPPORT OF UNION POLICIES

Remarks

These remarks are applicable to all the budget lines in this chapter.

This appropriation will be used for Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for research and innovation which covers the 2014-2020 period.

~~Horizon 2020 shall play a central role in the delivery of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth ("Europe 2020 strategy") implementation of the Europe 2020 flagship initiative 'Innovation Union' and other flagship initiatives, notably 'Resource efficient Europe', 'An industrial policy for the globalisation era', and 'A digital agenda for Europe', as well as in the development and functioning of the European Research Area (ERA). Horizon 2020 shall contribute to building an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the whole Union by providing a common strategic framework for the Union's funding of excellent research and innovation, thus acting as a vehicle for leveraging private and public investment, creating new job opportunities and ensuring Europe's long-term sustainability, growth, economic development, social inclusion and industrial competitiveness, as well as addressing societal challenges across the Union.~~
~~sufficient additional research, development and innovation funding.~~

This appropriation is intended to be used in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in 'Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)' and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this chapter. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Article 10 02 01 — Horizon 2020 — Customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the scientific and technical support and research activities carried out by the Joint Research Centre in accordance with Part ~~VIII~~ of the Specific Programme Implementing Horizon 2020 'Non-nuclear direct actions of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)', in order to provide customer-driven scientific and technical support to European Union policies. The JRC shall focus on:
~~specific priorities are:~~

- excellent science: the JRC will carry out research to enhance the scientific evidence base for policy making~~policy making, to promote understanding of natural processes underlying societal challenges,~~ and to examine emerging fields of science and technology, including through an exploratory research programme,
- industrial leadership: the JRC will contribute to European innovation and competitiveness ~~through:~~ ~~continuing to contribute to the strategic orientation and science agenda of relevant instruments of indirect research;~~ support to the standardisation process and standards with pre- normative research, development of reference materials and measurements, and harmonisation of methodologies in five focal areas (energy; transport; the flagship initiative 'Digital Agenda for Europe'; security and safety; consumer protection). It will carry out safety assessments of new technologies in areas such as energy and transport and health and consumer protection. It will contribute to facilitating knowledge and technology transfer; ~~and contributing to facilitate~~ the use, standardisation and validation of space technologies and data, in particular to tackle the societal challenges,
- societal challenges: the JRC will carry out research on the following themes: health, demographic change and well-being; ~~wellbeing;~~ food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry; ~~agriculture;~~ marine and maritime and inland water research and the bio-economy; secure, clean and efficient energy; smart, green and integrated transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies; secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens. ~~societies.~~

This appropriation covers specific expenditure relating to research and support activities, including the purchase of scientific and technical equipment, subcontracting of scientific and technical services, access to information, acquisition of consumables, etc. This includes expenditure on scientific infrastructure directly incurred for the projects concerned.

It also covers expenditure of any type concerning research and scientific support tasks relating to activities under this article entrusted to the Joint Research Centre within the framework of its participation on a competitive basis in support of the Union policies and on behalf of outside bodies.

In accordance with Article 21 and Article 183(2) of the Financial Regulation, any revenue entered in Items 6 2 2 3 and 6 2 2 6 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations.

Legal acts

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in ‘Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\)’ and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1906/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\), and in particular Article 5\(4\) thereof.](#)

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(6\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in ‘Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\)’ and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1906/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81\).](#)

[Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965\), and in particular Article 3\(6\) thereof.](#)

CHAPTER 10 03 — EURATOM PROGRAMME — DIRECT ACTIONS

Remarks

The Research and Training Programme on European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) (Euratom Programme) is an integral part of Horizon 2020, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Euratom Programme ~~will~~^{shall} strengthen the research and innovation framework in the nuclear field and coordinate Member States’ research efforts, thereby avoiding duplication, retaining critical mass in key ~~areas~~^{areas} and ensuring public funding is used in an optimal way.

This appropriation will be used in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in ‘Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)’ and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81). -

The general objective of the Euratom Programme is to pursue nuclear research and training activities with an emphasis on continuous improvement of~~aims to improve~~ nuclear safety, security and radiation ~~protection, notably to potentially~~^{protection and to} contribute to the long-term decarbonisation of the energy system in a safe, efficient and secure way. It will cover both RTD indirect actions on the fusion research and development, nuclear fission, safety~~energy research and development programme, the fission~~ and radiation protection research activities, as well as~~and~~ the JRC direct actions in nuclear security and safety. The JRC will provide independent customer-driven scientific and technological support for the implementation and monitoring of Community policies, in particular in the field of nuclear safety and security research and training. By achieving these objectives, the Euratom Programme will~~reinforces~~^{shall contribute to the} outcomes under the three priorities of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme: excellent science, industrial leadership and societal challenges. These objectives are clearly linked to those of the Europe ~~2020, the 2020 and~~ Energy 2020 ~~strategies and the creation and operation of the European Research Area.~~^{strategies.}

Article 10 03 01 — Euratom activities of direct research

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the scientific and technical support and research activities carried out by the Joint Research Centre to implement the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018). The [Euratom Programme direct actions shall have the following](#) specific objectives ~~are:~~

- to improve nuclear safety including: nuclear reactor ~~andsafety, decommissioning; nuclear emergency preparedness and radiation protection; nuclear~~ fuel ~~safety, cycle safety; and radioactive~~ waste management, [including final geological disposal as well as partitioning and transmutation; decommissioning, and emergency preparedness.](#)
- to improve nuclear security including: nuclear safeguards, ~~nuclear~~ non-proliferation, [combating illicit trafficking, and nuclear forensics, prevention and mitigation of CBRN \(chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear\) hazards,](#)
- to ~~increase~~[raise](#) excellence in the [nuclear](#) science base for standardisation,
- to foster knowledge management, ~~education~~[training](#) and [training, education,](#)
- to support the policy of the Union on nuclear safety and ~~security, security and the related evolving Union legislation.~~

This appropriation also addresses the activities necessary for implementing safeguards pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title II of the Euratom Treaty and the obligations arising from the Non-Proliferation Treaty and implementation of the Commission's programme to support the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

It covers specific expenditure relating to research and support activities, including the purchase of scientific and technical equipment, subcontracting of scientific and technical services, access to information, acquisition of consumables, etc. This includes expenditure on scientific infrastructure directly incurred for the projects concerned.

This appropriation also covers expenditure of any type concerning research and scientific support tasks relating to activities under this article entrusted to the Joint Research Centre within the framework of its participation on a competitive basis in support of Union policies and on behalf of outside bodies.

In accordance with Article 21 and Article 183(2) of the Financial Regulation, any revenue entered in Items 6 2 2 3 and 6 2 2 6 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in 'Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\)' and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1906/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation \(2014-2020\) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104\), and in particular Article 5\(4\) thereof.](#)

Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1314/2013 of 16 December 2013 on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 948).

CHAPTER 10 05 — HISTORICAL LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE PURSUANT TO THE EURATOM TREATY

Article 10 05 01 — Decommissioning of Euratom obsolete nuclear facilities and final disposal of wastes

Reference acts

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council of 17 March 1999 on the historical liabilities resulting from nuclear activities carried out by the Joint Research Centre under the Euratom Treaty — Decommissioning of obsolete nuclear installations and waste management (COM(1999) 114 final).

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council of 19 May 2004 concerning the decommissioning of nuclear installations and waste management — Nuclear liabilities arising out of the activities of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) carried out under the Euratom Treaty (SEC(2004) 621 final).

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council of 12 January 2009 concerning the decommissioning of nuclear installations and management of radioactive waste — Management of nuclear liabilities arising out of the activities of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) carried out under the Euratom Treaty (COM(2008) 903 final).

[Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament of 25 October 2013 concerning the decommissioning of nuclear installations and management of radioactive waste: management of nuclear liabilities arising out of the activities of the Joint Research Centre \(JRC\) carried out under the Euratom Treaty \(COM\(2013\) 734 final\).](#)

TITLE 11 — MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

CHAPTER 11 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES’ POLICY AREA

Article 11 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Maritime affairs and fisheries’ policy area

Item 11 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for maritime affairs and fisheries — Non-operational administrative and technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the non-operational technical assistance for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) provided for in Article ~~5854~~ of ~~the proposal for a~~ Regulation [\(EU\) No 1303/2013](#)~~COM(2013) 246 final~~ and Article 91 of the proposal for a Regulation COM(2011) 804 final.

It may, in particular, be used to cover:

- expenditure incurred on external personnel at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) up to EUR 850 000, including support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions relating to the external personnel financed under this line) required for the implementation of the EMFF and the completion of measures under its predecessor the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) relating to technical assistance,
- expenditure on external personnel (contract agent, local agents, or seconded national experts) in the Union’s delegations in third countries, as well as for additional logistical and infrastructure costs, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, IT and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external staff remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on mission by third country delegations attending meetings to negotiate fisheries agreements and joint committees,
- expenditure on studies, evaluation measures and audits, meetings of experts and the participation of stakeholders in ad hoc meetings, seminars and conferences pertaining to major topics, information and publications in the field of maritime affairs and fisheries,
- expenditure on information technology (IT) covering both equipment and services,
- participation of scientific experts in meetings of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations,
- any other expenditure on non-operational technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

This appropriation may also cover expenditure for preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical support, evaluation, audit and inspection measures related to fisheries market intervention previously financed under the common agricultural policy in accordance with Article 5(a) to (d) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1263/1999 of 21 June 1999 on the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 54).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 of 17 December 1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector (OJ L 337, 30.12.1999, p. 10).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 of 27 July 2006 on the European Fisheries Fund (OJ L 223, 15.8.2006, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products, amending Council Regulations \(EC\) No 1184/2006 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 104/2000 \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.1\).](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

Article 11 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 11 01 06 01 — Executive Agency for Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises — Contribution from European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

[Commission Decision C\(2013\) 9414 final of 12 December 2013 delegating powers to the Executive Agency for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of energy, environment, climate action, competitiveness and SMEs, research and innovation, ICT, maritime policy and fisheries comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision 2013/771/EU of 17 December 2013 establishing the ‘Executive Agency for Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises’ and repealing Decisions 2004/20/EC and 2007/372/EC \(OJ L 341, 18.12.2013, p. 73\).](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

~~Commission Decision C(2013) 9414 final of 12 December 2013 delegating powers to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of energy, environment, climate action, competitiveness and SMEs, research and innovation, ICT, maritime policy and fisheries comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.~~

~~Commission Implementing Decision 2013/771/EU of 17 December 2013 establishing the ‘Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises’ and repealing Decisions 2004/20/EC and 2007/372/EC (OJ L 341, 18.12.2013, p. 73).~~

CHAPTER 11 03 — COMPULSORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES AGREEMENTS

Remarks

Article 11 03 01 — Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Union financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea (OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\) and in particular Article 31 thereof.](#)

Regulations and Decisions concerning the conclusion of agreements and/or protocols adopted with regard to fisheries between the Union/Community and the governments of the following countries:

Status (as of April 2014)	Country	Legal basisRegulation	Date	Official Journal	Duration
Cape Verde	Regulation (EC) No 2027/2006	19 December 2006	L 414, 30.12.2006	1.9.2006 to 31.8.2011	
	Decision 2011/679/EU	10 October 2011	L 269, 14.10.2011	1.9.2011 to 31.8.2014	
Comoros	Regulation (EC) No 1660/2005	6 October 2005	L 267, 12.10.2005	1.1.2005 to 31.12.2010	
	Regulation (EC) No 1563/2006	5 October 2006	L 290, 20.10.2006		
	Decision 2011/294/EU	13 May 2011	L 134, 21.5.2011	1.1.2011 to 31.12.2013	
	New protocol initialled on 5 July 2013 — Legislative procedure ongoing				
Côte d’Ivoire	Regulation (EC) No 953/2005	21 June 2005	L 164, 24.6.2005	1.7.2004 to 30.6.2007	
	Regulation (EC) No 242/2008	17 March 2008	L 75, 18.3.2008	1.7.2007 to 30.6.2013	
In force	Côte d’Ivoire	Decision 2013/303/EU	29-May-1329 May 2013	L 170, 22.6.2013	1.7.2013 to 30.6.2018
Gabon	Decision 2006/788/EC	7 November 2006	L 319, 18.11.2006		
	Regulation (EC) No 450/2007	16 April 2007	L 109, 26.4.2007	3.12.2005 to 2.12.2011	
-	Gabon	Decision 2013/462/EU	22-Jul-1322 July 2013	L 250, 20.9.2013	24.07.2013 to 23.07.2016
Greenland	Regulation (EC) 753/2007	28 June 2007	L 172, 30.6.2007	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2012	
-	Greenland	Decision 2012/653/EU	16-Jul-1246 July 2012	L 293, 23.10.2012	1.1.2013 to 31.12.2015
Guinea-Bissau	Regulation (EC) No	10 October 2006	L 279,		

	1491/2006 Regulation (EC) No 241/2008 Decision 2011/885/EU New protocol initialled on 10 February 2012 — Legislative procedure suspended	17 March 2008 14 November 2011	11.10.2006 L 75, 18.3.2008 L 344, 28.12.2011	16.6.2007 to 15.6.2011 16.6.2011 to 15.6.2012	
Kiribati	Regulation (EC) No 893/2007 Decision 2012/669/EU	23 July 2007 09 October 2012	L 205, 7.8.2007 L 300, 30.10.2012	16.9.2006 to 15.9.2012 16.9.2012 to 15.9.2015	
Madagascar	Decision 2007/797/EC Regulation (EC) No 31/2008 Decision 2012/826/EU	15 November 2007 15 November 2007 28 November 2012	L 331, 17.12.2007 L 15, 18.1.2008 L 361, 31.12.2012	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2012 1.1.2013 to 31.12.2014	
Mauritius	Decision 2014/146/EU Regulation (EC) No 2003/2004	28 Jan 2014 14 October 2004	L 79, 18.03.2014 348, 24.11.2004	28.01.2014 to 27.01.2020 3.12.2003 to 2.12.2007	
	Decision 2012/670/EU New fisheries partnership agreement and protocol initialled on 23 February 2012 — Legislative procedure ongoing, no provisional application	09 October 2012	L 300, 30.10.2012		
Mauritania	Regulation (EC) No 1801/2006 Regulation (EC) No 704/2008 Decision 2012/827/EU	30 November 2006 15 July 2008 18 December 2012	L 343, 8.12.2006 L 203, 31.7.2008 L 361, 31.12.2012	1.8.2006 to 31.7.2008 1.8.2008 to 31.7.2012 16.12.2012 to 15.12.2014	
Morocco	Regulation (EC) No 764/2006 Decision 2011/491/EU Repealed by Decision 2012/15/EU Currently no protocol in force	22 May 2006 12 July 2011 20 December 2011	L 141, 29.5.2006 L 202, 5.8.2011 L 6, 10.1.2012	28.2.2007 to 27.2.2011 28.2.2011 to 28.2.2012	
	Morocco	Decision 2013/720/EU	15-Nov-13 15 November 2013	L 328, 7.12.2013	-
Under provisional application	Comoros New fisheries partnership agreement and protocol initialled on 24 July 2013 — Legislative procedure ongoing, no provisional application	Decision 2013/786/EU	23-Jan-14	L 20, 23.1.2014	1.1.2014 to 31.12.2016
	Seychelles	Decision 2014/5/EU	18-Jan-14	L 12, 17.1.2014	18.1.2014 to 17.1.2020
Under negotiation or legislative procedure on-going	Cape Verde	Decision 2011/679/EU	10-Oct-11	L 269, 14.10.2011	1.9.2011 to 31.8.2014
	Guinea-Bissau	Decision 2011/885/EU	14-Nov-11	L 344, 28.12.2011	16.6.2011 to 15.6.2012
	Kiribati	Decision 2012/669/EU	09-Oct-12	L 300, 30.10.2012	16.9.2012 to 15.9.2015
	Madagascar	Decision 2012/826/EU	28-Nov-12	L 361, 31.12.2012	1.1.2013 to 31.12.2014
	Mauritania Regulation (EC) No 1446/2007	Decision 2012/827/EU 22 November 2007	18-Dec-12 L 331, 17.12.2007	L 361, 31.12.2012	16.12.2012 to 15.12.2014 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2011
	Mozambique	Decision 2012/306/EU	12-Jun-12 12 June 2012	L 153, 14.06.2012	1.2.2012 to 31.01.2015
	São Tomé and Príncipe	Regulation (EC) No	23 July 2007	L 205, 1.6.2006 to	

	894/2007		7.8.2007 and L 330, 15.12.2007	31.5.2010	
-	São Tomé and Príncipe	Decision 2011/420/EU	12-Jul-11 12 July 2011	L 188, 19.7.2011	13.5.2011 to 12.5.2014
Seychelles	Senegal Regulation (EC) No 1562/2006	Regulation (EC) 2323/20025 October 2006	16-Dec-02 L 290, 20.10.2006	L 349, 24.12.2002	1.7.2002 to 30.6.2006
	Decision 2011/474/EU	12 July 2011	L 196, 28.7.2011	18.1.2011 to 17.1.2014	
	New fisheries partnership agreement and protocol initialled on 10 May 2013 — Legislative procedure ongoing				

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2011) 425 final), and in particular Article 41(1) thereof.~~

Article 11 03 02 — Promoting sustainable development for fisheries management and maritime governance in line with the CFP objectives (Compulsory contributions to international bodies)

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1).

Council Decision 81/608/EEC of 13 July 1981 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 227, 12.8.1981, p. 21).

Council Decision 81/691/EEC of 4 September 1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources (OJ L 252, 5.9.1981, p. 26).

Council Decision 82/886/EEC of 13 December 1982 concerning the conclusion of the Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean (OJ L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 24).

Council Decision 86/238/EEC of 9 June 1986 on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as amended by the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984 (OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33).

Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (OJ L 236, 5.10.1995, p. 24).

Council Decision 98/392/EC of 23 March 1998 concerning the conclusion by the European Community of the United Nations Convention of 10 December 1982 on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI thereof (OJ L 179, 23.6.1998, p. 1).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (OJ L 179, 23.6.1998, p. 3).

Council Decision 98/416/EC of 16 June 1998 on the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 34).

Council Decision 2002/738/EC of 22 July 2002 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South-East Atlantic Ocean (OJ L 234, 31.8.2002, p. 39).

Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p. 1).

Council Decision 2005/938/EC of 8 December 2005 on the approval on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Programme (OJ L 348, 30.12.2005, p. 26).

Council Decision 2006/539/EC of 22 May 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (OJ L 224, 16.8.2006, p. 22).

Council Decision 2008/780/EC of 29 September 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (OJ L 268, 9.10.2008, p. 27).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\) and in particular Articles 29 and 30 thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2011) 425 final), and in particular Articles 39(1)(2) and 40 thereof.~~

CHAPTER 11 06 — EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Remarks

Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides for financial corrections, any revenue from which is entered in Item 6 5 0 0 of the statement of revenue. That revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, in specific instances where they are necessary to cover risks of cancellation or of reductions in corrections previously decided upon.

Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 determines the conditions for repayment of an advance without having the effect of reducing the contribution from the Structural Funds towards the assistance concerned. Any revenue from the repayment of advances entered in Item 6 1 5 7 of the statement of revenue will give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Articles 21 and 178 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 80 of the Financial Regulation provides for financial corrections in the event of expenditure incurred in breach of applicable law.

Articles ~~85, 14477, 136~~ and ~~145137~~ of the ~~amended proposal for a~~ Regulation [\(EU\) No 1303/2013](#)~~COM(2013) 246 final~~ on criteria for financial corrections by the Commission provide for specific rules on financial corrections applicable to the EMFF.

Any revenue from the financial corrections carried out on that basis is entered in Item 6 5 0 0 of the statement of revenue and constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 177 of the Financial Regulation lays down the conditions for the repayment in full, or in part, of pre-financing payments in respect of a given operation.

Pre-financing amounts repaid shall constitute internal assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation and shall be entered in Item 6 1 5 0 or 6 1 5 7.

Measures to combat fraud are funded under Article 24 02 01.

Legal basis

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Articles 174, 175 and 177 thereof.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 of 27 July 2006 on the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) (OJ L 223, 15.8.2006, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1) and in particular Articles 21 (3) and (4), Article 80 and Article 177 thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999.

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2011) 425 final).~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

Article 11 06 15 — Completion of the fisheries programme for the outermost regions (2007 to 2013)

Legal basis

~~Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003 of 22 December 2003 introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French departments of Guiana and Réunion, as a result of those regions' remoteness (OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p. 34).~~

Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 791/2007 of 21 May 2007 introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the outermost regions the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands, French Guiana and Réunion (OJ L 176, 6.7.2007, p. 1).

Article 11 06 60 — Promoting sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture, balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries areas and fostering the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22).

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2011) 425 final).~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article 5(a), (c) and (d) thereof.

Article 11 06 61 — Fostering the development and implementation of the Union's Integrated Maritime Policy

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure arising from the programme to support the further development of the Integrated Maritime Policy including inter alia:

- the European Marine Observation and Data Network,
- projects including test projects and cooperation projects,
- implementation of the road map for the Common Information Sharing Environment,

- pilot studies on cross-border maritime spatial planning,
- information technology applications such as the maritime forum and the European Atlas of the Seas,
- events and conferences,
- [development and follow-up of sea-basin strategies,](#)
- [initiatives to co-finance, purchase and maintain marine observation systems and technical tools for designing, setting up and running of an operational European Marine Observation and Data network system which aims to facilitate the collection, acquisition, assembling, processing, quality control, re-use and distribution of marine data and knowledge, through cooperation between the Member States and/or international institutions involved,](#)
- [secretarial or support services,](#)
- studies, to be carried out at a European and sea-basin scale, in order to identify barriers to growth, assess new opportunities and determine human impact on the marine environment.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (OJ L 321, 5.12.2011, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article 5(b) thereof.

Article 11 06 62 — Accompanying measures for the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy

Item 11 06 62 01 — Scientific advice and knowledge

Remarks

This appropriation covers expenditure relating to:

- the Union financial contribution consisting in payments related to the expenditure incurred by Member States for the collection, management and use of data in the framework of multiannual national programmes started in 2013 or earlier,
- the financing of studies and pilot projects carried out by the Commission, where appropriate in cooperation with the Member States, necessary for the implementation and development of the CFP, including on alternative types of sustainable fishing techniques,
- the preparation and provision of scientific opinions and advice by scientific bodies, including international advisory bodies in charge of stock assessments, by independent experts and by research institutions,
- the costs incurred by the Commission for services related to collection, management and use of data, to the organisation and management of fisheries expert meetings and the management of annual work programmes related to fisheries scientific and technical expertise, to the processing of data calls and datasets, to the preparatory work aiming at deliver scientific opinions and advice,

- the cooperation activities between the Member States in the field of data collection, including the setting-up and running of regionalised databases for the storage, management and use of data which will benefit regional cooperation and improve data collection and management activities as well as the scientific expertise in support of fisheries management,
- administrative arrangements with the Joint Research Centre, or any other Union consultative body, to provide the secretariat for the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), to conduct the pre-analysis of the data and to prepare the data to evaluate the situation of the fisheries resources,
- indemnities paid to the members of the STECF, and/or the experts invited by the STECF for their participation and work performed during the working groups and plenary sessions,
- [indemnities paid to independent experts, the members of the STECF, and/or the experts invited by the STECF for their presentation of scientific advice to stakeholder meetings and fora,](#)
- indemnities paid to independent experts providing the Commission with scientific advice, or providing training to administrators or stakeholders in the interpretation of the scientific advice.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000 of 29 June 2000 establishing a Community framework for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy (OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59).

Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Union financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea (OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 60, 5.3.2008, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

Commission Decision 2005/629/EC of 26 August 2005 establishing a Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (OJ L 225, 31.8.2005, p. 18).

Commission Regulation (EC) No 665/2008 of 14 July 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 186, 15.7.2008, p. 3).

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008 of 3 November 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 as regards the expenditure incurred by Member States for the collection and management of the basic fisheries data (OJ L 295, 4.11.2008, p. 24).

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article 84(a) thereof.

Item 11 06 62 02 — Control and enforcement

Remarks

This appropriation ~~covers is intended to cover~~ the payments for actions ~~of the 2007 to~~ started in 2013 ~~period or earlier~~ and relating to the expenditure incurred by Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy for:

- investments relating to control activities carried out by administrative bodies or by the private sector including implementation of new control technologies such as electronic recording systems (ERS), vessel monitoring systems (VMS), automatic identification systems (AIS) connected with vessels detection systems (VDS) and the purchase and modernisation of control means,
- training and exchange programmes for civil servants responsible for monitoring control and surveillance tasks in the fisheries area,
- implementation of pilot inspection and observer schemes,
- cost/benefit analysis, assessment of expenditure and audits incurred by competent authorities in carrying out monitoring, control and surveillance,
- initiatives, including seminars and media tools, aimed at enhancing awareness both among fishermen and other players such as inspectors, public prosecutors and judges, and among the general public of the need to fight irresponsible and illegal fishing and on the implementation of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy,
- implementation of systems and procedures to enable traceability and instruments to control fleet capacity through the monitoring of engine power,
- pilot projects such as CCTV (closed circuit television).

This appropriation also covers the control actions under direct management included in the EMFF:

- joint purchase and/or chartering by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used at least 60 % of the time for fisheries control,
- assessment and development of new control technologies, as well as processes for the exchange of data,
- operational expenditure related to control and evaluation by the Commission of the implementation of the CFP, in particular verification, inspection and audit missions, equipment and training for Commission officials, the organisation of or participation to meetings, including the exchange between Member States of information and best practices, studies, IT services and suppliers, and the charter or purchase by the Commission of inspection means as specified in Title X of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, as well as
- support to the implementation of transnational projects aimed at developing and testing the inter-State control, inspection and enforcement systems provided for under Article 36 of the Regulation(CFP reform) and laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009,
- international training programmes for personnel responsible for monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities,
- initiatives, including seminars and media tools, for standardising the interpretation of regulations and associated controls in the Union.

~~This appropriation also covers the operational expenditure related to control and evaluation by the Commission of the implementation of the CFP, in particular verification, inspection and audit missions, Commission officials' equipment and training, the organisation of or participation at meetings, studies, IT, and the charter or purchase by the Commission of inspection means as specified in Title X of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.~~

~~It also covers the joint purchase by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used at least 60 % of the time for fisheries control.~~

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59).

Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Union financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea (OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p.1),p.1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999 (OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

Commission Regulation (EC) No 391/2007 of 11 April 2007 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 as regards the expenditure incurred by Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 97, 12.4.2007, p. 30).

Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 112, 30.4.2011, p. 1).

[~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).~~](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article [8684\(b\)](#) thereof.

Item 11 06 62 03 — Voluntary contributions to international organisations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Union's voluntary contributions to international organisations active in the field of fisheries and the law of the sea. It may in particular finance:

- preparatory work on new sustainable fisheries agreements,
- contributions and registration fees for meetings of international fisheries organisations in which the Union has observer status (Article 217 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), i.e. the International Whaling Commission (IWC), and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD),
- support for the follow-up and implementation of some regional projects, in particular by contributing to specific joint international control and inspection activities. This appropriation should also cover surveillance programmes to be negotiated in West Africa and the Western Pacific,
- financial contributions to preparations for new international fisheries organisations which are of interest to the Union,
- financial contributions to scientific work carried out by international fisheries organisations which is of special interest to the Union,
- financial contributions to any activity (including working, informal or extraordinary meetings of contracting parties) which upholds the interests of the Union in international organisations and strengthens cooperation with its partners in these organisations. In this connection, when the presence of representatives of third countries in negotiations and meetings within international forums and organisations becomes necessary for the Union interests, the EMFF shall bear the costs of their participation,
- grants to regional bodies in which coastal states are involved in the subregion [concerned](#) ~~concerned~~,
- [grants to international fisheries organisations activities which are of interest to the Union.](#)

Legal basis

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Union financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea (OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article 84(c) thereof.

Item 11 06 62 04 — Governance and communication

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59).

Council Decision 2004/585/EC of 19 July 2004 establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ L 256, 3.8.2004, p. 17).

Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Union financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea (OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final), and in particular Article 84(d) and (f) thereof.

Item 11 06 62 05 — Market intelligence

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional

Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 p, the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products, amending Council Regulations \(EC\) No 1184/2006 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 104/2000 \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.1\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products \(COM\(2011\) 416 final\).](#)~~

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

Article 11 06 63 — European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) — Technical assistance

Item 11 06 63 01 — European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) — Operational Technical assistance

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)~~

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

Item 11 06 63 02 — European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) — Operational Technical assistance managed by the Commission at the request of a Member State

Remarks

This item is intended to cover part of the national envelope for technical assistance transferred to the technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission at the request of a Member State which faces temporary budgetary difficulties. In accordance with ~~the proposed~~ Article ~~2522bis~~ of the Regulation ~~(EU) No 1303/2013, proposed under COM(2013) 246 final,~~ it is intended to cover measures to identify, prioritise and implement structural and administrative reforms in response to economic and social challenges in this Member State.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1954/2003 and \(EC\) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations \(EC\) No 2371/2002 and EC No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC \(OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p.22\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 July 2011, on the Common Fisheries Policy \(COM\(2011\) 425 final\).](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 2 December 2011, on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COM(2011) 804 final).

Article 11 06 64 — European Fisheries Control Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the Agency is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of EUR 9 217 150. An amount of ~~EUR 260 150~~~~EUR 500 250~~, coming from the recovery of surplus, is added to the amount of ~~EUR 8 957 000~~~~EUR 8 716 900~~ entered in the budget.

Article 11 06 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

~~Item 11 06 77 04 — Pilot project — Networking and best practices in maritime policy~~

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 11 06 77 08 — Pilot project — Support measures for small-scale fishing

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This appropriation is intended to finance support measures for small-scale fishing which will help coordinate actions and channel funds from other instruments, with a view to dealing with the specific problems in this part of the fisheries sector.

The pilot project will involve:

- analysing the EU's small-scale fishing sector;
- identifying the EU instruments and funding sources that could be used by this sector;
- establishing the uses to which the instruments, actions, measures and funding available are being put by the small-scale fishing sector;
- analysing the extent to which existing instruments can meet the needs of the small-scale fishing sector and, on the basis of that analysis, proposing any adjustments that may be necessary;
- supporting fishermen's groups, professional organisations and NGOs associated with small-scale fishing, with a view to their coordination, preparation and participation in advisory councils.

The intention is to lay the foundations for an EU support programme for small-scale inshore fishing and artisanal fishing which will help coordinate actions and channel funds from other instruments, with a view to dealing with the specific problems in this sector of the fishing industry.

TITLE 12 — INTERNAL MARKET AND SERVICES

CHAPTER 12 02 — A SINGLE MARKET POLICY AND FREE MOVEMENT OF SERVICES

Remarks

Article 12 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 12 02 77 03 — Preparatory action — Single Market Forum

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

The Single Market Forum should be an annual event held preferably in the Member State which holds the EU Council Presidency. It could be preceded by a number of regional content-oriented preparatory events organised jointly by the Commission, the European Parliament and the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council of the Union. This event should be an important platform for the exchange of best practice between stakeholders, informing citizens about their rights in the Single Market and examining the state of the Single Market. It should bring together representatives of citizen, business and consumer organisations as well as representatives of the Member States and the Union's institutions in order to establish a clear commitment to transpose, apply and enforce Single Market legislation. This should be a platform for discussing the Commission's legislative proposals in the area of the Single Market and for presenting citizens', businesses' and other stakeholders' expectations with regard to future legislative proposals. The aim of this event should also be to tackle incorrect transposition, misapplication and non-enforcement of Single Market legislation by improving coordination and governance of the Single Market. A steering committee should be created, comprised of Members of the European Parliament and representatives of the Commission and the EU Council Presidency-in-Office at the time of the event, which should work out the organisational arrangements for the Single Market Forum.

Item 12 02 77 04 — Pilot project — The promotion of employee ownership and participation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

This pilot project implements the main conclusions of the public hearing held in the European Parliament on 22 March 2012, which underlined the need to collect accurate data about the different national legislation on employee ownership and participation. This data collection will be aimed at setting up a European Centre for Employee Ownership in each Member State, to deliver information, training and advice to employees, enterprises and the public in order to facilitate the promotion and implementation of appropriate legislation to better develop employee ownership and participation in the Union, the benefits of which to society are underlined in the European Economic and Social Committee's own initiative opinion Soc/371 on employee financial participation in Europe.

Item 12 02 77 05 — Preparatory action — Capacity building for end users and other non-industry stakeholders in connection with Union policy-making in the area of financial services

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The financial and economic crisis has significantly shaken the confidence of consumers, retail investors and SMEs in the legislative and regulatory framework that is meant to protect them from failings in the financial system. Therefore, it is more essential than ever that the concerns of end users and other non-industry stakeholders should be taken into account in designing initiatives that aim to restore citizens' confidence in the soundness of the financial sector and in the ability of financial integration to deliver concrete benefits to them.

This preparatory action, which follows on from a successful pilot project, aims to enhance the capacity of civil society organisations to participate in Union policy-making in the area of financial services, with a view to providing policy-makers with a counterweight to financial services sector lobbies, and to inform the wider public of the issues at stake in the regulation of financial markets for consumers, end users, retail investors and other non-industry stakeholders.

CHAPTER 12 03 — FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL MARKETS

Article 12 03 02 — European Banking Authority

Remarks

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, as well as to the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), established by Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, the European Supervisory Authority is to form part of a European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS). The main objective of the ESFS is to ensure that the rules applicable to the financial sector are adequately implemented to preserve financial stability and to ensure confidence in the financial system as a whole and sufficient protection for the customers of financial services.

This appropriation is intended to cover the Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation of the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42) constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Banking Authority is set out in the 'Staff' Annex to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015/2014~~ amounts to a total of ~~EUR 12 021 000.EUR 13 439 945.~~ An amount of ~~EUR 1 443 000.EUR 440 025,~~ corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in ~~2013,2012,~~ is added to the amount of ~~EUR 10 578 000EUR 12 999 920~~ entered in the budget.

Article 12 03 03 — European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority

Remarks

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, as well as to the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority) established by Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010, the European Supervisory Authority forms part of a European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS). The main objective of the ESFS is to ensure that the rules applicable to the financial sector are adequately implemented to preserve financial stability and to ensure confidence in the financial system as a whole and sufficient protection for the customers of financial services.

This appropriation is intended to cover the Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority is set out in the 'Staff' Annex to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015/2014~~ amounts to a total of ~~EUR 7 784 1517 763 000.EUR 8 699 572.~~ An amount of ~~EUR 90 000.EUR 110 772,~~ corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in ~~2013,2012,~~ is added to the amount of ~~EUR 7 694 1517 673 000EUR 8 588 800~~ entered in the budget.

Article 12 03 04 — European Securities and Markets Authority

Remarks

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, as well as to the European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), established by Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010, the European Supervisory Authority forms part of a European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS). The main objective of the ESFS is to ensure that the rules applicable to the financial sector are adequately implemented to preserve financial stability and to ensure confidence in the financial system as a whole and sufficient protection for the customers of financial services.

This appropriation is intended to cover the Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) is set out in the 'Staff' Annex to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 9 443 000~~~~EUR 11 071 823~~. An amount of ~~EUR 1 583 000~~~~EUR 703 823~~, corresponding to the recovery of surplus which stems from the Union contribution in ~~2013~~~~2012~~, is added to the amount of ~~EUR 7 860 000~~~~EUR 10 368 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 12 03 05 — Single Resolution Board (SRB)

Remarks

New article

The Single Resolution Board (the Board) was established by Regulation (EU) No XXXX/2014. The Board will carry out specified tasks concerning the preparation for the resolution of banks and their actual resolution where they are failing or likely to fail.

This appropriation is intended to finance the administrative expenditures of the Board during its first months of operation in 2015, which are mainly composed of recruitment and staff expenditures, building and information technology costs and the first operational expenditures.

This financing provided by the EU budget will be reimbursed once the first annual contributions due by the banks to cover the administrative expenditures of the Board will have been collected by the Board, after which the Board is expected to become fully self-financed by its own revenues.

Legal basis

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Bank Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2013) 520).

TITLE 13 — REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY

CHAPTER 13 03 — EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND OTHER REGIONAL OPERATIONS

Article 13 03 08 — Completion of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Technical assistance and innovative measures (2000 to 2006)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the ERDF commitments for the innovative measures and technical assistance remaining to be settled from the 2000-2006 programming period as provided for in Articles 22 and 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999. The innovative measures include studies, pilot projects and exchanges of experience. They were intended in particular to bring about a qualitative improvement in Structural Fund measures. Technical assistance covers preparatory, monitoring, evaluation, supervision and management measures required for implementation the ERDF. The appropriation may, in particular, be used to meet:

- support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions),
- information and publishing expenditure,
- expenditure on information technology and telecommunications,
- contracts for the provision of services and studies,
- grants.

This appropriation is also intended to fund measures taken by partners in preparation for the ~~2007-2013~~2014-2020 programming period.

Article 13 03 31 — Completion of technical assistance and dissemination of information on the European Union strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and an improved knowledge of macroregions strategy (2007 to 2013)

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years.~~

This appropriation~~It~~ is intended to cover commitments from the 2007-2013 programming period remaining to be settled to ensure:

- the proper circulation of information through newsletters (including online), reports and conferences, and specifically an annual forum,
- the organisation of on-site events to familiarise all interested European regions with the Baltic Sea approach and the principles of macro-regions,
- successful governance of the strategy through the decentralised system that has been established and, in particular, the operation of the system of priority area coordinators and flagship project leaders,
- technical and administrative support for planning and coordination of activities related to the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region,
- availability of seed money for planning and preparing projects supporting the strategy,
- support for civil society participation,
- the continued helping of priority area coordinators in their coordination activity,
- participation in an implementation facility with the EIB, if requested by Baltic Member States,
- the development of a more ambitious communication strategy on the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

The continuation of the support to the technical assistance action should be used to:

- keep on helping priority area coordinators in their coordination activity,
- participate in an implementation facility with EIB, if requested by Baltic Member States,
- develop a more ambitious communication strategy on the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

Article 13 03 64 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — European territorial cooperation

Item 13 03 64 01 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — European territorial cooperation

Remarks

Former article 13 03 64

This appropriation is intended to cover ERDF support under the European territorial cooperation goal in the 2014-2020 programming period. It shall finance cross-border cooperation between adjacent regions, transnational cooperation over larger transnational territories and interregional cooperation. It shall also include support for cooperation activities at the external borders of the Union, which is to be supported under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259).

Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 289).

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for

[Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1083/2006 \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320\).](#)

Reference acts

[Item 13 03 64 02 — Participation of candidate countries and potential candidates in ERDF ETC— Contribution from Heading 4 \(IPA II\)](#)

Remarks

[Former item 13 05 63 02 \(in part\)](#)

[This appropriation is intended to cover the contribution of IPA II to ERDF transnational and interregional cooperation programmes in which the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the IPA-Regulation participate.](#)

[Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21\(2\)\(b\) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187\(7\) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.](#)

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\).](#)

[Item 13 03 64 03 — Participation of European neighbourhood countries in ERDF ETC — Contribution from Heading 4 \(ENI\)](#)

Remarks

[Former item 21 03 03 01 \(in part\)](#)

[This appropriation is intended to cover support from the European Neighbourhood Instrument \(ENI\) under the European territorial cooperation goal in the 2014-2020 programming period for the Baltic Sea cross-border cooperation programme. Support under both the ENI and the European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\) should be provided for the cross-border cooperation programmes between, on the one hand, Member States and, on the other hand, partner countries and/or the Russian Federation \(‘other cross-border cooperation participating countries’\) along the external borders of the Union, in order to promote integrated and sustainable regional development and cooperation between neighbouring border areas and harmonious territorial integration across the Union and with neighbouring countries.](#)

[Commitments will be transferred from budget line 21 03 03 01, Cross-border cooperation \(CBC\) — Contribution from Heading 4, after the adoption of the CBC programming document. Once programmes start to be implemented, commitments will show an increasing trend over the 2015-2020 period \(as was the case for 2007-2013\).](#)

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) N° 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259\).](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) N° 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Article 13 03 65 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance

Item 13 03 65 01 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to support the preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical assistance, evaluation, audit and control measures necessary for implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as provided for in Articles 58 and 118 of that Regulation. In particular, it may be used to cover support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions).

~~This appropriation is also intended to support inter alia the elaboration of:~~

- ~~— tools for electronic project application and reporting, unification and standardisation of documents and procedures for the management and implementation of operational programmes,~~
- ~~— a peer review of each of the Member States' financial management and quality performance,~~
- ~~— standard tender documentation on public procurement,~~
- ~~— a common system of results and impact indicators,~~
- ~~— a best practices manual to optimise the absorption process and decrease the error rate.~~

Article 13 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 13 03 77 09 — Preparatory action on an Atlantic Forum for the European Union Atlantic Strategy

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~Union institutions support the drafting of a European strategy for the Atlantic area. A cross-cutting action plan with concrete priorities needs to be defined in order to implement this strategy from 2014 onwards. Atlantic stakeholders should be involved in the drafting of this action plan.~~

~~The action plan should be closely linked to regional policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy, and should also facilitate synergies with other Union policy areas such as trans-European transport networks, the common fisheries policy, climate and environment actions, the research and development framework programme, and energy policy, etc.~~

~~The preparatory action finances a stakeholder dialogue platform, called the Atlantic Forum, to define the priority projects and governance of the Atlantic Strategy.~~

~~Funding for the preparatory action serves to:~~

- ~~— put in place the Atlantic Forum, encouraging key stakeholders to work together within workshops and ensuring adequate publicity and broad participation,~~
- ~~— engage forum members in a process leading to the adoption of the cross-cutting action plan for the Atlantic Strategy in accordance with the needs of the regions concerned and a clear focus on sustainable growth in Atlantic coastal regions and maritime sectors,~~
- ~~— support the technical work necessary to identify, and test the feasibility of, concrete priority actions to be included in the action plan.~~

~~A subcontractor assists stakeholders in drafting the action plan. The subcontractor is in charge of implementing the preparatory action and works under the supervision of the Commission.~~

~~The preparatory action has financed a platform for stakeholder dialogue (the Atlantic Forum), with a view to defining the priority projects and governance of the Atlantic Strategy.~~

~~After adoption of the action plan at the end of 2012, the Forum sought to prepare stakeholders to implement that plan. It was therefore necessary to extend the preparatory action until 2013.~~

~~The preparatory action funding serves to:~~

- ~~— put in place the Atlantic Forum by encouraging key stakeholders to work together within workshops, and by ensuring adequate publicity and broad participation;~~
- ~~— engage Forum members in a process leading towards the adoption of the transversal action plan, to be provided for by the Atlantic Strategy, in accordance with the needs of the regions and a clear focus on sustainable growth in the coastal regions and the maritime sectors in the Atlantic;~~
- ~~— support the technical work necessary to identify and test the feasibility of concrete priority actions to be included in the action plan;~~
- ~~— prepare stakeholders to implement the action plan.~~

Item 13 03 77 10 — Preparatory action — Supporting Mayotte, or any other territory potentially affected, with the switchover to outermost-region status

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The plan to change Mayotte's status from overseas country or territory to outermost region is the first of its kind for the Union. The process of making this status change has been simplified by the entry into force of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 355(6) of which provides for a unanimous vote on the matter in the European Council. The French Government is currently drawing up an application for Mayotte to be granted outermost region status from 2014. This places Mayotte in a similar situation to that of pre-accession countries, which are required to carry out essential structural reforms in connection with which the Union provides various types of support intended to facilitate the transposition of the *acquis* and the implementation of Union policies. As a result of the change of status, the local authorities in Mayotte will be required to handle new types of Union funding involving different amounts and different procedures from those applying under the European Development Fund (EDF), their current source of funding. This preparatory action will focus primarily on technical assistance measures for the training of Mayotte administrative staff that will be responsible for drawing up, managing, following up and monitoring future operational programmes. As a territory of a Member State, Mayotte is not entitled to pre-accession instrument funding; at the same time, given that it is not yet a region as referred to in the general provisions on the Structural Funds, it is not entitled to technical assistance either.~~

~~The aim of the preparatory action is to provide the department of Mayotte with support with its changeover to the status of outermost region.~~

~~A number of measures are needed:~~

- ~~— the training of local staff who will be responsible for drawing up, managing, following up and monitoring future operational programmes;~~
- ~~— carrying out of studies prior to drawing up future operational programmes, plus *ex ante* evaluation so as to produce an analysis of the area and provide support for local actors in order to lay down a regional strategy and programme priorities;~~
- ~~— organising of general information meetings for elected representatives, local actors and officials on the consequences of the changeover to outermost region status, and institutional notification arrangements concerning the launch of programmes;~~
- ~~— setting up of a Europe unit within Mayotte's economic and regional affairs secretariat for information gathering and circulation to public partners, for setting up and implementing operational programmes and for informing and supporting project promoters.~~

~~This preparatory action may apply to any other territory in a similar position.~~

Item 13 03 77 11 — Preparatory action — Erasmus for elected local and regional representatives

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The objective of this preparatory action is to provide help and support for local and regional councils in the Union.~~

~~The first principle of the preparatory action is to encourage and support the mobility of both elected local and regional representatives within the Union. The second principle of the preparatory action is that the mobility element is included in an agreed programme of on-the-spot training and sharing of experience with focus on 'economic and social cohesion'.~~

~~Goals are:~~

- ~~— to encourage multilateral cooperation between territorial and local and regional institutions on a political level,~~
- ~~— to support the mobility of elected local and regional representatives,~~
- ~~— to stimulate common research and exchange of ideas on the problems they encounter on a regular basis by means of on-the-spot training and the sharing of experience,~~
- ~~— to promote the exchange of best practices.~~

~~The preparatory action is thus a tool to enhance the learning and experience of elected local and regional representatives, and to increase the capacity of local and regional councils in regard to the application of concepts, democratic principles and strategies.~~

Item 13 03 77 13 — Pilot project — Cohesion Policy and the synergies with the research and development funds: the 'stairway to excellence'

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

This project is centred on the provision of support to enhance the value of two key EU funding sources for research, development and innovation (The European Structural and Investment Funds and Horizon 2020) by actively promoting their combination. The project would have two main objectives, namely:

The provision of assistance to new Member States in closing the innovation gap, in order to promote excellence in all regions and Member States of the European Union;

Stimulating the early and effective implementation of national and regional Smart Specialisation Strategies

Scope of the project:

Building excellence in a given area of research and innovation often takes years if not decades of sustained efforts. The development of good national/regional research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3) is considered essential for sustaining efforts at regional/national level over time. Therefore, the support by the Smart Specialisation Platform established jointly by DGs JRC and REGIO (costing approx. 1.6 M euro per year) to Member States and regions to design and upgrade their RIS3 is essential. This will allow regions/MS from new MS to identify a limited number of areas of good quality research and industrial activities with high innovation potential in their territory that will be further reinforced and developed using European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to become more excellent and become more competitive in H2020 calls. This will also increase the absorption capacity of New Member States of results generated by leading research and innovation actors in other (often old) Member States in the context of past Framework Programme projects. As a result good RIS3 which are implemented properly will increase the absorption capacity of New Member States of the very large resources to be allocated to innovation by the ESIF.

With the resources of the EP pilot project to the Commission, the JRC will sign a new administrative agreement with DG REGIO, to launch a new activity within the Smart Specialisation Platform (S3P) in order to support New Member States and regions to develop and exploit the synergies between H2020 and ESIF, building on and exploiting the synergies with the S3P.

Item 13 03 77 14 — Preparatory action — A regional strategy for the North Sea Region

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The North Sea Region has the potential to act as an engine for growth in Europe, add value to the European Union and contribute to the objectives of the EU2020 strategy.

Whereas the EU has developed a regional strategy for the Baltic Sea area and work has begun on developing strategies for the Atlantic and Arctic regions, such a process has not yet started for the North Sea Region. A regional strategy for the North Sea Region is the missing link between the macro regional areas in the north-east and north-west of Europe.

The aim of this preparatory action is to analyse the region's growth potential and use the findings to investigate the added value of having a future shared macro regional strategy for the North Sea area, given the fact that a strong North Sea Region has the potential to act as an engine for growth in Europe and contribute to the objectives of the EU2020 strategy.

North Sea Region 2020 strategy paper

The North Sea Commission General Assembly has developed the North Sea Region 2020 strategy paper in consultation with members and stakeholders in the North Sea Region. The strategy paper regards the North Sea Region as a territorial cooperation area, and its strategic focus is on the major challenges and common characteristics where transnational action and collaborative working is considered to give added value.

The strategy paper identifies five strategic priorities that are closely linked to the EU2020 objectives and contributes to the implementation of several (if not all) of the EU2020 flagship initiatives:

- Managing maritime space
- Increasing accessibility and clean transport
- Tackling climate change
- Attractive and sustainable communities
- Promoting innovation and excellence

The North Sea region strategy paper is a first step towards analysing the challenges and opportunities for the North Sea area and exploring the potential for regional growth in support of the EU2020 strategy.

North Sea Region Preparatory Action

To fully explore the regional growth potential in support of the EU2020 strategy and lay the grounds for a strong macro region, there is a need to carry out more in-depth analysis of the five strategic priorities identified in North Sea Region 2020 strategy paper and their added value in a European community context.

Activities

The preparatory action will finance a number of well coordinated initiatives over a three year period (2014-2017) and focus on:

- In-depth analyses/studies of the five priorities identified in the North Sea Region 2020 paper
- Stakeholder conferences to address the issues of commitment, cooperation and content
- Follow-up dialogue with all stakeholders, including EU Commission, Member States, and regional authorities

The activities should be closely linked to the EU regional policy and should also facilitate synergies with other Union policy areas and programmes.

Output

The final output will be an in-depth analysis of the North Sea macro region's growth potential, including possible intervention areas, and a white book to the EU and member States about the added value of a shared regional strategy and cooperation for the North Sea Region.

Implementation

The appropriations for this preparatory action could be inserted in the EU budget under title 13 'Regional policy', given the regional nature of the intended activities. DG REGIO should be responsible for implementing the preparatory action in cooperation with the North Sea Commission.

Item 13 03 77 15 — Preparatory action — World cities: EU — third countries cooperation on urban development

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

The international dimension of EU regional and urban policy gains on importance over the last years. Memoranda of Understanding on regional cooperation has been signed with China, Russia, Brazil and Ukraine; further cooperation has been developed with Moldova, Georgia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, South Africa, Uruguay and Japan. The dialogue in the field of regional and urban policy, being one of the components of the Union's diplomatic relations with third countries, requires further support. Moreover, the cooperation with third countries should focus on certain issues in relation to the reform of cohesion policy, namely its enhanced urban dimension.

The aim of the preparatory action is to promote the exchange of experience and best practice between the European Union and third countries on the theme of territorial development with particular reference to urban development, urban-rural partnership and urban cross-border cooperation.

The scope of this preparatory action should include:

- organisation of study visits for urban policy actors,
- organisation of seminars and workshops aiming at exchange of experience between EU and third countries in relation to urban development, urban-rural partnership and urban cross-border cooperation,
- illustrating innovative good practice examples of cooperation between European Union and third countries cities and towns in different thematic areas,
- development and implementation of an internet based tool kit enabling European Union cities and towns to look for a partner for cooperation in third countries in relation to selected topics.

Item 13 03 77 16 — Preparatory action — The actual and desired state of the economic potential in regions outside the Greek capital Athens

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

Implementation of this preparatory action should ideally set a best example for designing and implementing a genuine RIS 3 strategy in a specific Greek Region and should serve as a model for other convergence regions.

Rationale

Given that an important preparatory work has been already carried out by the Commission to incite Greece and its Regions to start designing an adequate Regional Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategy, the challenge still remains in development and implementation. Exchange of best practices is not sufficient to build competitive advantage by developing and matching research and innovation strengths with business needs of a particular territory. Therefore it is very important to strengthen current efforts by direct, professional and tailor made assistance to a Greek region heavily hit by the crisis.

Current fragmentation and lack of coordination efforts between central and regional governments does not guarantee that a proper entrepreneurial discovery process will be carried out in Greek regions. Therefore it is crucial to set up a sound and inclusive governance structure with relevant experience and human resources to plan and implement R&D and Innovation measures in one of Greek regions as an example. To facilitate and accelerate the development process, an exchange of expertise with a specialist on economic geography and change processes from other European regions should assist one of the Greek regions in the entrepreneurial discovery process. This help would also lower the burden on human resources of the Greek Authorities who need to build expertise. This expertise needs to be created with the help of best practice exchange on administration and regional economic development with a strong involvement of competent and experienced European specialists in the field of regional economic transformation based on knowledge.

Scope

The aim of this preparatory action is to capture the economic potential in a selected region, and secondly, to explore the possibilities of its innovation potential and its expansion. The Region proposed is one of the poorest in Greece and in the European Union, the Region of Easter Macedonia and Thrace. The Region of Easter Macedonia and Thrace is a Convergence Region strongly hit by the crisis and the fierce competition of low labour cost neighbouring countries. Despite the presence of a University and a Technological Institute and other Research bodies in the Region, the links of the R&D&I activities with the needs of the local entrepreneurs are almost non-existent. The preparatory action should show the example that growth based on innovation and export orientation of the local productive forces is feasible.

This should serve as a growth paradigm for other regions of convergence in Greece and in Europe.

The funding available from the European Union should support development and implementation of the regional smart specialisation strategy, concentrating in particular on:

- 1) Creating and/or strengthening the links between the Regional outward looking Industry/ Manufacturing with the Greek regional R&D&I bodies (preferably within the same Region but outside the Region as well),
- 2) Supporting Greek regional institutional R&D&I bodies creating/strengthening links with the Regional outward oriented companies in providing concrete solutions to the technological needs of the exporting companies of the Region,

3) Stopping the brain drain by fully exploiting available technological equipment in the Technological Institute of the Region and the use of such equipment by local specialised personnel to provide technological solutions for the selected exporting companies and by creating a pool of highly qualified locals in business, trade and exports to assist and advise potential foreign investors,

4) Encouraging cooperation between the Managing Authority of the Regional Programme and geographic economists of the Region and other geographic economists successfully implementing a RIS3 policy in a given Region in another European Member State, e.g. Germany.

Duration — Form of assistance

The duration of this preparatory scheme should not exceed one year from its launching and should not exceed the initially allocated funding either.

Proposal for preparatory action in the Region of Eastern Macedonia — Thrace

Considering the actions undertaken so far in the Region of Eastern Macedonia — Thrace (R-AMTH) on the ‘smart specialisation strategy’ the launching of pilot action is recommended to help shaping better the smart specialisation strategy of the Region, in particular, the selection of the priorities on which financing should concentrate. Hence, the following preparatory scheme is proposed:

- activation of an Industrial Research and Technology development program directed to the needs of activities identified in the entrepreneurial discovery process. Up to now RIS3 — Regional Assessment: Eastern Macedonia — Thrace indicated some sectors where the region could have a competitive advantage like: geothermal energy, agriculture, livestock, fisheries and biotechnology, extraction and processing of marble and ICTs and automation,
- strengthening of cooperation and networking between Researchers and Research Institutions of the R-AMTH with the productive forces of the Region. Research bodies should demonstrate (e.g. under memoranda of understanding) their contribution to developing solutions for existing and potential users' needs for exploiting the results of tailor made research and development projects (focusing on the Industrial Research and experimental development),
- stopping brain drain by (a) enabling a mobility research training program and optimise use of the research equipment of TEI Kavala and (b) creating a pool of highly qualified locals in business, trade and exports to assist and advise potential foreign investors,
- supporting the cooperation, the exchange of best practices and twining of the Managing Authority of the Regional Operational Programme and geographic economists for Eastern Macedonia and Thrace with a Managing Authority as well as geographic economists successfully implementing a RIS3 policy in a given Region in another European Member State.

Monitoring and evaluation

This one year preparatory scheme will be monitored by the Managing Authority of the Regional Programme for Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. A limited number of specific output and result indicators should be set before the start of the preparatory scheme, measuring at least growth of turnover, growth of exports and jobs safeguarded and created.

A short evaluation study should be commissioned at the end of the preparatory scheme.

The results of the preparatory scheme should be presented in the Region, in Athens in a special seminar to be organised by the European Parliament Representation in Athens and in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Implementation of the preparatory action

In order to maximise the synergies between the project and the work currently being done by the Joint Research Centre on smart specialisation in European regions, the Commission would possibly implement the project through the Joint Research Centre, with the support of DG REGIO.

CHAPTER 13 04 — COHESION FUND (CF)

Article 13 04 61 — Cohesion Fund — Operational technical assistance

Item 13 04 61 01 — Cohesion Fund — Operational technical assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to support the preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical assistance, evaluation, audit and control measures necessary for implementing the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as provided for in Articles 58 and 118 of that Regulation. In particular, it may be used to cover support expenditure (representation expenses, training, meetings, missions).

~~This appropriation is also intended to support inter alia the elaboration of:~~

- ~~— tools for electronic project application and reporting, unification and standardisation of documents and procedures for the management and implementation of operational programmes,~~
- ~~— a peer review of each of the Member States' financial management and quality performance,~~
- ~~— standard tender documentation on public procurement,~~
- ~~— a common system of results and impact indicators,~~
- ~~— a best practices manual to optimise the absorption process and decrease the error rate.~~

CHAPTER 13 05 — INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE — REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL AND TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

Remarks

Article 13 05 60 — Support to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Item 13 05 60 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*~~*acquis*, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Part of this appropriation will be used for measures to help the beneficiary countries meet the requirements stemming from visa-free travel to and from the Schengen countries, or, in the case of Kosovo, measures to speed up the visa liberalisation process.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the

contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.~~

Item 13 05 60 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union acquis, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective to provide support for economic, social and territorial development in the Western Balkans, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) thereof.~~

Article 13 05 61 — Support to Iceland

Item 13 05 61 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening the ability of beneficiary countries to fulfil the obligations stemming from membership by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, ~~structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Item 13 05 61 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective to provide support for economic, social and territorial development in Iceland, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %~~4 %~~ of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) thereof.~~

Article 13 05 62 — Support to Turkey

Item 13 05 62 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~acquis, acquis, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %~~4 %~~ of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (COM(2011) 838 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Item 13 05 62 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective to provide support for economic, social and territorial development in Turkey, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 %~~4 %~~ of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) and \(c\) thereof.](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(b\) thereof.](#)~~

Article 13 05 63 — Regional integration and territorial cooperation

Item 13 05 63 01 — Cross-border cooperation (CBC) — Contribution from Heading 1b

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259), and in particular Article 4 thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\).](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(d\) thereof.](#)~~

Item 13 05 63 02 — Cross-border cooperation (CBC) — Contribution from Heading 4

Remarks

[Former item 13 05 63 02 \(in part\)](#)

Under [the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\)](#), ~~IPA II~~, this appropriation will address the specific objective of regional integration and territorial cooperation involving [the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation](#), ~~beneficiary countries~~, Member States and, where appropriate, third countries within the scope of ~~the proposal for a Regulation~~ [\(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#) establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(d\) thereof.](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance \(IPA II\) \(COM\(2011\) 838 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\)\(d\) thereof.](#)

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(COM\(2011\) 839 final\).](#)

CHAPTER 13 06 — SOLIDARITY FUND

Article 13 06 01 — To assist Member States in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy

Remarks

This article is intended to record appropriations resulting from the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund in the event of major disasters in the Member States. Assistance should be provided mainly in connection with natural disasters, but may also be provided, where warranted by the urgency of the situation, to the Member States concerned, with a deadline being laid down for use of the financial assistance awarded and provision being made for beneficiary states to substantiate the use made of the assistance they receive. Assistance received which is subsequently offset by third-party payments, under the ‘polluter pays’ principle, for example, or received in excess of the final valuation of damage should be recovered.

[With the exception of the advance payment, the allocation](#)Allocation of the appropriations will be decided on in an amending budget with the sole purpose of mobilising the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 25 July 2013, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund \(COM\(2013\) 522 final\)](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 6 April 2005, establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (COM(2005) 108 final).

Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

Article 13 06 02 — To assist countries negotiating for accession in the event of a major natural disaster with serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 25 July 2013, amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund \(COM\(2013\) 522 final\)](#)

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 6 April 2005, establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (COM(2005) 108 final).

Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

TITLE 15 — EDUCATION AND CULTURE

CHAPTER 15 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘EDUCATION AND CULTURE’ POLICY AREA

Article 15 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Education and culture’ policy area

Item 15 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Erasmus+

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives; in particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this item, expenses linked to IT focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes [as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue](#) may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

[Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework Agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Item 15 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for Creative Europe

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover [expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of its objectives; in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including institutional communication of the political priorities of the Union in so far as they are related to the general the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item, and expenses connected with IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all plus any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission in managing the Programme, under ad hoc service contracts.](#)

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive

from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the [contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1](#) ~~Swiss Confederation's contribution for participation in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3~~ of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework Agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

[Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution for participation in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Article 15 01 05 — Support expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes in the 'Education and culture' policy area

Item 15 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover other administrative expenditure for all management of research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020 in the form of indirect action under the non-nuclear programmes, including other administrative expenditure incurred by staff posted in Union delegations.

It is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the programme or measures coming under this item and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on technical ~~and/or~~ administrative assistance relating to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, audit and supervision of the programme or projects, such ~~as~~ [asas, but not limited to](#), conferences, workshops, seminars, development and maintenance of IT systems, missions, trainings and ~~representation expenses~~ [representations expenditures](#).

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Article 15 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 15 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from Erasmus+

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred because of the Agency's participation in managing the ~~programmes under Heading 1a, the completion of the cooperation programmes~~

~~in higher education and vocational education and training, and the Youth in Action programme of the 2007 to 2013 multiannual financial framework as well as to cover costs of the Agency arising from the management of the Erasmus+ programme under Heading 1a, the as well as to cover costs of the Agency arising from the management of the completion of the cooperation programmes in higher education and vocational education and training, and the Youth in Action programme of the 2007 to 2013 multiannual financial framework programme.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates ~~as for participating in Union programmes~~ entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework Agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

Reference acts

~~Commission Decision 2009/336/EC of 20 April 2009 setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 26).~~

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

Commission Decision C(2013) 9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

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Item 15 01 06 02 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from Creative Europe

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred because of the Agency's participation in managing the ~~programmes under Heading 3b of the 2007 to 2013 multiannual financial framework, (except the Youth in Action programme), as well as to cover the operating cost of the Agency arising from the management of programmes under the~~ Creative Europe ~~programme under Heading 3b as well as to cover the operating costs arising from the management of the 2007 to 2013 multiannual financial framework (except the Youth in Action programme). programme.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the [contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1](#) ~~contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3~~ of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework Agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

[Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

Reference acts

~~Commission Decision 2009/336/EC of 20 April 2009 setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 26).~~

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

Commission Decision C(2013) 9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

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Article 15 01 60 — Documentation and library expenditure

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the purchase of books, e-books and other publications, the updating of existing volumes,
- the cost of binding and other expenditure necessary for the preservation of books and publications,
- expenditure on subscriptions to newspapers, specialist periodicals, ~~and~~
- [expenditure on subscriptions to cataloguing databases, and](#)
- other specialised publications in print and online.

It does not cover expenditure incurred by:

- Joint Research Centre sites, for which expenditure is entered in Article 01 05 of each title concerned,
- Commission Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03,
- similar expenditure incurred outside the Union entered in Item 01 03 02 of each title concerned.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 56 000.

Article 15 01 61 — Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of in-service traineeships for graduates. This traineeship is designed to provide them with an overview of the objectives set and the challenges faced by the Union, an insight into how its institutions work and an opportunity to enhance their knowledge through work experience at the Commission.

This appropriation covers the payment of grants and other related costs (supplement for persons with disabilities, accident and sickness insurance, contribution to travelling costs linked to the traineeship, at the beginning and at the end of the traineeship, costs of events organised in the framework of the traineeship programme, e.g. visits, hosting and reception costs). It also covers the costs of evaluation in order to optimise the programme and communication and information campaigns.

The selection of trainees is based on objective and transparent criteria.

The amount of related assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(2) to (3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 1 181 431](#). ~~EUR 985 000.~~

CHAPTER 15 02 — ERASMUS+

Article 15 02 01 — Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education, training and youth area, its relevance to the labour market and the participation of young people in European democratic life

Remarks

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new Financial Regulation, including CESES contributions in kind to Union projects~~

Item 15 02 01 01 — Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market

Remarks

In line with the general objective in particular the objectives of the ET 2020 strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training, as well as in support of the sustainable development of third countries in the field of higher education, this appropriation is intended to pursue the following specific objectives in the field of education and training:

- to improve the level of key competences and skills with particular regard to their relevance for the labour market and contribution to a cohesive society, notably through increased opportunities for learning mobility and strengthened cooperation between the world of education and training and the world of work,
- to foster quality improvements, innovation excellence and internationalisation at the level of education and training notably through enhanced transnational cooperation between education and training providers and other stakeholders,
- to promote the emergence and raise awareness of a European lifelong learning area, to complement policy reforms at national level and to support the modernisation of education and training systems, notably through enhanced policy cooperation, better use of Union transparency and recognition tools and the dissemination of good practices,
- to enhance the international dimension of education and training, notably through cooperation between Union and third country institutions in the field of vocational education and training (VET) and in higher education, by increasing the attractiveness of the European higher education institutions and supporting the Union's external action, including its development objectives through the promotion of mobility and cooperation between the Union and third country higher education institutions and targeted capacity building in third countries,
- to improve the teaching and learning of languages and to promote the Union's broad linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness, including minority and endangered languages, for example by supporting projects and networks providing educational

materials, teachers training, use of endangered language as education media, language regeneration and exchange of best practices, etc.

~~Part of these appropriations are intended to be used for operations carried out by senior volunteer experts of the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

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Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

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Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Item 15 02 01 02 — Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European youth area and the participation of young people in European democratic life

Remarks

In line with the general objective, this appropriation is intended to pursue the following specific objectives in the area of youth:

- to improve the level of key competences and skills of young people, including those with fewer opportunities, as well as to promote participation in democratic life in Europe and the labour market, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity, notably through increased learning mobility opportunities for young people, those active in youth work or youth organisations and youth leaders, and through strengthened links between the youth field and the labour market,
- to foster quality improvements in youth work, notably through enhanced cooperation between organisations in the youth field and/or other stakeholders,
- to complement policy reforms at local, regional and national level and to support the development of knowledge and evidence-based youth policy as well as the recognition of non-formal and informal learning, notably through enhanced policy cooperation, better use of Union transparency and recognition tools and the dissemination of good practices,
- to enhance the international dimension of youth activities and the role of youth workers and organisations as support structures for young people in complementarity with the Union's external action, notably through the promotion of mobility and cooperation between the Union and third country stakeholders and international organisations and through targeted capacity building in third countries.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Article 15 02 02 — Promoting excellence in teaching and research activities in European integration through the Jean Monnet activities worldwide

Remarks

In line with the general objective, this appropriation is intended to pursue the following specific objectives of the Jean Monnet activities:

- to promote teaching and research on European integration world-wide among specialist academics, learners and citizens, notably through the creation of Jean Monnet Chairs and other academic activities, as well as by providing aid for other knowledge-building activities at higher education institutions,
- to support the activities of academic institutions or associations active in the field of European integration studies and support a Jean Monnet label for excellence,
- to support European academic institutions pursuing an aim of European interest,
- to promote policy debate and exchanges between the academic world and policymakers on Union policy priorities.

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Article 15 02 03 — Developing the European dimension in sport

Remarks

[Former articles 15 02 03 and 15 02 10](#)

In line with the general objective, this appropriation is intended to cover support of the implementation of Union policies in areas that correspond to the Chapter's specific objectives (Article 11) and activities (Article 12).

The Sport Chapter of the 'Erasmus+' programme pursues the following specific objectives in the area of sport:

- to tackle transnational threats to sport such as doping, match fixing, violence, racism and intolerance,
- to support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes,
- to promote social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in sport.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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~~Article 15 02 10 — Special annual events~~

~~Remarks~~

~~This appropriation is intended to cover completion costs of measures supported as special annual sport events.~~

~~Special Annual Event: The European MOVE Week~~

~~Commitments: EUR 1 000 000; Payments: EUR 1 000 000.~~

~~The European MOVE Week is a European wide flagship event promoting grassroots sport and physical activity and their positive impact on European citizens and societies.~~

~~As part of the vision to get 100 million more Europeans to be active in sport and physical activity by 2020, the MOVE Week 2014 is a bottom-up approach, involving local communities, sports clubs, schools, workplaces and cities in a large scale celebration of sport and physical activity. It is an integrated part of the European NowWeMove campaign and thus a sustainable contribution to more physically active and healthy European citizens.~~

~~MOVE Week 2014 will feature a minimum of 300 events from all 28 Member states and a minimum of 150 cities, introducing new sport and physical activity initiatives and highlighting the myriad of successful existing actions.~~

~~Special Annual Event: European Special Olympics Summer Games in Antwerp, Belgium 2014~~

~~Commitments: EUR 2 000 000; Payments: EUR 2 000 000.~~

~~This appropriation is intended to cover costs of measures supported as special annual events. The amount of EUR 2 000 000 is allocated to co-finance the multiannual event of The European Special Olympics Summer Games in Antwerp, Belgium (13 to 20 September 2014). This funding will also allow participating athletes from all 28 Member states to train, to prepare and to attend the games in Belgium.~~

~~This event will see 2 000 athletes and their delegations from 58 countries competing over 10 days. More than 4 000 volunteers will help to make this multi-sport event unique. Along with the Sports Programme, other scientific, educational and family programmes will be set up. 30 Belgian cities will host the athletes and Antwerp will host the event. Many special events will be organised before, during, and after the Games.~~

Legal basis

~~Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Article 15 02 11 — European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Centre's staff and administrative expenditure, and operational expenditure relating to the work programme.

The Centre must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure. The Commission, if requested by the Centre, undertakes to notify the budgetary authority of transfers made between operational and administrative appropriations.

The Centre's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 17 434 000~~~~EUR 17 433 900~~. An amount of ~~EUR 210 000~~~~EUR 5 000~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 17 224 000~~~~EUR 17 428 900~~ entered in the budget.

Article 15 02 12 — European Training Foundation (ETF)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Foundation's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure regarding its work programme (Title 3).

It is also intended to cover the support of partner countries in the Mediterranean region in reforming their labour markets and vocational training systems, promoting social dialogue and supporting entrepreneurship.

The Foundation must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The establishment plan for the Foundation is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 20 144 000~~~~EUR 20 143 500~~. An amount of ~~EUR 199 000~~~~coming~~~~EUR 125 000 coming~~ from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 19 945 000~~~~entered~~~~EUR 20 018 500 entered~~ in the budget.

Article 15 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 15 02 77 03 — Pilot project to cover costs of studies for specialising in European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and for related academic activities, including setting-up the ENP Chair in the College of Europe Natolin Campus

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Item 15 02 77 05 — Preparatory action to cover the costs of studies for persons specialising in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and for related academic activities and other educational modules including the functioning of the ENP Chair in the College of Europe (Natolin Campus)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~It is intended to cover the costs of studies for persons coming from the ENP countries and those specialising in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and for related academic activities including the sustainable functioning of the ENP Chair in the College of Europe, Natolin campus and other educational modules~~

~~The recently revised European Neighbourhood Policy, in the light of the Arab Spring, as projected by the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament in their respective decisions and resolutions, and in view of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Eastern Partnership, both of which relate directly to the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood respectively, requires preparing, on a regular bases future European and neighbouring countries interlocutors, i.e. personnel for EU-ENP related jobs. They should be fully and professionally acquainted on regular basis with the substance and spirit of Union policies, Union law and Union institutions and the *acquis communautaire*, and thus the ENP. This necessitates a focused and sophisticated offer, which can be delivered only by a highly recognised academic institution already specialising in this field that is the College of Europe. The two campuses of the College of Europe—one in Bruges, Belgium, close to the Brussels institutions and expertise, the other in Natolin/Warsaw, Poland, specialising in neighbourhood and border policies (with the Frontex agency being based in Warsaw) in the framework of the ENP Chair, already established thanks to the Union funding, are best placed to offer tailor-made programs and other educational modules in this regard.~~

~~In a view of the accumulated and positive experience of this preparatory action the European Commission should guarantee that under new Multiannual Financial Framework this budgetary line with its own specific aims will continue in a sustainable way.~~

Item 15 02 77 08 — Preparatory action — European partnerships on sport

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~This preparatory action will prepare for a programme in the field of sport for the period after 2013. It will test the feasibility and usefulness of existing ideas and concepts, with a view to creating a European dimension in sport.~~

~~The objective of this preparatory action is to test European partnerships, networks and the exchange of good practices. It will, in particular, focus on the following:~~

- ~~— fairness in sport competitions by supporting measures that prevent phenomena such as match-fixing;~~
- ~~— the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, and training conditions for minors;~~
- ~~— the role of sport as an health-enhancing physical activity, in particular for elderly people;~~
- ~~— awareness-raising for the protection of the health of young athletes through monitoring and medical check-ups;~~
- ~~— mobility in sport, namely of volunteers, coaches and staff of non-profit sport organisations;~~
- ~~— awareness-raising activities as regards the social and educational function of sport;~~
- ~~— cross-border joint sport competitions in neighbouring regions and Member States;~~
- ~~— raising awareness of, and gathering of information on, ‘indigenous sports’ that form part of the shared cultural heritage in Europe;~~
- ~~— social inclusion and projects that support the local community; a sport organisation can prove its added value also outside sports-related issues.~~

~~In all of these areas, local needs with regard to population and age-structure, inclusion, integration, accessibility, social isolation, fitness and health must be taken into consideration.~~

~~Part of this appropriation should support the European Capital of Sport initiative, set up by ACES Europe (Association of European Capitals and Cities of Sport), namely with a view of improving the governance of the organisation, especially the selection and award procedures, enlarging the geographical coverage and raising the profile of this initiative.~~

Item 15 02 77 09 — Preparatory action — E-Platform for Neighbourhood

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action. preparatory action will develop an e-platform for ENP countries' administrations, local authorities, academic centres and civil society, allowing for flexible yet targeted exchange of know-how and knowledge in Union affairs and *acquis communautaire*.~~

The aim of the preparatory action is to develop an e-platform for ENP countries' administrations, local authorities, academic centres and civil society, allowing for flexible yet targeted exchange of know-how and knowledge in Union affairs and *acquis communautaire*.

The E-Platform for Neighbourhood will foster exchanges tailored to the profiles, requirements and limitations of the participants in the ENP countries, based on a rigorous pre-implementation, development and testing stages. E-Platform will use innovative, Internet-based and interactive solutions, building on experience acquired by Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) countries during times of democratic transition. It will be complemented with a number of face-to-face communications, fostering contact between ENP nationals and academic centres and administrations in the Union, allowing for feedback and network-building to ensure capacity-building objectives are being achieved. The e-platform will allow for the involvement of top experts, provision of high quality content, active communication methods and the building of communities of practice.

The preparatory action will be implemented by the College of Europe (Natolin Campus) which possesses unique knowledge about processes of democratic transition and structural transformations towards the Union as well as extensive experience in ENP issues, which is important for the preparatory action's success. In particular, Natolin is the seat of the Union-funded ENP Chair whose academic staff can support the implementation of the E-Platform for Neighbourhood.

CHAPTER 15 03 — HORIZON 2020

Article 15 03 05 — European Institute of Innovation and Technology – integrating the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover staff and administrative expenditure, and operational expenditure relating to the work programme of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), including the knowledge and innovation communities (KIC) designated by the EIT.

~~The EIT must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure. The Commission, if requested by the EIT, undertakes to notify the budgetary authority of transfers made between operational and administrative appropriations.~~

In the framework of the EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) and Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174), the EIT will contribute to the general objective and priorities of 'Horizon 2020 — The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation', with the specific objective of integrating the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation. The EIT aims to give Europe's innovation capacity a much needed boost and its overall goal is to create a new European way of delivering essential economic growth and societal benefits through innovation by helping transform innovative ideas into products and services that create sustainable growth and jobs.

Knowledge and innovation communities are the operational base of the EIT. They are excellence-driven partnerships, which bring together the whole innovation web in order to offer new opportunities for innovation in Europe and generate real impact in terms of new business creation and societal benefits. They address focused innovation topics and integrate public and private research organisations, innovative industries, higher education institutions, investors, start-ups and spin-offs. The first three KICs were designated in December 2009 and address the following societal challenges: climate change mitigation and adaptation (through Climate-KIC), sustainable energy (through KIC InnoEnergy) and future information and communication society (through EIT ICT Labs).

The EIT aims to generate tangible impact in the following areas:

- addressing key societal challenges: The KICs combine expertise from across disciplines to ensure innovative and global responses to complex societal challenges,

- setting a clear business-friendly framework: Turning new ideas into tangible new products, services or business opportunities will be the main benchmark of the EIT's and the KICs' success,
- enhancing the free flow of knowledge through co-location: The KICs are organised around co-location centres — geographical locations where most or the whole innovation chain is in close proximity. The emphasis is on people from diverse backgrounds (industry, SMEs, academia, nationality, gender, discipline, etc.) working together with face-to-face contact, thus leading to great mobility of knowledge,
- creating a new generation of entrepreneurs: people with an entrepreneurial mind-set are the drivers of innovation, thereby keeping our economies and societies moving. The EIT promotes entrepreneurship education as a key feature of KICs' Masters and doctoral programmes by shifting the emphasis from 'learning about' to 'learning by doing'. The Master and PhD programmes will provide students with the entrepreneurial skills they need to succeed in the knowledge economy, focusing on learning outcomes and the use of innovative teaching methods.

The EIT's strategic objectives for this period are to consolidate and synergise its operations and to prepare for achieving the priorities set out in the Strategic Innovation Agenda (2014-2020): firstly, by incentivising growth, impact and sustainability by continuing to strengthen its partnership with the three existing KICs whilst creating new KICs. By following an incremental development path in establishing new KICs, the EIT will ensure leading up to a total portfolio of nine KICs in the period 2014-2020 (equalling the set-up of 40-50 co-location centres across the Union); secondly, by enhancing the EIT's impact by fostering entrepreneurship-driven innovation across the Union through wide dissemination of novel innovation models attracting and developing talent from across Europe; and thirdly, by introducing new means of achieving impact, alongside results-oriented monitoring .

The establishment plan of the EIT is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104), and in particular Article 5(5) thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 1292/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 establishing the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 174).

[Decision No 1312/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\); the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe \(OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 892\).](#)

CHAPTER 15 04 — CREATIVE EUROPE

Article 15 04 01 — Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and organisations, and fostering policy development and new business models~~micro, small and medium-sized organisations in the cultural and creative sectors~~

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following measures relating to Cross-sectoral strand of the Creative Europe programme.

The cultural and creative sector facility will target the cultural and creative sectors and will have the following priorities: facilitate access to finance for small- and medium-sized enterprises and organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors; improve the capacity of financial institutions to assess cultural and creative projects, including technical assistance and networking measures.

This will be achieved through:

- providing guarantees to appropriate financial intermediaries from any country participating in the Creative Europe Programme,
- providing financial intermediaries with additional expertise and capacity to evaluate risks associated with operators in the cultural and creative sectors.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding

appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Any repayment from financial instruments pursuant to Article 140(6) of the Financial Regulation, including capital repayments, guarantees released, and repayment of the principal of loans, paid back to the Commission and entered in Item 6 3 4 1 of the statement of revenues may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(3)(i) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 15 04 02 — Culture sub-programmes~~subprogramme~~ — Supporting cross-border actions and promoting for the cultural and creative sectors to operate in the Union and beyond and to promote transnational circulation and mobility

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following measures relating to the Culture Sub-programme~~Strand~~ of the Creative Europe programme:

- supporting actions providing operators with skills and knowhow encouraging the adaption to digital technologies, including testing new approaches to audience building and business models,
- supporting actions enabling operators to internationalise their careers in Europe and beyond,
- providing support to strengthen European operators and international cultural networks in order to facilitate access to professional opportunities.

The priorities in the field of promoting transnational circulation shall be the following:

- supporting international touring, events and exhibitions,
- supporting the circulation of European literature,
- supporting audience building as a means of stimulating interest in European cultural works.

Support measures of the Culture Sub-programme~~Strand~~

The Culture Sub-programme~~Strand~~ shall provide support for the following measures:

- transnational cooperation measures bringing together operators from different countries to undertake sectoral or cross-sectoral activities,
- activities by European ~~bodies comprising~~ networks of operators from different countries,
- activities by organisations providing a promotional European platform for the development of emerging talent and stimulating the circulation of artists and works, with a systemic and large scale effect,
- support for literary translation,

- special actions aiming to achieve greater visibility for the richness and diversity of European cultures, and stimulate intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding, including European cultural prizes, the European Heritage Label, and the European Capitals of Culture.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Article 15 04 03 — MEDIA sub-programme — Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting sub-programme — Supporting actions for the cultural and creative sectors to operate in the Union and beyond and to promote transnational circulation and mobility

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following measures relating to MEDIA ~~Sub-programme~~ of the Creative Europe programme:

- facilitating the acquisition and improvement of skills and competences of audiovisual professionals and the development of networks, including the development of networks and in particular, encouraging the use of digital technologies to ensure ~~the~~ adaptation to market development, testing new approaches to audience development and testing new business models.
- increasing the capacity of audiovisual operators to develop European audiovisual works with a potential to circulate in the Union and beyond and to facilitate European and international co-production, ~~co-production~~ including with television ~~TV~~ broadcasters,
- encouraging business-to-business ~~business-to-business~~ exchanges by facilitating access to markets and business tools enabling ~~for~~ audiovisual operators to increase the visibility of their projects on Union ~~European~~ and international markets,
- supporting theatrical distribution through transnational marketing, branding, distribution and exhibition of audiovisual works, projects,
- promoting ~~supporting~~ transnational marketing, branding ~~marketing~~ and distribution of audiovisual works on all other non-theatrical ~~online~~ platforms,
- supporting audience development ~~building~~ as a means of stimulating interest in, and improving access to European ~~for~~ audiovisual works, works in particular through promotion, events, film literacy and festivals,
- promoting flexibility of new distribution modes in order to allow the emergence of new business models.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts

derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

~~Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Any revenue from the contributions from the countries of the European neighbourhood area in accordance with the procedures defined with those countries following the framework Agreements providing for their participation in Union programmes as entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

~~Any revenue from the contribution from the Swiss Confederation for participating in Union programmes entered under Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Article 15 04 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 15 04 77 02 — Pilot project — Artist mobility

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 15 04 77 03 — Preparatory action — Culture in external relations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

This preparatory action would prepare a proposal for a ~~more strategic approach to~~strategy of actions for culture in ~~the EU's~~European external relations involving a higher level of stakeholders in Europe and representatives of third countries, cultural institutes and NGOs.

Work sessions therefore aim at mobilising resources for cultural cooperation and building up a Union definition of its potential cultural impact.

Item 15 04 77 04 — Pilot project — A European Platform for Festivals

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Creating a European Platform for festivals, the Union:

- adds value by increasing participation of festivals and citizens in Europe,
- aids the efforts of festivals in developing the Europe 2020 strategy of growth and jobs,
- gives visibility to festival work at the local and regional levels and to moments of cultural heritage,
- promotes cultural tourism as part of the new Treaty,
- ensures sustainable networking and a broad communication process with citizens.

~~This pilot project multiplies the energy of festivals and contributes to the promotion of a smart, inclusive and sustainable Europe.~~

Item 15 04 77 06 — Preparatory action — Circulation of audiovisual works in a digital environment

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~Its objective is the provision of information on the degree of complementarity between the different platforms of distribution available to European films: cinema release, VOD, DVD and, potentially, television.~~

~~This preparatory action will test the impact of a simultaneous, or semi-simultaneous release on all available platforms of distribution and in several territories. In order for this type of experiment to be useful, two criteria must be respected:~~

- ~~focus on films where the release windows are ill adapted, that is, works for which cinema release appears problematic (absence of a distributor, release on a limited number of prints, first film, etc.);~~
- ~~involvement of a minimum number of films (at least 30 films) and a significant number of territories. This dimensional criterion is essential if meaningful conclusions are to be drawn from this preparatory action.~~

Item 15 04 77 07 — Pilot project — Fostering European integration through culture by providing new subtitled versions of selected TV programmes across all Europe

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Fostering European integration through culture is a crucial issue in a digitalised European economy. In this context, it is urgent that Union officials assist European cultural stakeholders find new tools to help dissemination of audiovisual content. Digital revolution offers a tremendous opportunity for cross-border online dissemination of content for European stakeholders but this dissemination is often practically slowed down by linguistic borders. By providing new and diverse subtitled versions of selected TV programmes across all Europe, this project aims to assess the impact of linguistic differences on the transnational digital dissemination of audiovisual cultural content. This project includes a scientific evaluation to measure and compare the outreach of content and the audience with and without different languages versions, both in and outside Europe. The project allows a transparent selection of programmes to be supported and gives all European stakeholders the opportunity to use its experience and results. The objective is clearly to develop new business models for European media stakeholders and to enable Union institutions to base future policy initiatives on the outcome.

TITLE 16 — COMMUNICATION

CHAPTER 16 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘COMMUNICATION’ POLICY AREA

Article 16 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services, buildings and other working expenditure of the ‘Communication’ policy area

Item 16 01 03 03 — Buildings and related expenditure of the Directorate-General for Communication: Commission Representations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the payment of rents and ground rent relating to buildings or parts of occupied buildings, and the hire of conference rooms, storerooms, garages and parking facilities,
- the payment of insurance premiums on the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the institution,
- water, gas, electricity and heating charges,
- maintenance costs, calculated on the basis of current contracts, for premises, lifts, central heating, air-conditioning equipment, etc.; the expenditure is occasioned by regular cleaning operations, the purchase of maintenance, washing, laundry and dry-cleaning products, etc., and by repainting, repairs and supplies used by the maintenance workshops,
- the fitting-out of buildings, e.g. alterations to partitioning, alterations to technical installations and other specialist work on locks, electrical equipment, plumbing, painting, floor coverings, etc.,
- the cost of the necessary equipment,
- expenses relating to the security of persons and buildings, both as regards the health and safety of individuals and the physical and material security of persons and property. These expenses include, for ~~example~~example, the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for fire pickets and statutory inspection costs as well as contracts for guarding buildings, contracts for the maintenance of security installations and the purchase of minor items of equipment, the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for fire pickets and statutory inspection costs as well as information sessions provided to staff on how to use the security equipment.
- expenditure on buildings, in particular management fees for multiple-tenanted buildings, costs of surveys of premises and charges for utilities (refuse collection etc.),
- technical assistance fees relating to major fitting-out operations for premises,
- the cost of the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of technical equipment and fittings, furniture and vehicles,
- the purchase of books, documents and other non-periodical publications, the updating of existing volumes, binding costs and the purchase of electronic identification equipment,
- expenditure on subscriptions to newspapers, specialist periodicals, official journals, parliamentary papers, foreign trade statistics, news agency reports and various other specialised publications,
- the cost of subscriptions and access to electronic information services and external databases and the acquisition of electronic media (CD-ROMs etc.),
- the training and support required for accessing this information,
- the training relating to health and safety following Commission Decision C/2006/1623,
- copyright fees,
- the cost of stationery and office supplies,
- insurance,

- the cost of work materials,
- expenses relating to internal meetings,
- the cost of maintenance work and of departmental removals,
- medical expenses arising as a result of the provisions of the Staff Regulations,
- the cost of the installation, upkeep and operation of catering areas,
- other operating expenditure,
- postal and delivery charges,
- telecommunications subscriptions and charges,
- the cost of purchasing and installing telecommunications equipment,
- information technology (IT) expenditure for offices within the Union, in particular expenditure on information and management systems, office automation infrastructure, personal computers, servers and related infrastructure, peripherals (printers, scanners, etc.), office equipment (photocopiers, fax machines, typewriters, dictaphones, etc.) and general expenditure on networks, support, assistance to users, IT training and removals,
- any expenditure to cover the cost of purchase or rental with purchase option of buildings.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding Joint Research Centre sites, for which expenditure is entered in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned. Similar expenditure incurred outside the Union is entered in Item 01 03 02 of the titles concerned.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 4 285 000](#) ~~EUR 80 000~~.

Article 16 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Communication’ policy area

Item 16 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for communication actions

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover horizontal expenditure ~~such as on, inter alia,~~ studies, meetings, ex-post controls, expert technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts, [evaluation on horizontal or cross-cutting activities](#), as well as the repayment of travel and related expenses of persons invited to follow the work of the Commission.

Article 16 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 16 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from the programme ‘Europe for Citizens’

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Council Decision 2004/100/EC of 26 January 2004 establishing a Community action programme to promote active European citizenship (civic participation) (OJ L 30, 4.2.2004, p. 6).

Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme Europe for Citizens to promote active European citizenship (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 32).

Council Regulation (EU) No ~~390/2014~~ ~~of 14 April 2014~~ ~~XXX~~ establishing ~~the for the period 2014-2020 the programme~~ ‘Europe for Citizens’ [programme for the period 2014-2020](#) (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3), ~~L...~~, and in particular Article 2 thereof.

CHAPTER 16 02 — FOSTERING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

Article 16 02 01 — Europe for Citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level

Remarks

In accordance with the programme ‘Europe for Citizens’ and under the overall aim of bringing Europe closer to its citizens, the general objective of the programme is to contribute to the understanding about the European Union and to foster European citizenship and improve conditions for civic participation at Union level.

This appropriation is intended to cover actions such as partnerships, structural support, remembrance projects, European Union history and its identity, citizens’ meetings, networks of twinned towns, citizens’ and civil societies projects, peer reviews, studies and communication services, support measures, events and support structures in the Member States.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidate countries for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

~~This appropriation is intended also to promote turnout at the 2014 European elections by informing citizens about their electoral rights and the impact of the Union on their daily life in all languages of the Union.~~

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EU) No ~~390/2014...~~/2014 of ~~14 April~~XXX establishing for the period 2014 ~~establishing the~~to 2020 the programme ‘Europe for Citizens’ ~~programme for the period 2014-2020~~ (OJ L ~~115, 17.4.2014, p.3).~~...); and in particular Article 2 thereof.

Article 16 02 02 — European Year of Volunteering 2011

Remarks

This ~~article~~appropriation was intended to cover initiatives organised at Union, national, regional or local level linked to the objectives of the European Year of Volunteering 2011.

The action has been completed in 2012.

Article 16 02 03 — European Year of Citizens 2013

Remarks

~~The general objective of the European Year was to enhance awareness and knowledge of the rights and responsibilities attached to Union citizenship, in order to help citizens to make full use of their right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States.~~

~~In this context, the European Year also promoted the enjoyment by Union citizens of the other rights attached to Union citizenship.~~

~~On this basis, the specific objectives of the European Year were:~~

- ~~— to raise Union citizens’ awareness of their right to move and reside freely within the Union and, in that context, of all other rights guaranteed to Union citizens, without discrimination, including their right to vote in local and European elections in any Member State in which they reside,~~
- ~~— to raise awareness among Union citizens, including young people, about how they can tangibly benefit from Union rights, as well as about policies and programmes that exist to support the exercise of those rights,~~
- ~~— to stimulate a debate about the impact and potential of the right of freedom of movement and residence, as an inalienable aspect of Union citizenship, with a view to stimulating and strengthening active civic and democratic participation of Union citizens, in particular in civic forums on Union policies and European Parliament elections, thereby reinforcing societal cohesion, cultural diversity, solidarity, equality between women and men, mutual respect and a sense of a common European identity among Union~~

citizens, based on the core values of the Union, as enshrined in the TEU and the TFEU and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

This ~~article was appropriation is~~ intended ~~also~~ to cover initiatives linked to the objectives of the European Year of Citizens 2013 including payments for an assessment of the results of this initiative.

Article 16 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 16 02 77 01 — Pilot project — New narrative on Europe

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~The pilot project aimed to initiate a process in which central figures and opinion makers from the creative sector will be brought together to formulate a new narrative on Europe. The task is to qualify and reinterpret the existing narrative of peace through trade across borders—to identify a new vision for the European Union that is not solely about economy and growth, but also about cultural unity (community) and values. The task is also to identify the European values and cultural aspects that unite citizens. This is needed if citizens are to believe in the Union project and if public support is to be strengthened.~~

~~The group examines what the current perception of Europe is and come up with concrete suggestions on how to create a new identity for Europe containing a new narrative. This narrative should correspond to the history and core values of the Union and describe the cultural aspects that unite citizens in Europe.~~

~~The process should be administered professionally so as to make sure that the work of the group is carried out in a controlled manner, with the aim of coming up with a charter.~~

~~Aims of the pilot project:~~

- ~~— to produce a new narrative on Europe founded on the narrative of peace through trade,~~
- ~~— to create a narrative which will place Europe in a global context according to the new world order,~~
- ~~— to revive the European spirit and bring the Union closer to its citizens,~~
- ~~— to show the value of the Union to its citizens,~~
- ~~— to identify the cultural values that unite citizens across borders,~~
- ~~— to finally formulate this narrative in a charter.~~

~~The European Parliament and the Council included in the Union budget for 2013 a pilot project to create a new narrative for Europe. The aim of this project was to mobilise eminent persons and opinion formers from the creative, cultural and scientific sectors to formulate a new narrative in a charter to be published in advance of the 2014 European elections.~~

~~Further to its decision C(2013)289 of 25 January 2013, the Commission is implementing this project. A permanent committee of eminent persons from the creative, cultural and scientific world assists and advises the Commission in implementing the project. The committee is also in charge of drafting the charter. Three groups from the creative, cultural and scientific sectors will provide input for this work and discuss the various proposals in order to maximise cross fertilisation for the project.~~

~~The initial outcomes have established:~~

- ~~— the relevance and timeliness of the project, especially in view of the trend decline in public support for the Union in recent years;~~
- ~~— the need to discuss and draft a contemporary narrative for Europe which must be founded on the fundamental principles of the Union—peace, democracy and prosperity enriched with a future oriented vision for a shared destiny;~~
- ~~— the relevance of highlighting the role of the Union in an increasingly global and interdependent world, as well as taking into account cultures from other regions of the world.~~

~~As the charter is going to be released in the first quarter of 2014, the results should be disseminated ahead of the forthcoming European elections. A cross-cutting approach should be taken, with networks of citizens, cultural institutions and organisations spreading knowledge to the public and inviting citizens to play a role. Furthermore, a corps of ambassadors should be established. The task of the ambassadors should be to interact with citizens in the ongoing debate about the new narrative and to engage with the European public.~~

~~It is also important to ensure the sustainability of the project, since a narrative is an ongoing process.~~

~~Therefore, the appropriation will be mainly used for:~~

- ~~— organising a major event marking the adoption and public launching of the charter,~~
- ~~— conducting dissemination actions to publicise the charter on the New Narrative for Europe in all the Member States, mainly via the ambassadors,~~
- ~~— testing the way in which this initiative could have a long lasting impact, through networks, involving cultural, scientific and citizens' organisations.~~

~~Item 16 02 77 02 — Preparatory action — European Year of Volunteering 2011~~

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 16 02 77 03 — Preparatory action — European Year of Citizens 2013

Remarks

This [item appropriation](#) is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

Item 16 02 77 05 — Pilot project — The promise of the European Union

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

In 1984, the Fontainebleau European Council introduced the concept of a People's Europe. The Council considered 'essential that the Community should respond to the expectations of the people of Europe by adopting measures to strengthen and promote its identity and its image both for its citizens and for the rest of the world'. Thirty years later the time has come to assess how Europeans perceive the Union. What is its added value? Why are we together?

The initial purpose of the European Union — to secure peace, to spread democracy and to bring prosperity — has been achieved. Today, however, many parts of Europe are in severe crisis, with heated discussions on the purpose of Union membership. The focal point of these discussions often seems to be the burning question: Why are 'we' together with 'them'?

Under Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union, the right for every Union citizen to find his or her own path within the Union should be respected. Therefore, Union action must be linked to an understanding of local values and constitutions. In short, the promise of the Union has to be explained in terms of its added value for countries and citizens.

All Member States will have gone through a painstaking decision-making process prior to joining the Union - an emotional process followed by ongoing political discussions about both economic and ethical issues, with most countries involving citizens through referendums on major issues. Following accession, each country's membership has evolved. This pilot project will describe the relationship of each Member State with the Union to see if there are common perceptions about the Union in the various Member States.

This will be done by interviewing citizens from all walks of life in every country. The aim of the interviews will be to understand how the Union is perceived in everyday life by its citizens. These findings will be compiled in a report in order to identify each country's specific relationship with the Union and thereby gain a clearer picture of the different national perceptions of the Union. These national profiles will then be compared in order to ascertain the extent to which there are shared perceptions of the EU among 'real people' in Member States. In short, the question to be answered is: what do people think are the most positive aspects of the Union,

both now and for the future? Is there a common perception of the Union rather than 28 different perceptions? And if so, what is that perception?

The work of mapping out perceptions of the Union will be closely coordinated with ongoing similar initiatives, such as the pilot project ‘The New Narrative on Europe’, the ‘~~Citizens~~[Citizens](#)’ Dialogue’ and the initiative ‘A Soul for Europe’.

It is therefore suggested that a start be made with a pilot project, discovering and mapping the perceptions about the Union within at least five Member States, with the aim of outlining common perceptions about the Union, if any, which go beyond the unique relationship that each country has with the Union.

The results of the Citizens’ Dialogues could serve as a basis for the work of this pilot project. The results so far suggest that citizens expect a clear vision about three central questions:

- How much unity is wanted/needed and what are the areas where integration should take place?
- What would make the Union more democratic and how can Union politicians be made accountable for the decisions they make?
- What is the right balance between responsibility and solidarity?

Therefore the appropriation will be mainly used for:

- setting up focus groups composed of citizens from all Member States that would develop proposals as to how the Union can deliver on these visions,
- disseminating and further discussing the outcomes of the focus group meetings in traditional and social media,
- the results will be published in a report and serve as follow-up to and additional input for the ‘New Narrative on Europe’ as well as for targeted Union communication efforts.

CHAPTER 16 03 — COMMUNICATION ACTIONS

Article 16 03 01 — Providing information to Union citizens

Item 16 03 01 01 — Multimedia actions

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to fund general information to citizens on operations concerning the Union, for the purpose of increasing the visibility of the work of the Union institutions, the decisions taken and the stages in the building of Europe. It concerns essentially the funding or co-funding of the production and/or dissemination of multimedia (radio, TV, internet, etc.), information products, including pan-European networks made up of local and national media, as well as the tools necessary to develop such a policy. This appropriation also covers evaluation expenditure. ~~The new amount should be used for pan-European networks made up of local and national media (radio, TV, internet, etc.).~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 50 000.

The Commission, when implementing this item, should take duly into account the outcome of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI).

Item 16 03 01 03 — Information outlets

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to fund general information to citizens and covers:

- the financing of ~~the Europe Direct information and documentation outlets and~~ network throughout Europe (*Europe Direct Information Centres, relays,* European documentation ~~centres, centre,~~ Team *Europe speakers, Europe,* etc.); ~~this network supplements these outlets supplement~~ the work of the Commission Representations and the European Parliament Information Offices in the Member States,
- support, training, coordination and assistance for ~~Europe Direct network, information networks,~~

- the financing of production, storage and distribution of information material and communication products by these outlets as well as for them.

This appropriation also covers evaluation expenditure.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 50 000.

Item 16 03 01 04 — Communication of the Commission Representations and ‘Partnership’ actions

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to fund general information to citizens and covers the expenditure on [centralised and](#) decentralised communication. The aim of local communication activities is in particular to provide target groups with the tools to gain a better understanding of burning topical issues.

These activities are implemented in the Member States through:

- communication operations linked to specific annual or multiannual communication priorities,
- ad hoc communication operations on a national or international scale that fit in with the communication priorities,
- seminars and conferences,
- organisation of or participation in European events, exhibitions and public-relations activities, organisation of individual visits, etc.,
- direct communication measures targeted at the general public (e.g. citizens’ advice services),
- direct communication measures targeted at opinion multipliers, in particular stepped-up measures involving the regional daily press, which is a major information outlet for a large number of Union citizens,
- the management of information centres for the general public in the Commission Representations.

Communication operations can be organised in partnership with the European Parliament and/or the Member States in order to create synergies between the means of each partner and to coordinate their information and communication activities on the European Union.

This appropriation is also intended to cover expenditure on studies, evaluations, meetings of experts and expert technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts as well as the repayment of travel and related expenses of persons invited to follow the work of the Commission.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 55 000.

The Commission, when implementing this item, should take duly into account the outcome of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Group on Information (IGI).

Article 16 03 02 — Providing institutional communication and information analysis

Item 16 03 02 02 — Operation of radio and television studios and audiovisual equipment

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover all the costs of operating the Commission’s studios and other audiovisual information facilities: staff and the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of the necessary equipment and material.

It also covers satellite rental to provide information on the Union’s activities to television channels. This appropriation must be managed in compliance with the principles of interinstitutional cooperation in order to ensure the dissemination of all information concerning the Union.

[This appropriation could also cover evaluation expenditure. Irrespective of the beneficiary, no administrative expenditure against this item is authorised.](#)

Item 16 03 02 03 — Online and written information and communication tools

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover online multimedia and written information and communication tools concerning the Union, for the purpose of providing all citizens with general information on the work of the Union institutions, the decisions taken and the stages in the building of Europe. Online tools make it possible to gather citizens' questions or reactions on European issues. This is a public service task. The information covers all the Union institutions. These tools must be made accessible to people with disabilities, in accordance with Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) guidelines.

The main types of tool concerned are:

- the Europa site, which must constitute the main point of access to the existing information and websites concerning the administrative information which Union citizens might need in their daily lives and which therefore must be better ~~structured, structured and~~ made more ~~user-friendly and optimised for mobile devices, user friendly,~~
- complementary online channels like social media, blogs and other web 2.0 technologies,
- the *Europe Direct* ~~Contact Centre~~ [Contact Centre](tel:00800-67891011) (00800-67891011),
- the internet sites, multimedia and written products of the Commission Representations in the Member States,
- online press releases, speeches, memos, etc. (RAPID).

This appropriation is also intended to:

- fund the restructuring of the Europa site in a more coherent ~~way, to optimise the site for mobile devices, to focus it on user needs~~ and to professionalise the use of other online channels like social media, blogs and web 2.0. This includes all types of ~~training, coaching and consultancy services~~ ~~training actions~~ for various groups of stakeholders,
- ~~cover the expenditure relating to hosting and licences costs associated with the EUROPA site,~~
- support the exchange of best practices, knowledge transfer and professionalization by financing visits of digital communication experts and practitioners,
- cover information campaigns for facilitating access to these sources of information, especially for the operation of the Europe Direct Contact Centre, the general multilingual information service about EU matters,
- cover the expenditure relating to the production for various target groups of written publications concerning the Union's activities that are often distributed through a decentralised network, mainly:
 - the Representations' publications (paper newsletters and periodicals): each Representation produces one or more publications that are distributed among multipliers and cover various fields (social, economic and political),
 - the dissemination (also through a decentralised network) of specific basic information on the European Union (in all the official Union languages) for the general public, coordinated from headquarters, and promotion of the publications.

Publishing costs cover, among other things, preparation and drafting (including authors' fees), freelance editing, use of documentation, reproduction of documents, data purchase or management, editing, translation, revision (including checking the concordance of texts), printing, posting on the internet or installation in any other electronic medium, distribution, storage, dissemination and promotion of the publications.

[This appropriation could also cover evaluation expenditure.](#)

The Commission, when implementing this item, should take duly into account the outcomes of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Group on Information (IGI).

Item 16 03 02 04 — General report and other publications

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on issuing, in whatever medium, publications on matters of topical importance relating to Commission activities and the work of the Union, as well as the publications provided for in the Treaties and other institutional or reference publications, such as the general report. The publications may be targeted at specific groups such as the teaching profession, [young people](#), opinion leaders or the general public.

Publishing costs cover, among other things, preparation and drafting (including authors' contracts), freelance editing, use of documentation, reproduction of documents, data purchase or management, editing, translation, revision (including checking the

concordance of texts), printing, posting on the internet or installation in any other electronic medium, distribution, storage, dissemination and promotion of the publications, including in formats accessible to citizens with disabilities.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 4 000.

~~Article 16 03 03 — Online summary of legislation (SCAD+)~~

Remarks

~~This article was intended to cover payments from previous years related to the production of online summaries of Union legislation (SCAD+).~~

~~This action has been finalised in 2012.~~

Legal basis

~~Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Reference acts

~~Commission Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 3 October 2007 entitled 'Communicating Europe in Partnership' (COM(2007) 568 final).~~

~~Communication to the Commission of 21 December 2007: Communicating about Europe via the Internet — Engaging the citizens (SEC(2007) 1742).~~

~~Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 22 October 2008 on 'Communicating Europe in Partnership' (OJ C 13, 20.1.2009, p. 3).~~

Article 16 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 16 03 77 01 — Preparatory action — European research grants for cross-border investigative journalism

Remarks

~~This item preparatory action for European research grants for journalists is intended to cover commitments remaining facilitate and develop serious cross-border journalistic research at Union level. Calls for tenders are be organised with a view to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action selecting common investigation projects involving journalists from at least two Member States, with a cross-border or European dimension resulting from a national, regional or local perspective. The results of the journalistic investigation selected will be published in at least all the Member States involved.~~

~~For this purpose, a feasibility study has been set up in order to find new ways to launch this project. The study looked at ways in which independent, critical journalism can be funded by the Union, while ensuring editorial independence.~~

~~The conclusions of the study will be used to launch calls for tenders as outlined above. The new amount will be used for grants.~~

Item 16 03 77 02 — Pilot project — Share Europe Online

Remarks

This item appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~Item 16 03 77 03 — Preparatory action — EuroGlobe~~

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 16 03 77 05 — Preparatory action — Share Europe Online

Remarks

This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

Social media and the internet have fundamentally changed access to information and communication between people. Union institutions should improve the way they use these ground-breaking tools. Union institutions can use social media networks and online platforms in more innovative ways. Union institutions have no joint communication policy on the use of these tools. Moreover, these tools are still too often used simply to spread a message, whereas they offer the opportunity for conversation between politicians and the people they serve and represent. In contrast to other media (television, radio, newspapers), the internet (and social media in particular) should be used to allow citizens to interact: to provide policy makers with ideas and to start discussion on policy proposals or projects.

The Union must adapt to online reality in its communication strategy. The Union must allow its citizens to interact and to contribute. Regrettably Union communication is currently still very much a top-down process which is neither interactive nor in tune with what the new media can do. Although the social network take-up rate (among Europe's internet users) is about 90%, the Union's communication strategy does not yet embrace social networks, the internet and mobile services to improve access to information on Union policies or to involve Union citizens. Some Members of Parliament and Commissioners may be using social networks very actively, yet the main Union institutions can do a lot to open up, to include citizens better and to make information available, searchable and shareable.

'Share Europe Online' has successfully run as a pilot project since 2012, with positive responses from stakeholders at both the central institutional level and from the national offices implementing the project.

The pilot project sought to improve the way in which Union institutions use these new media, focusing on their local offices in Member States. The project introduced the practice of social media community management in European Parliament Information Offices and Commission Representations in order to improve the provision of information to citizens online and make EU-related information more accessible. An important objective was to build the offices' capacity for enhanced activity on social media by upgrading their staff's skill base through training and coaching by the community managers appointed.

The pilot project has helped to narrow the gap in Union institutional communication via social networks in local languages and on local platforms, thanks to increased and more coordinated activity by the offices involved. The provision of EU-related content which is appealing, relevant to the national community and optimised for social sharing is leading to increased levels of interaction. This is fostering dialogue not only between the Union and its citizens, but also between citizens themselves.

The reach and influence of the institutions' activities are increasing thanks to more targeted communication and partnerships with opinion leaders and local actors, including grassroots and civil society organisations, extending the debate on European issues to a much wider public and broadening the European public sphere.

Through better insight into the conversations taking place on social media, the institutions are also improving their ability to listen and take stock of the concerns of citizens, who are increasingly organising themselves on these networks. 'Share Europe Online' aims to facilitate interaction and access to information, and not to send out opinions about the Union in a top-down manner, which would risk being perceived as propaganda.

The budget of the 'Share Europe Online' preparatory action should serve to consolidate the positive practice started under the pilot project in order to complete the upgrading of skills and facilitate further organisational change. The aim is to bring the European Parliament Information offices and Commission Representations up to the level of expertise required to take full advantage of the social media so as to foster interaction with citizens.

As in the pilot project, the preparatory action should involve people within the Union institutions as well as outside experts, civil society and grassroots organisations. Its implementation should be based on working methods jointly agreed between the Union institutions involved.

The rise of social networks has led businesses to create the job of ‘community manager’. Community managers act as an interface between a company and its clients; they ‘spread the good word about the company in a language that is specific to social networks, they manage virtual communities and understand and respond to their needs’ (http://www.colpis.cat/files/documents/388_material.pdf). With this preparatory action, the ‘EU community managers’ introduced as part of the ‘Share Europe Online’ pilot project could continue to make information about the Union accessible and to represent the various Union institutions and provide independent information about the Union and its proceedings.

‘Share Europe Online’ should integrate parts of existing programmes such as Europe Direct, Euronews, the various web platforms, communication strategies and Union information archives. Furthermore, the preparatory action could continue the work already carried out under the ‘Share Europe Online’ pilot project.

TITLE 17 — HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

CHAPTER 17 02 — CONSUMER POLICY

Article 17 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 17 02 77 03 — Pilot project — Your Europe Travel Application for mobile devices

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for setting up the European consumer travel application, ‘Your Europe Travel’. The objective of this application is to establish a one-stop shop that offers information on consumer rights and cross-border issues, and to help travellers when they encounter problems while they are abroad and have limited access to information and advice services.

It will provide practical information for consumers and focus on real-life, cross-border situations, on topics ranging from travel and visa information, passenger and consumer rights, health cards, payment systems, road signs, and the European Consumer Centres (ECCs) that can provide assistance and advice in each of the Member States and in Norway and Iceland.

The strategy relating to the content of this ‘smart’ application will be defined by the Commission with the active involvement of the European Parliament. The strategy should be revised once a year to take into account new developments.

The application will make menus available which allow users to quickly find the information they need during a trip within the Union. It will be fully multilingual, i.e. available in any of the official Union languages. General Union information will also be available in all the official languages, detailed information in the language(s) of each Member State plus English, French and German.

The goal of this project is to develop a service concept and later an application that can be used by the citizens within the Union on mobile devices to assist them with travel issues, questions and problems. This intelligent application shall, answer most questions based on a semantic analysis of the question and of the content available. It shall also offer the possibility of asking further questions, via the Europe Direct service, in the event that the first-line system provides an incomplete reply. Replies via Europe Direct will be given within its established deadlines, in accordance with its quality charter, and in the language of the consumer. The service will be free of charge, except for telecommunications costs.

The content will mostly syndicate existing content from the Commission's Your Europe and ECC Network websites so that it is adapted to each national context. In addition to information, it will include an interactive part/module to help solve disputes with traders. This will give consumers some quick tips to help them solve the issue in question by themselves while they are abroad. More complex issues will be signposted into the normal workflow of the ECC Network and relevant alternative dispute resolution/online dispute resolution options.

In addition to development and production costs, this appropriation is intended to cover the maintenance, running costs and publicity costs of the project for the next 5 years.

2. Implementation

The project should as a starting point draw on knowledge of the current situation with regard to communication with citizens on Union affairs, and should also research state-of-the-art relevant communication technologies.

The project should then apply a collaborative and participative approach to create concepts such as an interactive platform and captioning service by involving the citizens from all over Europe through a behavioural study, resulting in a basic service concept of the application that is created by actual end users.

The project will make the best possible use and/or integrate other relevant applications for mobile devices (Passenger rights , European Health Insurance card), websites for citizens (such as Your Europe, Travelling in Europe, European Youth Portal Travel Section), and services to citizens (such as Europe Direct), to ensure that duplication of efforts is avoided.

Finally, the project should implement the developed concept into a launched application, resulting in the ‘European Consumer Travel Application’ that can be accessed free of charge for the users from mobile devices.

3. Forecast for 2014

This pilot project is estimated to have an overall timeline of 22 months and to have a total budget of EUR 650 000, which includes full implementation of the IT application and building up of the service platform. The completion of the project, including testing, is scheduled for November 2015.

An Editorial Board composed of the Commission and representatives of the ECC Network will be responsible for the editorial policy, including language and priorities for content selection.

CHAPTER 17 03 — PUBLIC HEALTH

Article 17 03 01 — Encouraging innovation in healthcare and increasing the sustainability of health systems, improving the health of Union citizens and protecting them from cross-border health threats

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for achieving the objectives established through the multiannual ‘Public Health’ programme for the 2014-2020 period.~~

~~The general objectives of the programme shall be to complement, support and add value to the policies of the Member States to improve the health of Union citizens and reduce health inequalities by promoting health, encouraging innovation in health, increasing the sustainability of health systems and protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats.~~

~~The ‘Public Health’ programme 2014-2020 focuses on four specific objectives:~~

- ~~— supporting public health capacity building and contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems: identify and develop tools and mechanisms at Union level to address shortages of resources, both human and financial, and facilitate the voluntary up-take of innovation in public health intervention and prevention strategies;~~
- ~~— facilitating access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens: increase access to medical expertise and information for specific conditions also beyond national borders, facilitate the application of the results of research and develop tools for the improvement of healthcare quality and patient safety through, inter alia, actions contributing to improve health literacy;~~
- ~~— promoting health, preventing diseases, and fostering supportive environments for healthy lifestyles: identify, disseminate and promote the up-take of evidence-based and good practices for cost-effective disease prevention and health promotion measures by addressing in particular the key lifestyle-related risk factors with a focus on the Union-added value;~~
- ~~— protecting citizens from serious cross-border health threats: identify and develop coherent approaches and promote their implementation for better preparedness and coordination in health emergencies.~~

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

~~Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Legal basis

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 9 November 2011, establishing a Health for Growth Programme, and the third multi-annual programme of the EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020 (COM(2011) 709 final).~~

Article 17 03 10 — European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Centre's personnel and administrative expenditure. In particular, Title 1 covers the salaries of permanent staff and seconded experts, the costs relating to recruitment, interim services, staff training and mission expenses; Title 2 'Expenditure' relates to the renting of the Centre's office facilities, the fitting-out of premises, information and communication technology, technical installations, logistics and other administrative costs.

This appropriation is also intended to cover operational expenditure relating to the following target areas:

- improving surveillance of communicable diseases in the Member States,
- strengthening the scientific support provided by the Member States and the Commission,
- enhancing the preparedness of the Union against emerging threats from communicable diseases, especially hepatitis B, including threats related to intentional release of biological agents, and diseases of unknown origin, and coordinating the response,
- strengthening the relevant capacity in the Member States through training,
- communicating information and building partnerships.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the maintenance of the emergency facility (Emergency Operations Centre) linking the Centre online with national communicable disease centres and reference laboratories in Member States in the event of major outbreaks of communicable diseases or other illnesses of unknown origin.

The Centre must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Centre's establishment plan is set out in the Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 56 766 000 [An amount of EUR 2 149 000, coming from the recovery of surplus, is added to the amount of EUR 54 617 000 entered in the budget].~~ EUR 56 766 000.

Article 17 03 11 — European Food Safety Authority

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Authority's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

It covers in particular:

- costs associated with supporting and holding meetings of the scientific committee and the scientific groups, working groups, the advisory forum, the Management Board and meetings with the scientific partners or interested parties,

- costs associated with the establishment of scientific opinions using external resources (contracts and subsidies),
- costs associated with the creation of data collection networks and the integration of the existing information systems,
- costs associated with the scientific and technical assistance to the Commission (Article 31),
- costs associated with the identification of logistical support measures,
- costs associated with technical and scientific cooperation,
- costs associated with the dissemination of scientific opinions,
- costs associated with communication activities.

The Authority must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Authority's establishment plan is set out in the Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 77 330 000~~~~EUR 77 333 108~~. An amount of ~~EUR 918 000~~~~EUR 788 108~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 76 412 000~~~~EUR 76 545 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 17 03 12 — European Medicines Agency

Item 17 03 12 01 — Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure in connection with the work programme (Title 3), in order to carry out the tasks provided for in Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in the Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 26 215 000~~~~EUR 33 230 142~~. An amount of ~~EUR 1 499 000~~~~coming~~~~EUR 1 897 142 coming~~ from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 24 716 000~~~~EUR 31 333 000~~ entered in the budget.

Item 17 03 12 02 — Special contribution for orphan medicinal products

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the special contribution provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 141/2000, as opposed to the one provided for in Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004. It is used by the Agency exclusively to compensate for the total or partial non-recovery of payments due for an orphan medicinal product.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 6 800 000~~EUR 6 000 000.

Article 17 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 17 03 77 06 — Preparatory action — Antimicrobial resistance (AMR): Research on the causes of high and improper antibiotic usage

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~In 2009, based on bacteria most frequently isolated from blood cultures in Europe, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control estimated that each year these selected multidrug-resistant bacteria resulted in about 25 000 patient deaths and in extra healthcare costs and productivity losses of at least EUR 1,5 billion each year. Over the past few decades, the irresponsible and incorrect use of antibiotics has accelerated this trend. Antimicrobial resistance is therefore a phenomenon which clearly has cross-border implications and the occurrence of an outlier effect, which would most probably not be manageable with the current resources and knowledge, cannot be excluded.~~

~~Aims of the preparatory action:~~

- ~~to study the issue of the inappropriate use and sale of antimicrobial agents with or without prescription throughout the chain — from the doctor and the pharmacist to the patient — in terms of behaviour of all actors involved, by choosing as study cases the key Member States with the highest degree of access to antibiotics without prescription. The action will seek to better evaluate the reasons for the inappropriate use of antibiotics, assess the level of antibiotics sold without prescription in the target countries (including the countries where the enforcement of legislation is poor), identify the reasons for such high levels of sales without prescription, assess whether there is enough information reaching the relevant actors, identifying their motives, incentives, practices and the perception of the overall threat of antimicrobial resistance and make recommendations on how to best address this situation;~~
- ~~to contribute and lead to a comprehensive and integrated Union policy against AMR.~~

~~Specific actions:~~

- ~~thorough surveys in the groups to which this preparatory action is addressed;~~
- ~~in-depth discussions;~~
- ~~identification of study cases in each key Member State.~~

Item 17 03 77 07 — Preparatory action — Creation of a Union network of experts in the field of adapted care for adolescents with psychological problems

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The objective is the creation of a Union network of experts that will promote and sustain innovative and adapted care structures for adolescents with psychological problems (houses for teens). It will collect, exchange, develop and share experience, knowledge and best practices in this field. The network must be seen as a follow-up action to the European Mental Health Pact and the series of conferences organised by the Commission in this field.

The objectives of the Union network are:

- to collect, exchange, develop and share expertise, experience, knowledge and best practices,
- to promote, support and offer practical help for the creation of adapted care structures for adolescents,
- to facilitate reciprocal staff training, including study visits and traineeships,
- to raise the awareness of the general public and of national and Union authorities,
- to promote a medical specialisation in adolescentology,
- to provide representation of its members in the Union and international institutions.

Item 17 03 77 08 — Pilot project — European Prevalence Protocol for early detection of autistic spectrum disorders in Europe

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the extension of this pilot project.

Of those affected by intellectually debilitating diseases, children suffering from autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) are most likely to benefit from a Union added value, and should therefore constitute a primary focus for action. At present, the lack of Union and national efforts regarding ASD patients who have reached adulthood and who are first diagnosed in adulthood is having a negative impact on the 'Healthy Life Years' and potential for 'active ageing' of that specific subpopulation.

The creation of a shared European perspective on autism spectrum disorders necessitates the encouragement of advocacy, trans-cultural and cost-effective clinical practices, research, and exchange of information and expertise. The ability of adults with autism to take care, or even provide for themselves depends on their intellectual capacities and their ability to cope with the social and communicative demands of modern society. Patients first diagnosed in adulthood tend to have high intellectual capacities but still fail due to poor social and communicative skills. Specific support relies on the existence of tested protocols in order to detect the ASD symptoms/behavioural patterns that arise not only in severe forms of autism generally diagnosed in childhood but also in milder forms first diagnosed in adulthood. If properly taught social responses and accepted behaviours, autistic adults can function as contributing members of society. Presently, the majority of such high-functioning autistic adults live in a socially isolated manner and rely on social support due to a lack of recognition of the specific form of high-functioning autism affecting them and lack of specific means to support them.

Aim of the project

The objectives of this project should focus on the major issue surrounding ASD in adulthood, namely early detection of high-functioning ASD and developments of means to support such people. The strategic objective is the improvement of the quality of life, social and vocational reintegration of individuals affected by ASD and avoidance of social disintegration and early retirement.

Description of the project

The proposed action will build on the progress yielded by the European Autism Information System (EAIS) project (<http://www.eais.eu/>) through the implementation of the protocols developed. This proposal is particularly focused on applying a public health model to ASD, with work packages on prevalence, screening, diagnosis and intervention.

There are three specific objectives to be reached for this project. They are as follows:

(1) To estimate the prevalence of ASD in 6 to 9 pilot areas, to be located in different Member States, using the harmonised European Autism Prevalence Protocol developed by the EAIS project, and to validate aforementioned protocol in different languages and cultural settings. This will lead to the first continental study of autism prevalence and will ideally supply the European Commission with an accurate estimate of the number of ASD-afflicted individuals in Europe.

(2) To implement and, as much as possible validate a strategy for early identification of ASD in 6 to 9 pilot areas via the utilisation of the harmonised protocol developed by the EAIS project. This is to include a component of translating and adapting autism screening tools into different languages and cultural settings and to compare the results. Furthermore, this objective will aim to increase awareness of autism amongst public and professional communities, and aid in the training of healthcare professionals in order to improve their familiarity with, and ability to recognise ASD in childhood and also high-functioning variants in adulthood.

(3) To review current best practices on early intervention, diagnosis and clinical management on ASD, to collaborate with partners in order to review what is currently delivered by their services regarding early intervention for children and adults with ASD, and to identify specific needs and to then design a training program in intervention appropriate for that community and to make recommendations about staff training.

At the end of the project period, a clear picture of comparable, population-based prevalence rates in the Member States will exist. Moreover, the medical community will have guidelines on how to recognize ASD at an early stage and low and high-functioning variants, and how best to diagnose and to medically intervene in order to assure best individually possible outcomes. The envisaged multicultural, polylingual experience will provide a unique opportunity for future expansion, both in Europe and worldwide, in order to improve the quality of life of people suffering from ASD. This project will lay a strong focus on disseminating the findings of this holistic public health approach broadly across European member countries, so that the potential benefits may be reaped by as many afflicted individuals and families as possible.

Item 17 03 77 09 — Pilot project — Promotion of self-care systems in the Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this pilot project.

The focus of this project is: the identification of the cost, benefit of self-care-oriented healthcare systems in Europe, exchange of best practices, and potential areas for collaboration. The project will also seek to develop a deeper understanding of the opportunity offered by self-care in the current economic and social context in the Union and identify barriers to present uptake. The project will test the possibility of implementing best practices in certain Member States.

The project's objective is to put in place a framework for action to enhance self-care at Union level and to develop strategies to support the broader implementation of effective self-care. Those strategies will involve:

(1) the Commission undertaking an independent cost/benefit analysis of self-care in the Union and the current frameworks in place to enhance self-care and patients' empowerment:

- the Commission will launch a call for tenders to conduct the study and the mandate should be attributed to a respected academic;
- the objectives of the study are to:
 - review available studies and data;
 - analyse self-care in the Union and Member States;
 - identify advantages and barriers of patient empowerment uptake;
 - assess the level of healthcare systems resources dealing with minor and self-limiting conditions that could be effectively managed through self-care by motivated, empowered, and informed patients given the right support;
 - identify best practices on self-care between Member States and testing of transferability.

Based on the result of the study the Commission should identify different opportunities for action to promote self-care.

(2) Creation of a platform of experts in self-care and healthcare gathering cross-functional stakeholders.

Model:

- Union and national policy makers, policy influencers, governments, academics, healthcare professionals, patient groups, consumer associations, industry, public and private healthcare insurers to take part;
- agenda with clear objectives, deliverables, and timeline;
- platform to be set up by the organisation selected in the call for tenders;
- objective of the platform:
 - identification of the gaps in the available data and the information that hinder present understanding of self-care;
 - review and identification of the opportunities and barriers as identified in the Commission study;
 - identification of the scope and the priorities for action:
 - disease areas where the promotion of a self-care system could bring an added value in the prevention and effective management of the disease;
 - relevant tools and mechanisms to promote a self-care model;

- ~~publication of Union guidelines by the platform on how to promote self care, on the agreed scope, taking into account the results of the testing of best practices transfers in different Member States,~~
- ~~proposal of scenarios for Union collaboration in this field,~~
- ~~preparation of adapted communication tools to patient/consumers on prevention and disease management: awareness leaflets, interactive tools at the point of healthcare delivery,~~
- ~~increase access to diagnosis tools at the point of healthcare delivery, e.g.: blood pressure meter, spirometer, diet evaluation tools.~~

Item 17 03 77 10 — Pilot project — Gender specific mechanisms in coronary artery disease in Europe

Remarks

~~This appropriation~~Coronary artery disease (CAD) is ~~intended to cover commitments remaining to~~one of the most frequent killers in women and men in Europe. This pilot project will involve a study aimed at establishing a best practice scheme across the Union, improving diagnosis and therapy by considering gender specific manifestations of the disease. This will largely improve diagnosis and treatment in women and men and basic principles may be settled from previous years under this pilot project.~~translated to other diseases.~~

~~The objectives of the program are for the involved countries:~~

- ~~to increase medical and public awareness about gender differences in CAD regarding clinical manifestations and incidence,~~
- ~~to establish Union guidelines on gender specific manifestations of CAD and treatments,~~
- ~~to examine gender implications on health determinants and risk factors,~~
- ~~to disseminate the best practice plan in Member States.~~

Item 17 03 77 12 — Pilot project — Reducing health inequalities: building expertise and evaluation of actions.

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this pilot project.

This appropriation is intended to cover the establishment of a pilot project to improve knowledge sharing and actions to reduce health inequalities in the Union — particularly in Member States and regions with the greatest needs, and those in receipt of cohesion funds.

It will establish a network of exchange between experts and policy advisers across the Union, focusing on support and training for the development and implementation of policies, as well as specific activities, addressing health inequalities at national and subnational/regional level.

Priorities for the network will include, in particular, development of expertise in issues related to effectiveness of prevention policies, differences and discrimination in access to healthcare, as well as strategies to alleviate the social, environmental and behavioural factors contributing to health inequalities.

The pilot project will also carry out a review and evaluations of activities addressing health inequalities already supported through Union structural funds and programmes. Specific activities carried out under this pilot project will be defined after a consultation process among Member States involved and stakeholders in the field of public health and healthcare policies.

This pilot project will be aimed at improving the awareness and knowledge in key target groups for policy about the importance of addressing health inequalities and the opportunities to do so, in particular through the structural funds. It will also review and evaluate actions taken through the structural funds and programmes in this matter, thus promoting the development of better policy making in future.

Item 17 03 77 13 — Pilot project — Developing evidence based strategies to improve the health of isolated and vulnerable persons

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under this pilot project.

Across the Member States the occurrence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is increasing at an unprecedented speed. At the same time, more and more Europeans are struggling with problems concerning e.g. obesity and mental health. Isolated and vulnerable persons in particular struggle with problems linked to deteriorating health. Both men and women suffer from such health decline but their health issues are not the same and should be addressed differently.

In 2011 the Commission published a comprehensive report on the state of the health of European men which showed important inequalities between women's and men's health. One of the key statements in the report is 'Improving men's health also has both direct and indirect benefits for women and children'. In 2009 the Commission published a similar report on the state of the health of European women.

There seems to be a growing recognition of the fact that men's and women's health problems are to be treated from different angles and therefore this project has the following objectives:

- (1) to gather and assess — e.g. through European Community Health Indicators (ECHI) — existing information on the differences of men's and women's (in particular the isolated and vulnerable) health in the participating Member States and on existing practices to address this issue;
- (2) to increase the knowledge base on the life styles and attitudes towards individual (including mental) health, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of especially isolated and vulnerable persons, and identify the reasons why there seems to be greater reluctance in this specific group of people to change lifestyles and to seek the help of doctors or other health services. The studies can be both disease-specific and population-based;
- (3) to analyse health systems across different Member States to identify what the causes of the relative under-utilisation of health services by less advantaged groups are and what can be done to address it;
- (4) on basis of the evidence collected to develop and test (gender) targeted strategies to improve the health of these people, to facilitate their access to health services and to prevent health problems from occurring in the first place;
- (5) to disseminate the results and best practice examples to Member States, in particular health providers in the primary sector, and to encourage follow up on the results.

Item 17 03 77 14 — Preparatory action — Healthy diet: early years and ageing population

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

This preparatory action is intended to continue the project which aims at underlining the importance of a correct and healthy diet with a focus on the ageing population.

The ageing of the population of Europe is a demographic phenomenon that is due to a decrease in fertility and to an increase of life expectancy among European citizens.

The population of Europe is expected to age over the next 40 years and this phenomenon is closely related to nutrition issues.

As recognised in various studies, nutrition has a strong and important impact in the treatment and prevention of several diseases and in maintaining good health and quality of life in an ageing population.

With advancing age, there is a high incidence of chronic diseases. Evidence points to the important effect of nutrition and, in particular, of a balanced and healthy diet based on fruit and vegetables, and on one's susceptibility to such diseases and their development and outcome.

This project also seeks to provide parents and children with information on nutrition. It will focus on the early years of life, and could therefore cover prenatal nutrition, breastfeeding, and childhood nutrition. The project has two main objectives, namely to educate parents on the importance of good nutrition for their children, and to educate children so they consciously make healthy lifestyle choices throughout their lives. The project will operate within the framework of the Health Programme and will specifically address two of the programme's overarching objectives: that of promoting health and reducing health inequalities, and that of disseminating health information.

This preparatory action will try to reach its target audiences through a range of channels, such as pre-natal classes, hospitals, nurseries and pre-school establishments, and schools. It should involve appropriate civil society organisations, such as health-orientated NGOs, as well as healthcare professionals such as, for instance, paediatric doctors and midwives, and national and regional health authorities. Cooperation between these different actors should aim to deliver targeted education about nutrition, independently of the food industry, to both parents and children. Information campaigns could be launched in the form of leaflets (to be given, for example, to pregnant mothers by midwives, or to parents by paediatric doctors) or presentations in schools.

Item 17 03 77 15 — Preparatory action — European study on the burden and care of epilepsy

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

Epilepsy is a disorder of the brain characterised by an enduring predisposition to generate epileptic seizures, and by the neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social consequences of this condition. The latter include premature death, stigmatisation, social exclusion, and reduced quality of life. While effective treatments are available, barriers exist in relation to the access to health care, resulting in a significant treatment gap. A European survey completed more than a decade ago indicated that there were insufficient resources and marked disparities in the availability of epilepsy care among Member States, but the situation at present is unknown. Adding to the difficulties in allocation of adequate resources, estimates of the prevalence and cost of epilepsy in Europe vary considerably. A recent review by the European Brain Council estimated that 2,6 million people in Europe have epilepsy whereas a WHO/ ILAE/IBE report estimates that 6 million people in Europe suffer from epilepsy. The true prevalence rate of epilepsy can probably vary somewhat between countries and regions, and possibly also over time. It is unclear, however, if the reasons for the pronounced variability, both between countries and within countries, in reported prevalence rates in Europe is explained by true differences in prevalence, by differences in methodology and lack of reliable data, or by a combination.

The burden of epilepsy in Europe is thus a field characterised by considerable knowledge gaps with major un-researched countries and regions, and by conflicting observations in countries where such research has been carried out. There is therefore an urgent need for a more definitive European-wide comprehensive study of the burden of epilepsy and of access to health care using appropriate and standardised methodology. Information derived from this study will be essential for action plans including decisions on allocation of resources for the provision of sustainable, adequate, equal, and cost-effective epilepsy care across Europe. A targeted approach to the delivery of care is especially important for a condition like epilepsy which reports a high burden of disease. Configuring the delivery of health care services to alleviating this burden throughout Europe requires accurate data not only on those needing treatment, on attitudes towards epilepsy in society and on existing barriers for access to health care, but in addition on the economic cost of care.

It is expected that a study on this scale will have a major impact on identifying if there are areas in Europe where epilepsy can be definitively assessed as being more prevalent than others. It is hoped that the study will also provide conclusive evidence of the prevalence rate of epilepsy in the Union which would have a major impact on how the disease is viewed in terms of policy decision making. Similarly a cost study would allow for better planning to manage the disease. The study is expected to identify deficiencies in what is currently perceived as fragmented epilepsy care with pronounced differences in resources between Member States and furthermore the need for education of public and health care workers to combat the stigma associated with epilepsy. The proposed unique European study will facilitate a coordinated pan-European action to ensure equal epilepsy care and quality of life for people with epilepsy. It will also demonstrate the need for individual Member States to improve accessibility of epilepsy care, ultimately improving the life of people with epilepsy in Europe and reducing the costs of the disease.

Aim of the project

The aim of the project is to assess the burden of epilepsy as well as the available epilepsy health care in the Union to build a coordinated information platform across Member States involving NGOs, stakeholders and government organisations with regard to the burden of epilepsy. Good practices will be identified and recommendations made for better epilepsy care throughout the Union.

The strategic objective is to provide the necessary data for allocation of adequate resources for high-quality epilepsy care equal in all Member States thus closing the treatment gap, preventing the devastating consequences of epilepsy, reducing unemployment, stigma, and isolation, and securing improved quality of life for people with epilepsy, all in line with the recommendations of the European Parliament's Written Declaration on Epilepsy.

Description of the project

This project would first define a standardised methodology appropriate for the study of the stigma and public attitudes relating to epilepsy and its incidence, prevalence, and cost, and access to and organisation of epilepsy care. The proposed action is a standardised, prospective population-based study carried out in representative regions in 8-12 EU Member States. These will be selected to represent all Union regions, East, West, North, and South, and to include, in the main, countries where no data are available. Some countries where data are available from previous research will also be included to enable validation of the current methodology. Research teams will be established in the participating countries. These will utilise a multi-source methodology searching, in a defined geographical area, relevant hospitals, institutions, general practitioners, EEG-laboratories to ascertain cases meeting the criteria for epilepsy as defined by the International League Against Epilepsy. The aim is to capture all age groups, disease duration, and severity. Direct health-care cost and non-medical costs as well as indirect costs will be determined prospectively over a one year period for each case with epilepsy as well as for matched controls without epilepsy. The analysis will include assessments of stigma, quality of life, employment and access to health care. The local research teams will use validated questionnaires to assess knowledge and attitudes towards epilepsy among the public and health care professionals in their regions as well as survey the regional health organisation for epilepsy care.

The results will be used to formulate recommendations to policy makers including methods for follow-up of their implementation and sustainability.

CHAPTER 17 04 — FOOD AND FEED SAFETY, ANIMAL HEALTH, ANIMAL WELFARE AND PLANT HEALTH

Article 17 04 05 — Emergency measures related to major crises in the agricultural sector

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to finance expenditure for emergency measures covered by Section 1 of Chapter I of Title II and Section 1 of Chapter II of Title II of Commission proposal COM (2013) 327 final needed to cope with major crises affecting agricultural production or distribution in the event that these crises result from problems in the domain of the food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health.~~

~~Appropriations will be made available through transfers from Article 05 03 10 'Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector' according with the Financial Regulation in the event that appropriations available for food safety in Heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020 are insufficient after examination of the scope for reallocating appropriations.~~

Legal basis

~~Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).~~

Reference acts

~~Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1).~~

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 June 2013, laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC (COM(2013) 327 final).~~

Article 17 04 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 17 04 77 03 — Pilot project — Developing best practices in animal transport

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

This pilot project will focus on the management of transported animals with a certain focus on the main farm species and key stakeholders participating in the transport of animals (farmers, specialised transporters, traders, slaughterhouse operators and veterinarians).

The final output of the pilot project will be an analysis of the different practices on assessment of the animals in order to bring the best practices to light. Based on this analysis the project will establish standard operating procedures for transporting animals and a strategy to disseminate those procedures among stakeholders including possibly training courses as necessary.

Animal transport — background information

Every year nearly 40 million farmed animals are transported between Member States. This transport of animals is necessary for farms specialised in breeding, rearing, fattening and for slaughterhouses.

However, there are a lot of different practices in the Member States, among others because of poor compliance of some requirements with Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport — e.g. conflicting veterinary assessments in animal transport.

Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 requires that animals are checked by the competent authority for fitness before they are transported on long journeys between Member States (and with third countries). Also for short or national journeys an assessment of the animal's fitness must be made.

A veterinarian/farmer at a farm might assess the animal's condition and approve the transport. Once the animal has arrived at e.g. the slaughterhouse, the veterinarian then might declare the animal unsuitable for transport. Situations like these are not satisfactory for either the animals or the drivers.

Item 17 04 77 04 — Pilot project — Farmhouse and Artisan Cheesemakers' European Network — Project involving the production of European guidelines for proper hygienic practice

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

It is extremely important for small cheesemaking to continue and for the sector to expand, in view of the growing consumer demand for high-quality local produce. Small cheesemaking provides jobs and offers a way in to farming — in particular for young people — that does not call for the investment of very large sums of money.

Cheesemaking is governed, in the main, by Union rules which apply to farmers and food processing undertakings alike, including very small undertakings. Regrettably, in many cases those rules are applied by national and regional authorities in too rigid a manner, without paying any heed to the principles of adaptability and flexibility clearly established in the relevant legislation.

This project accordingly seeks to ensure that proper account is taken of small cheesemakers' need for flexibility and to secure final validation by the Commission, thus sending out a positive message about Union legislation and the Union in general, not just to farmers and cheesemakers but also to consumers.

The HACCP approach seeks to capitalise on experience in order to improve processes and thus ensure that a closer check is kept on food safety. It is an approach that normally draws on quality control resources of the kind only large companies are able to put in place. Under this project, small producers will come together to draw up guidelines for proper hygienic practice as a first step in a response to this need for continuous improvement that will be at least as effective, and in all probability more transparent.

One of the project's aims is to produce guidelines for proper hygienic practice validated by the Commission that can serve as a reference for all those working in this area.

The guidelines will therefore be based on how the professionals in the sector actually work, rather than on theory. The fact that they will be drawn up by the 11 trade organisations making up the FACE network, with the assistance of research centres operating in related sectors, will ensure that proper account is taken of traditional know-how in the various regions and that the knowledge and experience of implementing HACCP approaches tailored to small processing facilities that various groups have accumulated over a number of years are pooled and put to good use.

This innovative approach, based on self-organisation at European level and the participation of relevant partners, is also in line with the idea of professionals in each sector taking responsibility for health and hygiene issues that is put forward in the relevant legislation, with the legislative authorities setting the ultimate objectives and the professionals making the arrangement required in order to meet those objectives.

In view of the various challenges facing it (languages, logistics, organisational requirements, etc.), this ambitious multi-partner project is in need of financial support.

TITLE 18 — HOME AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 18 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘HOME AFFAIRS’ POLICY AREA

Article 18 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Home affairs’ policy area

Item 18 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for [Asylum](#), ~~Asylum and~~ Migration [and Integration](#) Fund

CHAPTER 18 02 — INTERNAL SECURITY

Article 18 02 01 — Internal Security Fund

Item 18 02 01 01 — Support of border management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel

Remarks

[The Fund shall contribute to the following specific objectives:](#)

- [supporting a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel, provide a high quality of service to visa applicants, ensure equal treatment of third country nationals and tackle illegal immigration.](#)
- [supporting integrated borders management, including promoting further harmonisation of border management-related measures in accordance with common Union standards and through sharing of information between Member States and between Member States and the Frontex Agency, to ensure, on one hand, a uniform and high level of control and protection of the external borders, including by the tackling of illegal immigration, and, on the other hand, the smooth crossing of the external borders in conformity with the Schengen acquis, while guaranteeing access to international protection for those needing it, in accordance with the obligations contracted by the Member States in the field of human rights, including the principle of non-refoulement.](#)

~~This appropriation shall support a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel, ensure equal treatment of third country nationals and tackle irregular migration and, to support border management, to ensure, on the one hand, a high level of protection of external borders and, on the other hand, the smooth crossing of the external borders in conformity with the Schengen acquis.~~

[This appropriation](#)It is intended to cover the expenditure related to actions in or by Member States and in particular the following:

- ~~infrastructures, buildings and systems required at border crossing points and for surveillance between border crossing points to prevent and tackle unauthorised border crossings, illegal immigration and cross-border criminality as well as to guarantee smooth travel flows;~~[border crossing infrastructure, buildings and systems required at border crossing points and for surveillance between border crossing points and the effective tackling of illegal crossings of the external borders,](#)
- operating equipment, means of transport and communication systems required for effective [and secure](#) border control and the detection of ~~persons;~~[persons, such as fixed terminals for VIS, SIS and the European Image Archiving System \(FADO\), including state of the art technology,](#)
- [IT and communication systems for efficient](#)~~systems for the~~ management of migration flows across borders, [including investments in existing and future systems;](#)
- [infrastructures, buildings, communication and IT systems](#)~~infrastructure, buildings~~ and operating equipment required for the processing of visa applications and consular [co-operation, as well as other actions aimed at improving the quality of service for the visa applicants;](#)~~cooperation,~~
- [training regarding the use of the equipment and systems referred to in point \(b\), \(c\) and \(d\) and the promotion of quality management standards and training of border guards, including where appropriate in third countries, regarding the execution of](#)

their surveillance, advisory and control tasks with respect to international human rights law, including the identification of victims of human trafficking and people smuggling

- secondment of Immigration Liaisons Officers and document advisers in third countries and the exchange and secondment of border guards between Member States or between a Member State and a third country;
- studies, training, pilot projects and other actions gradually establishing an integrated management system for external borders as referred to in Article 3(3) including actions aiming to foster interagency cooperation either within Member States or between Member States and actions relating to the interoperability and harmonisation of border management systems;
- studies, pilot projects and actions aiming to ~~implement foster interagency cooperation within Member States and between Member States, and implementing~~ the recommendations, operational standards and best practices resulting from the operational cooperation between Member States and Union Agencies.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the expenditure related to actions in relation to and in third countries and in particular the following:

- information systems, tools or equipment for sharing information between Member States and third ~~countries;~~ countries;
- actions ~~relating to aiming to foster~~ operational ~~co-operation~~ cooperation between Member States and third countries, including joint ~~operations;~~ operations;
- ~~projects in third countries aimed at improving surveillance systems to ensure cooperation with the EUROSUR; studies, events, training, equipment and pilot projects to provide ad hoc technical and operational expertise to third countries;~~
- studies, seminars, workshops, conferences, training, equipment and pilot projects to provide ad hoc technical and operational expertise to third countries;
- studies, ~~seminars, workshops, conferences, events;~~ training, equipment and pilot projects implementing specific recommendations, operational standards and best practices, resulting from the operational ~~co-operation~~ cooperation between Member States and Union agencies in third countries.

~~A Member State may use up to 50 % of the amount allocated under the instrument to its national programme to finance operating support to the public authorities responsible for accomplishing the tasks and services which constitute a public service for the Union.~~

This appropriation is also intended to cover foregone fees from visas issued for the purpose of transit and additional costs incurred in implementing the Facilitated Transit Document (FTD) and the Facilitated Rail Transit Document (FRTD) scheme in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 693/2003 of 14 April 2003 establishing a specific Facilitated Transit Document (FTD), a Facilitated Rail Transit Document (FRTD) and amending the Common Consular Instructions and the Common Manual (OJ L 99, 7.4.2003, p. 8) and Council Regulation (EC) No 694/2003 of 14 April 2003 on uniform formats for Facilitated Transit Documents (FTD) and Facilitated Rail Transit Documents (FRTD) provided for in Regulation (EC) No 693/2003 (OJ L 99, 7.4.2003, p. 15).

At the Commission's initiative, this appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union. To be eligible for funding, those actions shall in particular pursue the following objectives:

- to support ~~the~~ preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical ~~activities, support, development of an evaluation mechanism,~~ required to implement external borders and visa policies, including to ~~strengthen the implement Schengen~~ governance of the Schengen areas determined by developing and implementing the evaluation ~~the Schengen evaluation and monitoring~~ mechanism as established by the ~~Council~~ Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 on the establishment of an evaluation and monitoring ~~mechanism, No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism~~ to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and the Schengen Borders Code in particular mission expenditure for experts of the Commission and the Member States participating in on site visits; ~~acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27).~~
- to improve the knowledge and understanding of the situation prevailing in the Member States and third countries through analysis, evaluation and close monitoring of ~~policies;~~ policies;
- to support the development of statistical tools, including common statistical tools, ~~tools~~ and methods and common ~~indicators;~~ indicators;
- to support and monitor the implementation of Union law and Union policy objectives in the Member States, and assess their effectiveness and impact, including with regard to the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as far as the scope of this instrument is concerned;
- to promote networking, mutual learning, identification and dissemination of ~~best good~~ practices and innovative approaches amongst different stakeholders at European ~~level;~~ level;
- to promote projects aiming at harmonisation and interoperability of border management-related measures in accordance with common Union standards with a view to developing an integrated European border management system;

- to enhance awareness of Union policies and objectives among stakeholders and the general public, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union; Union,
- to boost the capacity of European networks to assess, promote, support and further develop Union policies and objectives;objectives,
- to support particularly innovative projects developing new methods and/or technologies with a potential for transferability to other Member States, especially projects aiming at testingwhich aim to test and validatingvalidate research projects; projects,
- to support ~~certain~~ actions in relation to and in third countries as referred to in Article 4(2);4(2).
- Awareness-raising, information and communication activities in relation to EU home affairs policies, priorities and achievements.

This appropriation shall also cover financial assistance to address urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation which means a situation of urgent and exceptional pressure where a large or disproportionate number of third-country nationals cross or are expected to cross the external border of one or more Member States.

This appropriation will provide for reimbursement of the costs incurred by the Commission and Member States experts for the on-the-spot evaluation visits (travel cost and accommodation) regarding the application of the Schengen *acquis*. The cost of supplies and equipment needed for the on-the-spot evaluation visits and for their preparation and follow-up must be added to these costs.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) of the Financial Regulation.

Item 18 02 01 02 — Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security related risks and crisis

Remarks

The fund shall contribute to the following specific objectives:

- crime prevention, combating cross-border, serious and organised crime including terrorism, and reinforcing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities and other national authorities of Member States, including with EUROPOL or other relevant EU bodies, and with relevant third-countries and international organisations.
- enhancing the capacity of Member States and the Union for managing effectively security-related risks and crisis, and preparing for and protecting people and critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks and other security related incidents.

~~This appropriation shall contribute in particular to preventing and combating cross-border, serious and organised crime including terrorism, and reinforcing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities of Member States and with relevant third-countries, and to enhancing the capacity of Member States and the Union for managing effectively security-related risks and crises, and preparing for, and protecting people and critical infrastructure against, terrorist attacks and other security related incidents.~~

This appropriation~~It~~ is intended to cover actions in Member States, and in particular the following:

- actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including with and between relevant EU bodies, in particular EUROPOL and Eurojust, joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable ~~technologies;technologies,~~
- projects promoting networking, public-private partnerships, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification, exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and interoperability;interoperability,
- analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including studies and threat, risk and impact assessments, which are evidence based and consistent with priorities and initiatives identified at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council;
- awareness raising, dissemination and communication ~~activities; activities, including from a gender perspective,~~
- acquisition, maintenance of Union and national IT systems contributing to the achievement of the objectives of this Regulation,acquisition and/or further upgrading of IT systems and technical equipment, including testing compatibility of systems, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially information and communication technology (ICT)ICT systems and their components, including for the purpose of European cooperation on cyber security and cyber crime,cybercrime, notably with the European Cybercrime Centre;Centre,
- exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, ~~including from a gender perspective,~~ including language training and joint exercises or programmes;programmes,

- measures deploying, transferring, testing and validating new methodology or technology, including pilot projects and follow-up measures to Union funded security research projects.

This appropriation is also intended to cover actions in relation to and in third-countries, and in particular the following:

- actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable ~~technologies; technologies,~~
- networking, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification, exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and ~~interoperability; interoperability,~~
- ~~exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities acquisition and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, including ICT systems and their components,~~
- ~~exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, including language training,~~
- ~~awareness raising, dissemination and communication activities,~~
- ~~threat, risk and impact assessments,~~
- ~~studies and pilot projects.~~

At the Commission's initiative, this appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union concerning the general, specific and operational objectives set out in Article 3 of the proposed Regulation (COM(2011) 753 final). To be eligible for funding, Union actions shall be ~~consistent in line~~ with the priorities ~~and initiatives~~ identified ~~at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council,~~ in relevant Union strategies, ~~policy cycles,~~ programmes, threat and risk assessments, and support in particular:

- preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical ~~activities, and support,~~ development of an evaluation mechanism required to implement the policies on police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis ~~management; management,~~
- transnational projects involving two or more Member States or at least one Member State and one ~~third-country; third-country,~~
- analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including threat, risk and impact ~~assessments, which are evidence based and consistent with priorities and initiatives identified at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council assessments~~ and projects monitoring the implementation of Union law and Union policy objectives in the Member ~~States; States,~~
- projects promoting networking, ~~public-private partnerships,~~ mutual confidence, understanding and learning, identification and dissemination of good practices and innovative approaches at Union level, training and exchange ~~programmes; programmes,~~
- projects supporting the development of methodological, notably statistical, tools and methods and common ~~indicators; indicators,~~
- the ~~acquisition, maintenance acquisition~~ and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, ~~expertise,~~ secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially ICT systems and their components at the Union level, including for the purpose of European cooperation on ~~cyber security and cyber crime, cybercrime,~~ notably a European Cybercrime ~~Centre; Centre,~~
- projects enhancing awareness of Union policies and objectives among stakeholders and the general public, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the ~~Union; Union,~~
- particularly innovative projects developing new methods and/or deploying new technologies with a potential for transferability to other Member States, especially projects ~~aiming at testing which aim to test~~ and ~~validating validate~~ the outcome of Union funded security research ~~projects; projects,~~
- studies and pilot ~~projects; projects,~~
- ~~Awareness-raising, information and communication activities actions~~ in relation to ~~EU home affairs policies, priorities and achievements, and in third countries.~~

This appropriation shall also support actions in relation to and in third countries, and in particular the following:

- actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, and, where applicable, international organisations, including joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable technologies;
- networking, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification, exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and interoperability;

- [acquisition, maintenance, and/or further upgrading of technical equipment, including ICT systems and their components;](#)
- [exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, including language training;](#)
- [awareness raising, dissemination and communication activities;](#)
- [threat, risk and impact assessments;](#)
- [studies and pilot projects.](#)

This appropriation shall be used to provide financial assistance to address urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation which means any security-related incident or newly emerging threat which has or may have a significant adverse impact on the security of people in one or more Member States.

Article 18 02 03 — European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (Frontex)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015-2014~~ amounts to a total of ~~EUR 86 100 000~~~~EUR 82 910 000~~.

Article 18 02 04 — European Police Office (Europol)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Office's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure (Title 3).

The Office must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Office's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015-2014~~ amounts to a total of ~~EUR 95 036 000~~~~EUR 84 249 589~~. An amount of ~~EUR 2 262 000~~~~EUR 2 591 589~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 92 774 000~~~~EUR 81 658 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 18 02 05 — European Police College (CEPOL)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the College's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure (Title 3).

The College must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The College's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 8 471 000~~~~EUR 8 290 817~~. An amount of ~~EUR 793 000~~~~EUR 854 817~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 7 678 000~~~~EUR 7 436 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 18 02 06 — European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Centre's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Centre must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Centre's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 14 794 000~~~~EUR 14 793 959~~. An amount of ~~EUR 151 000~~~~EUR 42 959~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 14 643 000~~~~EUR 14 751 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 18 02 07 — European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice ('eu.LISA')

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 2 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 72 809 100~~~~EUR 59 380 000~~.

Article 18 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 18 02 77 02 — Pilot project — New integrated mechanisms for cooperation between public and private actors to identify sports betting risks

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

Match fixing poses a serious threat to the integrity of sport and may be a way of laundering money for criminal groups. The aim of this pilot project is to ensure fair sports betting, to reduce corruption in sport and to prevent gambling from being used for criminal purposes. A range of expertise and experience should be combined in order to establish new integrated mechanisms that could involve cooperation between law enforcement authorities, online and offline betting operators, gambling organisations, sports federations, gambling regulators, sports clubs and athletes. Stepped-up information sharing between private actors and law enforcement authorities, as well as between police forces from different Member States, could lead to better prevention and faster response to suspicious activities at both national and international level.

Actions:

- collecting and analysing information from qualified sources: online and offline betting operators, gambling organisations, sports federations, gambling regulators and law enforcement authorities,
- developing risk indicators to be used at both national and Union level,
- assessing potential sports betting threats,
- enhancing information sharing and cooperation between private operators and police forces and between law enforcement authorities of different Member States,
- identifying sports events that could be targeted by corrupt athletes and/or criminals for match fixing purposes, including by monitoring the media, the internet and social networks,
- warning all stakeholders about specific risks of match fixing by disclosing information in an appropriate and timely manner,
- supporting competent authorities in undertaking investigations, where necessary, both within sport and in criminal circles,
- creating working groups or round tables at national level to promote the exchange of views and best practices between stakeholders,
- establishing mechanisms for anonymous reporting to national contact points.

CHAPTER 18 03 — ASYLUM AND MIGRATION

Article 18 03 01 — [Asylum, ~~Asylum and~~ Migration and Integration Fund](#)

Item 18 03 01 01 — Strengthening and developing the Common European Asylum System and enhancing solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to [contribute to strengthen and develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension and to enhance the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows, including through practical cooperation, support national programmes implemented by the Member States which shall contribute to an effective management of migration flows in the Union as part of the area of freedom, security and justice, in accordance with the common policy on asylum, subsidiary protection and temporary protection and the common immigration policy.](#)

~~In particular, this appropriation is intended to contribute to strengthen and develop the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension and to enhance the solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows.~~

In the case of the Common European Asylum System, this appropriation is intended to cover actions relating to reception and asylum systems and actions enhancing the capacity of Member States to develop, monitor and evaluate their asylum policies and procedures.

This appropriation is also intended to cover actions related to the resettlement, transfer of applicants for and beneficiaries of international protection and other ad hoc humanitarian admission~~resettlement of persons and relocation of persons.~~

At the Commission's initiative, the appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union. These actions shall, in particular, support:

- the furthering of Union cooperation in implementing Union law and in sharing good practices in the field of asylum, notably on resettlement and transfer of applicants for and/or beneficiaries of international protection from one Member State to another including through networking and exchanging information, , including arrival support and coordination activities to promote resettlement with the local communities that are to welcome resettled refugees;~~including resettlement and relocation;~~
- the setting-up of transnational cooperation networks and pilot projects, including innovative projects, based on transnational partnerships between bodies located in two or more Member States designed to stimulate innovation, and to facilitate exchanges of experience and good practice;~~practice,~~
- studies and research on possible new forms of Union cooperation in the field of asylum;~~asylum~~ and relevant EU~~Union~~ law, the dissemination and exchange of information on best practices and on all other aspects of asylum policies;~~asylum,~~ including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union;~~Union,~~
- development and application by Member States of common statistical tools, methods and indicators for measuring policy developments in the field of asylum;~~asylum,~~
- preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical support, development of an evaluation mechanism, required to implement the policies on asylum;~~asylum,~~
- cooperation with third countries on the basis of the Union's Global Approach to Migration and Mobility;~~countries,~~ in particular in the framework of the implementation ~~of readmission agreements,~~ mobility partnerships;~~partnerships and~~ regional protection programmes;~~programmes.~~
- Awareness-raising, information and communication activities in relation to EU home affairs policies, priorities and achievements.

This appropriation shall also cover urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation.

Item 18 03 01 02 — Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to support ~~legal national programmes implemented by the Member States which will contribute to an effective management of migration to the Member States in line with their economic and social needs such flows in the Union as labour market needs, while safeguarding the integrity of the immigration systems of Member States, to promote the effective integration of third-country nationals, and to enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States, which contribute to combating illegal immigration, part of the area of freedom, security and justice, in accordance with an emphasis on sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries of origin and transit, the common policy on asylum, subsidiary protection and temporary protection and the common immigration policy.~~

~~In particular, this appropriation is intended to contribute to supporting legal migration to the Union in line with the economic and social needs of Member States and promote the effective integration of third-country nationals, including of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection and, to enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States with emphasis on the sustainability of return and effective readmission in the countries of origin.~~

As regards legal migration and the integration of third-country nationals,~~the integration of third-country national and legal migration,~~ this appropriation is intended to cover immigration and pre-departure measures, integration measures, and practical co-operation~~and measures at local and regional level,~~ capacity building measures of Member States.

As regards fair and effective return strategies, this appropriation is intended to cover measures accompanying return procedures, return~~return~~ measures, practical co-operation and capacity building measures of Member States.

At the Commission's initiative, the appropriation may be used to finance transnational actions or actions of particular interest to the Union. These actions shall, in particular, support:

- the furthering of Union cooperation in implementing Union law and [in sharing](#) good practices in the field [of legal migration](#), integration of third-country nationals, and [return;return,](#)
- the setting-up of transnational cooperation networks and pilot projects, including innovative projects, based on transnational partnerships between bodies located in two or more Member States designed to stimulate innovation, and to facilitate exchanges of experience and good [practice;practice,](#)
- studies [and research](#) on possible new forms of Union cooperation in the field of [immigration](#), integration and return and relevant [EU](#) law, the dissemination and exchange of information on best practices and on all other aspects of [immigration](#), integration and return policies, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the [Union;Union,](#)
- development and application by Member States of common statistical tools, methods and indicators for measuring policy developments in the field of [legal migration and](#) integration and [return;return,](#)
- preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical support, [for the](#) development of an evaluation mechanism, required to implement the policies on [immigration;immigration,](#)
- cooperation with third [countries on the basis of the Union's Global Approach to Migration and Mobility](#), [countries,](#) in particular in the framework of the implementation of readmission agreements, mobility [partnerships;partnerships and regional protection programmes.](#)
- [information measures and campaigns in third countries aimed at raising awareness of appropriate legal channels for immigration and the risks of illegal immigration;](#)
- [Awareness-raising, information and communication activities in relation to EU home affairs policies, priorities and achievements.](#)

This appropriation shall also cover the European Migration Network for its activities and its future development.

Article 18 03 02 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Office's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Office must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The Office's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The Union contribution for [2015](#) amounts to a total of [EUR 14 731 360](#). [EUR 14 656 000. An amount of EUR 138 000 coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR 14 518 000 entered in the budget.](#)

Article 18 03 03 — European fingerprint database (Eurodac)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure relating to the [Communication Infrastructure establishment and operation of the central unit of the Eurodac system as referred in Art 4\(3\) of the Regulation \(EU\) No 603/2013. In addition, this appropriation is also intended to cover the operation of DublinNet system.](#)

Any revenue from the contributions of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein entered in Item 6 3 1 2 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 of 11 December 2000 concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 1) [applicable until 19 July 2015].~~p. 1).~~

~~Regulation (EU) No 603/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes, and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (recast) (OJ L 180, 29.6.2013, p. 1). [applicable from 20 July 2015]~~ Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 of 18 February 2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 50, 25.2.2003, p. 1).

~~Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (OJ L 180/31, 29.6.2013, p. 31).~~

Reference acts

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1560/2003 of 2 September 2003 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 222, 5.9.2003, p. 3).

~~Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 118/2014 of 30 January 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 1560/2003 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 39, 8.2.2014, p. 1). Commission Implementing Regulation C(2014) 360 amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1560/2003 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.~~

Article 18 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 18 03 77 02 — Preparatory action — Migration management — Solidarity in action

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.~~

Legal basis

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 18 03 77 06 — Preparatory action — Enable the resettlement of refugees during emergency situations

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The preparatory action aims to create a new line of funding to support the resettlement of refugees in emergency conditions that are not covered by the current European Refugee Fund (ERF) rules, and will not be covered in the near future as the current Fund, in its third iteration (ERF III), lapses in 2014. The activities carried out in the framework of this preparatory action, and the experiences collected within that framework, could then be integrated in the revision of the ERF planned for 2014.~~

The following actions are covered by this preparatory action:

- ~~— to support persons already recognised as refugees by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and ERF falling victim to natural disasters, armed attacks, etc.,~~
- ~~— to support emergency action in the case of groups of refugees, identified as priorities according to ERF and UNHCR rules, who are under armed attack, that have been victims of a natural disaster, or that face other conjunctures of extreme vulnerability and of a life-threatening nature,~~
- ~~— to fund rapid resettlement procedures of the Member States in conditions replicated from the routine resettlement activities funded by the ERF,~~
- ~~— to guarantee financing for emergency procedures without disruption of the ongoing ERF resettlement procedures,~~
- ~~— to provide, where needed, extra financial support during emergencies to the Office of the UNHCR and to its liaison organisations in the Member States and at Union level,~~
- ~~— to strengthen the activities of the European Asylum Support Office.~~

Item 18 03 77 09 — Preparatory action — Funding for the rehabilitation of victims of torture

Remarks

This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The main objective of this preparatory action is to create a line of funding for the final benefit of victims of torture whether EU citizens and/or migrants present in the European Union. It will enable rehabilitation centres to offer victims of torture as full rehabilitation as possible thus empowering torture victims to function properly in the society and to integrate faster in the European economies.

The preparatory action will cover the following actions:

- to provide victims with access to holistic rehabilitation such as multi-disciplinary support and counselling, including physical and psychotherapeutic treatment, legal services, and socio-economic support, by providing funds for the costs of rehabilitation centres for victims of torture (new or existing ones),
- to support the capacity building of rehabilitation centres via networking activities (in and outside Europe), research, training, development of common tools, exchange of good practices, peer supervision as a prevention of vicarious trauma, etc.,
- to support activities aiming at the empowerment of torture victims themselves and, in general, at supporting the integration capacities of torture victims in European countries,
- to support advocacy actions aiming at ensuring that Member States comply with the right to rehabilitation as defined in General Comment 3 to Article 14 of Convention Against Torture.

Since 2011, the implementation of the approved pilot project has been a success. The first call for proposals has been launched in October 2011 and resulted in 31 applications received from centres in 14 EU countries. The total of EU requested grants amounted to EUR 6 000 000, showing the great need for financial support among rehabilitation centres. Out of the 31 proposals, only 4 projects have been financed.

The second call for proposal was launched in July 2012 with 25 applications submitted from various countries. As EUR 2 000 000 were available in 2012 (compared to only EUR 1 000 000 in 2011), 7 projects have been selected.

The funds needed to support all the projects which applied for funding amounted to approximately EUR 8 000 000, showing the relevance of the fund and the needs to be covered.

The number of applications received so far demonstrates the needs in the European Union for supporting the rehabilitation of torture victims.

Item 18 03 77 10 — Pilot project — Completion of Funding for victims of torture

Remarks

Former item 21 04 77 03

This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

Legal basis

[Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54\(2\) of Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation \(EC, Euratom\) No 1605/2002 \(OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1\).](#)

Reference acts

[Council Directive 2003/9/EC of 27 January 2003 laying down minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers \(OJ L 31, 6.2.2003, p. 18\).](#)

[Conclusions of the Council of the European Union, 2865th External Relations Council meeting, Luxembourg, 29 April 2009.](#)

[Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union \(OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 389\).](#)

TITLE 19 — FOREIGN POLICY INSTRUMENTS

CHAPTER 19 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘FOREIGN POLICY INSTRUMENTS’ POLICY AREA

Article 19 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Foreign policy instruments’ policy area

Item 19 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Instrument ~~contributing for Stability (IfS)~~ — Expenditure related to [Stability and Peace](#) ~~‘Foreign policy instruments’ operations~~

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover:](#)

[- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,](#)

[- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations \(contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts\) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,](#)

[- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as publications activities and any other administrative or technical assistance directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.](#)

[- research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof;](#)

[- expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

~~This appropriation is intended to cover:~~

~~— expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,~~

~~— expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,~~

- ~~expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article ~~6 3 36 3 3~~ of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding ~~4 % 4 %~~ of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 19 02.

Item 19 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover support for implementation of CFSP measures for which the Commission lacks the required experience or needs additional support. The appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance which the Commission may delegate to an implementing agency governed by Union law,
- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries. This includes the costs associated with the update and maintenance of the ‘electronic-Consolidated Targeted Financial Sanctions List (e-CTFSL)’ necessary for the application of financial sanctions applied in pursuit of the specific CFSP objectives set out in the Treaty of the European Union.
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information systems and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 19 03.

Item 19 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) — Expenditure related to election observation Missions (EOMs)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) at headquarters intended to take over the tasks previously conferred on dismantled technical assistance offices. Expenditure on external personnel at headquarters is limited to EUR 336 727. This estimate is based on a provisional annual unit cost per man-year, of which 95 % is accounted for by remuneration for the personnel concerned and 5 % by the additional cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology (IT) and telecommunications relating to those staff members,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as systems and publications activities and any other administrative or technical assistance directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.
- research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof;

- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 19 04.

Item 19 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the Partnership Instrument

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) and publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof;](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

[Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21\(2\)\(b\) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187\(7\) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.](#)

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 19 05.

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

Article 19 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 19 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from the Partnership Instrument

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred as a result of the management ~~of projects funded out of the appropriations entrusted to the Agency~~ under ~~chapter 19 05 and entrusted to the Agency, Chapter 19 05.~~

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ ~~L 11, L 11~~, 16.1.2003, ~~p. 1~~).~~p. 1~~.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1934/2006 of 21 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories (OJ ~~L 405, L 405~~, 30.12.2006, ~~p. 41~~).~~p. 41~~.

~~Commission Decision 2009/336/EC of 20 April 2009 setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 26).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+' the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

Regulation (EU) No 234/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 77).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a Partnership instrument for cooperation with third countries (COM(2011) 843 final).~~

Commission Decision C(2013) 9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

CHAPTER 19 02 — INSTRUMENT CONTRIBUTING TO FOR STABILITY AND PEACE (IFS) — CRISIS RESPONSE, CONFLICT PREVENTION, PEACE-BUILDING ~~RESPONSE~~ AND CRISIS PREPAREDNESS ~~PREVENTION~~

Article 19 02 01 — Response to crisis and emerging crisis

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to swiftly contribute to stability by providing an effective response to help preserve, establish or re-establish the conditions essential to the proper implementation of the Union's external policies and actions in accordance with Article 21 of the Treaty on the European Union. The technical and financial assistance may be undertaken in response to a situation of urgency, crisis or emerging crisis, a situation posing a threat to democracy, law and order, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or the security and safety of individuals, in particular those exposed to gender-based violence in situations of instability, or a situation threatening to escalate into armed conflict or severely to destabilise the third country or countries concerned.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for EU Trust Funds.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) N° 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 1).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing an Instrument for Stability (COM(2011) 845 final), and in particular Article 1(2)(a) thereof.

Article 19 02 02 — Support to conflict prevention, peace-building~~crisis preparedness~~ and crisis preparedness~~peace building~~

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the prevention of conflicts and to ensuring capacity and~~cover technical and financial assistance to ensure the~~ preparedness to address pre- and post-crisis situations and build peace. Such technical and financial assistance shall cover support for measures aimed at building and strengthening the capacity of the~~of the European~~ Union and its partners to prevent conflict~~conflicts~~, address pre- and post-crisis situations, and build peace and address pre- and post-crisis needs in close coordination with the United Nations and other international, regional and sub-regional organisations, and State and civil society~~as well as with state and non-state~~ actors.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) N° 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument to contribute for stability and peace (OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p.1).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing an Instrument for Stability (COM(2011) 845 final), and in particular Article 1(2)(b) thereof.

CHAPTER 19 03 — COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY (CFSP)

Article 19 03 01 — Support to preservation of stability through Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) missions and European Union Special Representatives

Item 19 03 01 04 — Other crisis management measures and operations

Legal basis

Council Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP of 25 November 2005 on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28).

Council Decision 2010/330/CFSP of 14 June 2010 on European Union Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX-IRAQ (OJ L 149, 15.6.2010, p. 12).

Council Decision 2010/565/CFSP of 21 September 2010 on the European Union mission to provide advice and assistance for security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUSEC RD Congo) (OJ L 248, 22.9.2010, p. 59).

Council Decision 2010/576/CFSP of 23 September 2010 on the European Union police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of Congo (EUPOL RD Congo) (OJ L 254, 29.9.2010, p. 33).

[Council Decision 2010/784/CFSP of 17 December 2010 on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories \(EUPOL COPPS\) \(OJ L 335, 18.12.2010, p. 60\).](#)

Council Decision 2011/781/CFSP of 1 December 2011 on the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, (BiH) (OJ L 319, 2.12.2011, p. 51).

Council Decision 2012/312/CFSP of 18 June 2012 on the European Union Aviation Security CSDP Mission in South Sudan (EUAVSEC-South Sudan) (OJ L 158, 19.6.2012, p. 17).

Council Decision 2012/389/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity Building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR) (OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 40).

Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 48).

[Council Decision 2013/189/CFSP of 22 April 2013 establishing a European Security and Defence College \(ESDC\) and repealing Joint Action 2008/550/CFSP \(OJ L 112, 24/4/2013, p. 22\).](#)

[Council Decision 2012/698/CFSP of 13 November 2012 on the establishment of a warehouse for civilian crisis management missions \(OJ L 314, 14.11.2012, p.25\).](#)

Council Decision 2013/233/CFSP of 22 May 2013 on the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) (OJ L 138, 24.5.2013, p. 15).

[Council Decision 2013/354/CFSP of 3 July 2013 on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories \(EUPOL COPPS\) \(OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 12\).](#)

Item 19 03 01 07 — European Union Special Representatives

Legal basis

Council Decision 2013/133/CFSP of 18 March 2013 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel (OJ L 75, 19.3.2013, p. 29).

Council Decision 2013/306/CFSP of 24 June 2013 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia (OJ L 172, 25.6.2013, p. 25).

Council Decision 2013/307/CFSP of 24 June 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean region (OJ L 172, 25.6.2013, p. 28).

Council Decision 2013/350/CFSP of 2 July 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East peace process (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 3).

Council Decision 2013/351/CFSP of 2 July 2013 amending Decision 2011/426/CFSP appointing the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 7).

Council Decision 2013/352/CFSP of 2 July 2013 amending Decision 2012/440/CFSP appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 8).

Council Decision 2013/353/CFSP of 2 July 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 9).

[Council Decision 2013/365/CFSP of 9 July 2013 amending Decision 2012/329/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa \(OJ L 189, 10.07.2013, p. 8\).](#)

Council Decision 2013/366/CFSP of 9 July 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo (OJ L 189, 10.7.2013, p. 9).

[Council Decision 2013/382/CFSP of 15 July 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan \(OJ L 193, 16.07.2013, p. 22\).](#)

Council Decision 2013/383/CFSP of 15 July 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative to the African Union (OJ L 193, 16.7.2013, p. 25).

Council Decision 2013/384/CFSP of 15 July 2013 amending Decision [2013/325/CFSP](#)~~2012/325/CFSP~~ extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Sudan and South Sudan (OJ L 193, 16.7.2013, p. 29).

Council Decision 2013/393/CFSP of 22 July 2013 amending Decision [2013/382/CFSP](#)~~2012/382/CFSP~~ extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan (OJ L 198, 23.7.2013, p. 47).

Council Decision 2013/527/CFSP of 24 October 2013 amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (OJ L 284, 26.10.2013, p. 23).

[Council Decision 2014/22/CFSP of 20 January 2014 amending Decision 2013/353/CFSP amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia \(OJ L 16, 21.01.2014, p. 30\).](#)

Article 19 03 02 — Support to non-proliferation and disarmament

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2004/833/CFSP of 2 December 2004 implementing Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP with a view to a European Union contribution to ECOWAS in the framework of the Moratorium on Small Arms and Light Weapons \(OJ L 359, 04.12.2004, p. 65\).](#)

Council Decision 2005/852/CFSP of 29 November 2005 for the destruction of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their ammunition in Ukraine (OJ L 315, 30.11.2005, p. 27).

Council Joint Action 2007/753/CFSP of 19 November 2007 on support for IAEA monitoring and verification activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 304, 22.11.2007, p. 38).

Council Decision 2010/461/CFSP of 26 July 2010 on support for activities of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO) in order to strengthen its monitoring and verification capabilities and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 219, 20.8.2010, p. 7).

Council Decision 2010/430/CFSP of 26 July 2010 establishing a European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks in support of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 202, 4.8.2010, p. 5).

Council Decision 2010/585/CFSP of 27 September 2010 on support for IAEA activities in the areas of nuclear security and verification and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 259, 1.10.2010, p. 10).

Council Decision 2010/765/CFSP of 2 December 2010 on EU action to counter the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons (SALW) by air (OJ L 327, 11.12.2010, p. 44).

Council Decision 2011/428/CFSP of 18 July 2011 in support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs activities to implement the United Nations Programme of Actions to prevent combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (OJ L 188, 19.7.2011, p. 37).

Council Decision 2012/121/CFSP of 27 February 2012 in support of activities to promote EU-China-Africa dialogue and cooperation on conventional arms controls (OJ L 54, 28.2.2012, p. 8).

Council Decision 2012/166/CFSP of 23 March 2012 in support of activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 87, 24.3.2012, p. 49).

Council Decision 2012/281/CFSP of 29 May 2012 in the framework of the European Security Strategy in support of the Union proposal for an international Code of Conduct on outer-space activities (OJ L 140, 30.5.2012, p. 68).

Council Decision 2012/421/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 61).

Council Decision 2012/422/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East (OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 67).

Council Decision 2012/423/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and of the Council Common Position 2003/805/CFSP (OJ L 196, 24.07.2012, p. 74).

Council Decision 2012/662/CFSP of 25 October 2012 in support of activities to reduce the risk of illicit trade in, and excessive accumulation of, Small Arms and Light Weapons in the region covered by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (OJ L 297, 26.10.2012, p. 29).

Council Decision 2012/699/CFSP of 13 November 2012 on the Union support for the activities of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation in order to strengthen its monitoring and verification capabilities and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 314, 14.11.2012, p. 27).

Council Decision 2012/700/CFSP of 13 November 2012 in the framework of the European Security Strategy in support of the implementation of the Cartagena Action Plan 2010-2014, adopted by the States Parties to the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (OJ L 314, 14.11.2012, p. 40).

Council Decision 2012/711/CFSP of 19 November 2012 on support for Union activities in order to promote, among third countries, the control of arms exports and the principles and criteria of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP (OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 62).

Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP of 22 January 2013 on continued Union activities in support of the Arms Trade Treaty negotiations, in the framework of the European Security Strategy (OJ L 20, 23.1.2013, p. 53).

Council Decision 2013/320/CFSP of 24 June 2013 in support of physical security and stockpile management activities to reduce the risk of the illicit trade in SALW and their ammunition in Libya and its region (OJ L 173, 26.6.2013, p. 54).

Council Decision 2013/391/CFSP of 22 July 2013 in support of the practical implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery (OJ L 198, 23.7.2013, p. 40).

Council Decision 2013/517/CFSP of 21 October 2013 on the Union support for the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the areas of nuclear security and verification and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 281, 23.10.2013, p. 6).

Council Decision 2013/668/CFSP of 18 November 2013 in support of World Health Organisation activities in the area of biosafety and biosecurity in the framework of the European Union Strategy against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 310, 20.11.2013, p. 13).

Council Decision 2013/698/CFSP of 25 November 2013 in support of a global reporting mechanism on illicit small arms and light weapons and other illicit conventional weapons and ammunition to reduce the risk of their illicit trade (OJ L 320, 30.11.2013, p. 34).

[Council Decision 2013/726/CFSP of 9 December 2013 in support of the UNSCR 2118 \(2013\) and OPCW Executive Council EC-M-33/Dec 1, in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction \(OJ L 329, 10/12/2013, p. 41\).](#)

Council Decision 2013/730/CFSP of 9 December 2013 in support of SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South East Europe in the framework of the EU Strategy to Combat the Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition (OJ L 332, 11.12.2013, p. 19).

[Council Decision 2013/768/CFSP of 16 December 2013 on EU activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, in the framework of the European Security Strategy \(OJ L 341, 18/12/2013, p. 56\).](#)

CHAPTER 19 04 — ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS (EU EOMs)

Article 19 04 01 — Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions

Remarks

This appropriation covers financial support for building confidence ~~in~~ and enhancing the reliability and transparency ~~of~~ democratic electoral processes ~~and institutions~~ through deployment of [European Union Election Observation Missions other measures of monitoring electoral processes as well as through EU election observation missions and](#) support for observation capacity at regional and national level.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) N° 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 85\)](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (COM(2011) 844 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(d) thereof.~~

CHAPTER 19 05 — COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES UNDER THE PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT (PI)

Article 19 05 01 — Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests under the Partnership Instrument, in particular with developed and developing countries which play an increasingly prominent role in the world affairs, including foreign policy, international economy and trade, multilateral forums, global governance and in addressing challenges of global concern or where the Union has significant interests. This cooperation includes measures supporting the Union's bilateral, regional or multilateral relationships in addressing challenges of global concern, the implementation of the international dimension of the 'Europe 2020' strategy, trade and investment opportunities and public diplomacy and outreach activities.

[Part of the appropriations will also be used to implement the project "Cooperation with Northern and Southern Transatlantic Dimension, which aims at increasing a broader transatlantic dialogue and cooperation involving Northern and Southern Atlantic countries in order to address common global challenges. The objective is to look into the feasibility of implementing common short and longer term goals in fields such as economic cooperation, global governance, development cooperation, climate change, security and energy. This preparatory action should serve to strengthen a triangular dialogue, or even an extended Atlantic dialogue, as well as to promote the idea of a wider Atlantic Community.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the

contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation (EU) No 234/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 77) (COM(2011) 843 final), and in particular Article 1 thereof.~~

Article 19 05 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the Partnership Instrument

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the technical and financial assistance provided under this external instrument in order to promote the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the ‘Erasmus+’ programme.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 234/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 77).

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+’: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a Partnership instrument for cooperation with third countries (COM(2011) 843 final).~~

Article 19 05 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 19 05 77 02 — Preparatory action — Cooperation with Northern and Southern Transatlantic Dimension

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

The preparatory action aims at increasing a broader transatlantic dialogue and cooperation involving Northern and Southern Atlantic countries in order to address common global challenges. The aim is to look into the feasibility of implementing common short and longer term goals in fields such as economic cooperation, global governance, development cooperation, climate change, security and energy. This preparatory action should serve to strengthen a triangular dialogue, or even an extended Atlantic dialogue, as well as to promote the idea of a wider Atlantic Community.

TITLE 20 — TRADE

CHAPTER 20 02 — TRADE POLICY

Remarks

Article 20 02 01 — External trade relations, including access to the markets of third countries

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following actions:

Activities supporting the conduct of ongoing and new multi- and bilateral trade negotiations

Actions aim to strengthen the Union's negotiating position in ongoing multilateral trade negotiations (in the context of the Doha Development Agenda) as well as ongoing and new bilateral and regional trade negotiations, to ensure that Union policy conception is based on comprehensive and up-to-date expert information and to build coalitions for their successful completion, including:

- meetings, conferences and seminars in connection with the preparation of policy and negotiating positions and with the conduct of ongoing as well as new trade negotiations,
- development and implementation of a consistent and comprehensive communication and information strategy, promoting the Union's trade policy and raising awareness of the detail and objectives of the Union's trade policy and ongoing negotiation positions, both within and outside the Union,
- information activities and seminars for State and non-State actors (including civil society and business actors) to explain the state of play of ongoing negotiations and of the implementation of existing agreements.

Studies, evaluations and impact assessments in relation to trade agreements and policies

Actions to ensure that the Union's trade policy is underpinned by, and takes proper account of, *ex-ante* and *ex-post* evaluation results, including:

- impact assessments carried out in view of possible new legislative proposals and sustainable impact assessments carried out in support of ongoing negotiations in order to analyse the potential economic, social and environmental benefits of trade agreements and, where necessary, to propose flanking measures to combat any negative outcomes for specific countries or sectors,
- evaluations of the policies and practices of the Directorate-General for Trade to be carried out following its multiannual evaluation plan,
- expert, legal and economic studies related to ongoing negotiations and existing agreements, policy developments and trade disputes.

Trade-related technical assistance, training and other capacity-building actions towards third countries

Actions aiming to strengthen the capacity of third countries to participate in international, bilateral or bi-regional trade negotiations, to implement international trade agreements and to participate in the world trading system, including:

- projects involving training and capacity-building actions aimed at developing country officials and operators, mainly in the field of sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures,
- reimbursement of the expenses of participants in forums and conferences designed to build awareness and expertise in trade affairs among developing country nationals,
- management, operating, further development and promotion of the Export Helpdesk that provides business~~industry~~ in partner~~developing~~ countries with information on access to Union markets, and facilitates efforts by business~~such industry~~ to take advantage of market access opportunities offered by the international trading system,
- trade-related technical assistance programmes arranged in the forum of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other multilateral organisations, in particular WTO Trust Funds, in the framework of the Doha Development Agenda.

Market access activities supporting the implementation of the Union's market access strategy

Actions in support of the Union's market access strategy, which aims at removing or lowering barriers to trade, identifying trade restrictions in third countries and, where appropriate, removing obstacles to trade. These actions may include:

- ~~maintenance, operating~~~~maintenance~~ and further development of the market access database, available to economic operators via the Internet, listing trade barriers and other information affecting Union exports and Union exporters; purchase of the necessary information, data and documentation for this database,
- specific analysis of the various obstacles to trade in key markets, including analysis of the implementation by third countries of their obligations under international trade agreements in connection with the preparation of negotiations,
- conferences, seminars and other information activities (e.g. production and distribution of studies, information packs, publications and leaflets) to inform businesses, Member States officials and other actors about trade barriers and trade policy instruments aimed at protecting the Union against unfair trading practices such as dumping or export subsidies,
- support to the European industry for the organisation of activities specifically geared towards market access issues.

Activities supporting the implementation of existing rules and monitoring of trade obligations

Actions to support the implementation of existing trade agreements and the enforcement of related systems that enable effective implementation of these agreements as well as the conduct of investigations and inspection visits to ensure third countries are respecting the rules, including:

- exchange of information, training, seminars and communication activities to support the implementation of existing Union legislation in the area of dual use export controls,
- activities to facilitate investigations carried out in the context of the trade defence investigations with the aim of defending Union producers against unfair trade practices by third countries (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards instruments) that can be harmful to the economy of the Union. In particular, activities will focus on the development, ~~maintenance, operations~~~~maintenance~~ and security of information technology systems supporting trade defence activities, the production of communications tools, the purchase of legal services in third countries and the conducting of expert studies,
- activities supporting the advisory group on monitoring the implementation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement and other free trade agreements such as the Central America Association Agreement and the Columbia-Peru Free Trade Agreement. This includes financing of the members' and experts' travel expenses and accommodation,
- activities with a view to promoting the Union's external trade policy through a process of structured dialogue with key opinion formers of civil society and stakeholders, including small and medium-sized enterprises, on external trade issues,
- activities related to the promotion and communication on trade agreements, both within the Union and in the partner countries. This will primarily be implemented by means of production and dissemination of audiovisual, electronic and graphical support and printed publications, subscriptions to trade ~~relevant~~ media and ~~databases, database~~, translation of communication materials into non-Union languages, media-oriented actions, including new media products,
- ~~development, development and~~ ~~maintenance and operating~~ of information systems in support of the operational activities in the 'Trade' policy area such as: Integrated Statistical Database (ISDB), Dual Use e-system, Market Access Data Base, Export Helpdesk, Export Credit Database, SIGL and SIGL ~~Wood systems, Wood~~, Civil ~~Society platform and tools for monitoring and supporting trade agreements, Society, EPA Monitoring, Anti Counterfeiting Rapid Intelligence Service System (ACRIS).~~

Legal and other expert assistance required in implementation of existing trade agreements

Actions to ensure that the Union's trading partners effectively adhere to and comply with obligations arising under the WTO and other multilateral and bilateral agreements, including:

- expert studies, including inspection visits, as well as specific investigations, and seminars on implementation by third countries of their obligations under international trade agreements,
- legal expertise, especially on questions of foreign law, required to facilitate defence by the Union of its position in WTO dispute-settlement cases, other expert studies necessary for the preparation, management and follow-up to WTO dispute settlement cases,
- arbitration costs, legal expertise and fees incurred by the Union as party to the disputes arising from the implementation of international agreements concluded under Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Investor to state dispute settlement as established by international agreements

The following expenditure is to support:

- arbitration costs, legal expertise and fees incurred by the Union as party to the disputes arising from the implementation of international agreements concluded under Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- payment of a final award or of an award settlement paid to an investor in the context of such international agreements.

Activities supporting trade policy

This appropriation is also intended to cover general expenditure on translations, press events, information and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme or measures coming under this article, and any other expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts, such as the maintenance of the Directorate-General for [Trade and Trade Commissioner's Trade's](#) Internet site.

Any revenue in the context of the management by the Union of the financial responsibilities linked to investor-state dispute settlement may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation.

TITLE 21 — DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

CHAPTER 21 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION’ POLICY AREA

Article 21 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Development and cooperation’ policy area

Item 21 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) intended to take over the tasks previously conferred on dismantled technical assistance offices; expenditure on external personnel at headquarters is limited to EUR 7 600 714. This estimate is based on a provisional annual unit cost per man-year of which 93 % is accounted for by remuneration for the staff concerned and 7 % by the additional cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology (IT) and telecommunications relating to those staff members,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased-out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, IT and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the Union delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#)~~systems and~~ publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof;](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 21 02.

Item 21 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) intended to take over the tasks previously conferred on dismantled technical assistance offices. Expenditure on external personnel at headquarters is limited to EUR 4 846 907. This estimate is based on a provisional annual unit cost per man-year, of which 93 % is accounted for by remuneration for the staff concerned and 7 % by the additional cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology (IT) and telecommunications relating to those staff members,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased-out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, IT and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) ~~systems and~~ publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the ~~programme~~ [programme](#).
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof,](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 21 03.

Item 21 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff) at headquarters intended to take over the tasks previously conferred on dismantled technical assistance offices. Expenditure on external personnel at headquarters is limited to EUR 1 613 273. This estimate is based on a provisional annual unit cost per man-year, of which 95 % is accounted for by remuneration for the staff concerned and 5 % by the additional cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology (IT) and telecommunications relating to those staff members,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts), for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased-out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, IT and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) ~~systems and~~ publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the ~~programme~~ [programme](#).

- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof.](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 21 04.

Item 21 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the Instrument [contributing to](#) ~~for~~ Stability [and Peace \(IcSP\)](#) ~~(IcSP)~~

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in the Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as the additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, information technology and telecommunications and of renting directly caused by the presence in the delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) ~~and~~ publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the [programme](#). ~~programme.~~
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof.](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers support expenditure under Chapter 21 05.

Item 21 01 04 06 — Support expenditure for the European Union-Greenland partnership

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems](#) and publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of

revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation is intended to cover support expenditure under [Article 21 07 01](#). ~~Chapter 21 07.~~

Item 21 01 04 07 — Support expenditure for the European Development Fund (EDF)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover administrative support expenditure as decided under the ninth and 10th European Development Funds.

Any revenue from the European Development Fund (EDF) contributing to the cost of support measures entered in Article 6 3 2 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations [under this item](#) in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation. ~~Additional appropriations will be made available under Item 21 01 04 07.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 60 000 000.

Article 21 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 21 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from ~~the~~ Development Cooperation ~~Instruments~~[Instrument](#) (DCI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred as a result of the management of ‘external relations’ operational programmes (Heading 4) entrusted to the Agency under former Chapters ~~19 06~~, 19 09 and 19 10, as well as the operating costs for certain actions of the ‘[Erasmus+](#)~~Erasmus for All~~’ programme in order to promote the international dimension of higher education and of certain actions of the operational programme under Chapter 21 02.

[The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.](#)

[Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21\(2\)\(e\) to \(g\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

The establishment plan of the Executive Agency is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this Section.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

~~Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+’: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(O J L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(a) and Article 2(1)(a) and (b)(i) thereof.~~

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the ‘Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency’ and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

Commission Decision C(2013) 9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

Item 21 01 06 02 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from ~~the~~ European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred as a result of the management of ‘external relations’ operational programmes (Heading 4) entrusted to the Agency under former Chapter 19 08, as well as the operating costs for certain actions of the ‘~~Erasmus+Erasmus for All~~’ programme in order to promote the international dimension of higher education and certain actions of the operational programmes (Heading 4) under Chapter 21 03.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The establishment plan of the Executive Agency is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this Section.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

~~Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (OJ L 340, 9.11.2006, p. 1).~~

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+’: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

Reference acts

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the ‘Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency’ and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

Commission Decision C(2013) 9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final), and in particular Article 18(3) thereof.~~

CHAPTER 21 02 — DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION INSTRUMENT (DCI)

Remarks

The primary objective of the Union's development policy is poverty reduction, as laid down in the Treaty. The European Consensus on Development provides the general policy framework, guidance and the focus to direct implementation of the DCI regulation.

Appropriations in this chapter will be used for the pursuit of poverty reduction, sustainable [economic, social and environmental development and consolidating and supporting development and establishment and enjoyment of human rights, including those reflected in the Millennium Development Goals and in the emerging post-2015 international development framework](#). In support of ~~this, part of the appropriation will be used for the promotion and consolidation of~~ democracy, the rule of ~~law, law and~~ good governance, [human rights and the relevant principles of international law, including those reflected in the Millennium Development Goals and in the emerging post-2015 international development framework](#). Synergies with other Union external instruments shall be sought where appropriate, without any loss of focus on the above basic objectives.

[In principle](#), 100 % of expenditure in the geographic programmes and at least 95 % of expenditure in the thematic programmes [and 90 % of expenditure in the Pan-African programme](#) must conform to the OECD/DAC criteria for Official Development Assistance (ODA).

As a general rule, at least 20 % of appropriations should be used for basic social [services and secondary education services](#).

Article 21 02 01 — Cooperation with Latin America

Remarks

[Former article 21 02 12](#)

The purpose of development cooperation under this article is primarily its contribution to support the promotion of democracy, good governance, equality, respect for human rights and for the rule of law, and fostering sustainable development and economic integration, as well as to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

This appropriation is intended to cover cooperation schemes in developing countries, territories and regions in Latin America in order to:

- contribute to the achievement of MDGs targets in the region,
- support trade union, non-governmental organisations and local initiatives to monitor the impact to the investments on the national economy, particularly respect for labour, environmental, social and human right standards,
- support gender equality through supporting actions to combat harmful traditional practices such as [FGM/FGM/C](#) and Child marriage,
- foster the development of civil society,
- combat poverty and social exclusion and promote social cohesion,
- contribute to improve social standards with focus on education, including education and vocational training for employment, and health, and to the improvement of social protection schemes,
- promote a more favourable climate for economic expansion and enhanced productive sector, encourage the transfer of know-how, promote contact and collaboration between business players bi-regionally,
- promote private sector development, incl. an SME-friendly business climate via i.e. legal property rights, reducing unnecessary administrative burden, improving access to credit, improving associations of small and medium-sized enterprises,
- support efforts towards food security and combat malnutrition,
- support regional integration; in Central America, foster region's development via enhanced benefits derived from the EU-Central America association agreement,
- promote the sustainable use of natural resources, including water, and the combating of climate change (mitigation and adaptation),
- support efforts for improving good governance and help consolidate democracy, human rights and the rule of law,
- promote policy reform particularly in the area of justice and security and support related actions to enhance development of countries and regions,

— gender quality and the empowerment of women.

Where assistance is delivered via budget support, the Commission shall support efforts of partner countries to develop parliamentary oversight and audit capacities and transparency.

~~The Commission must continue to report annually on the benchmark, used in the past, for assistance to developing countries to be allocated to social infrastructure and services, recognising that the Union contribution must be seen as part of the overall donor support to the social sectors and that a degree of flexibility must be the norm. Moreover, also in accordance with that Commission Declaration, the Commission will endeavour to ensure that a benchmark of 20 % of its allocated assistance under country programmes covered by the DCI will be dedicated to basic and secondary education and basic health, through project, programme or budget support linked to these sectors, taking an average across all geographical areas and recognising that a degree of flexibility must be the norm, such as in cases where exceptional assistance is involved.~~

Appropriations under this ~~item~~^{Item} are subject to evaluations that shall include aspects of input activities and chain of results (output, outcome, impact). The findings of the evaluations shall be used in the formulation of subsequent measures financed with these appropriations.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(a) and Article 2(1)(a) and (b)(i) thereof.~~

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia

Remarks

[Former article 21 02 14](#)

The appropriation is intended to cover the financing of development schemes in Asian developing countries, in particular in countries ~~where~~^{were} the poorest ~~people~~ live, aimed at improving human and social development as well as tackling macroeconomic and sectoral problems. Emphasis is placed on ~~operations influencing~~ economic ~~and social governance and~~ ~~organisation and institutional~~ development, improving the human rights situation, ~~including freedom of worship, the strengthening of civil society, including~~ ~~operations concerning~~ democratisation, education, vocational training, lifelong learning, academic and cultural exchange, scientific and technological exchange, the environment, ~~tropical forests, anti-drugs campaigns~~, regional cooperation, disaster prevention and reconstruction measures, as well as the promotion of sustainable energy and information and communications technology.

It is also intended to cover support for the development of civil society and, in particular, support for the activities of non-governmental organisations promoting and defending the rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

~~This appropriation is also intended to cover the promotion of an SME friendly business climate through legal property rights, cutting red tape and improving access to credit as well as improving associations of small and medium sized enterprises.~~

Utilisation of this appropriation is dependent on observance of the principles underpinning Union action. Appropriate consideration shall be given to the areas described below, reflecting jointly-agreed strategies, partnerships, cooperation and trade agreements. Priorities will be established in accordance with the European Consensus for development and the Agenda for change and with the subsequent conclusions of the Council.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

This appropriation is intended to include actions related to inclusive and sustainable growth for human development. Sectors that may be addressed include:

- social protection and jobs, and universal access to health ~~and~~ education,
- business environment, regional integration and world markets,
- sustainable agriculture, nutrition and energy,
- climate change and environment,
- encouraging social cohesion, in particular social inclusion, fair income distribution, decent work and equity and gender equality,
- establishing inclusive partnerships around trade, investment, aid, migration, civil registration, research, innovation and technology,
- supporting an active and organised civil society for development and fostering public private partnerships,
- supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation, the promotion of sustainable consumption and production as well as investments in clean technologies, sustainable energies, transport, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, the protection of and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including water, sanitation and forests, and decent job including creation for young people and women, in the green economy,
- encouraging greater regional integration and cooperation in a result-oriented way through support to different processes of regional integration and dialogue,
- contributing to preventing and responding to health risks, including those originating at the interface between animals, humans and their various environments,
- supporting disaster preparedness and post disaster long term recovery, including in the field of food and nutrition security and assistance to uprooted people,
- strengthening the capacity to provide universal access to basic social services particularly in health and education.

This appropriation will address actions related to:

- democracy, human rights including children and women rights and the rule of law,
- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- public sector management,
- tax policy and administration,
- corruption and transparency,
- civil society and local authorities,
- building and strengthening legitimate, effective and accountable public institutions and bodies, through promotion of institutional reforms (including on good governance and anti-corruption, public financial management, taxation and public administration reform) and legislative, administrative and regulatory reforms in line with international standards, in particular in fragile states and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations,
- in the context of the security and development nexus, fighting against corruption and organised crime, production, consumption and trafficking of drugs and against other forms of trafficking, and supporting efficient border management and cross-border co-operation and improving civil registration.

The purpose of development cooperation under this heading is ~~primarily~~ its contribution to achieving the Millennium Development Goals as well as the promotion of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and for the rule of law, fostering sustainable development and economic integration and promoting conflict prevention, conflict resolution and reconciliation.

~~Moreover, also in accordance with that Commission Declaration, the Commission will endeavour to ensure that a benchmark of 20 % of its allocated assistance under country programmes covered by the DCI will be dedicated to basic and secondary education and basic health, through project, programme or budget support linked to these sectors, taking an average across all geographical areas and recognising that a degree of flexibility must be the norm, such as in cases where exceptional assistance is involved.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(a) and Article 2(1)(b)(i) and (ii) thereof.~~

~~Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 13 October 2011 'Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change' (COM(2011) 637 final).~~

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

Article 21 02 03 — Cooperation with Central Asia

Remarks

[Former article 21 02 10](#)

The overarching purpose of this appropriation is to contribute to the creation of conditions for sustainable and inclusive economic and social development, social cohesion, democratisation and the improvement of people's lives. Emphasis shall be put on support food security and sustainable agriculture, water and sanitation, the provision of health and education services and access to sustainable energy security, with a steady focus on those most in need. Disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation are of great relevance.

Possibilities to stimulate creation of employment opportunities and to promote decent working conditions shall receive attention. Support for SME development can be given, with a view in particular to promote economic diversification and social development.

When and where governance reform efforts of a meaningful nature and genuine democratisation processes exist, providing support for them shall be a priority. Similarly, allocations to border management and anti-drugs programmes shall depend on the outlook for achieving significant results.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private~~

~~sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final).~~

Article 21 02 04 — Cooperation with Middle East

Remarks

[Former article 21 02 09](#)

Emphasis must be placed on operations influencing economic organisation and institutional development, improving the human rights situation, including freedom of worship, the strengthening of civil society, including operations concerning democratisation, universal access for children of both sexes and women as well as children with disabilities to primary and secondary education, the environment, and the sustainable management of natural resources, including tropical forests, regional cooperation, disaster prevention and risk reduction, including climate-change-related hazards, and reconstruction measures, as well as the promotion of sustainable energy, the fight against climate change and information and communications technology.

This appropriation is also intended to cover measures promoting conflict prevention, conflict resolution and reconciliation.

It is also intended to cover support for the development of civil society and, in particular, support for the activities of non-governmental organisations promoting and defending the rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

This appropriation may include actions related to:

- democracy, human rights and the rule of law,
- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- public sector management,
- tax policy and administration,
- corruption and transparency,
- civil society and local authorities,
- development-security nexus,
- support for microcredit schemes,
- capacity-building actions to assist agricultural producers in developing countries to meet Union sanitary and phytosanitary standards necessary for access to the Union market,
- support to refugees and displaced population,
- encourage the transfer of know-how and promote contact and collaboration between business players on both sides,
- promote social development, social cohesion and fair income distribution.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on

their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation \(COM\(2011\) 840 final\), and in particular Article 2\(1\) thereof.](#)
[European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation \(COM\(2011\) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406\(COD\)\).](#)

Article 21 02 05 — Cooperation with Afghanistan

Remarks

[Former article 21 02 15](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover Union operations in the framework of the Afghanistan reconstruction process. It is supplemented by expenditure from other chapters and articles, to which different procedures apply.

The Commission will monitor compliance with the conditions for the Union contribution to this process, notably full implementation of the post-Bonn process. It will keep the budgetary authority informed on its findings and conclusions.

This appropriation is intended to support basic social services and economic development in Afghanistan.

This appropriation is also intended to support the Afghanistan national drug control strategy, including halting the production of opium in Afghanistan, and the disruption and destruction of the opium networks and illegal export routes to European countries.

A relevant part of this appropriation must be exclusively devoted to fund the start-up of the five-year plan for phasing out opium cultivation by replacing it with alternative production in order to obtain a verifiable outcome in this field, in line with the demands expressed in the European Parliament resolution of 16 December 2010 on a new strategy for Afghanistan (OJ C 169 E, 15.6.2012, p. 108).

This appropriation is also intended to support the Union contribution to the processes for the return of Afghan refugees and displaced persons to their country and regions of origin in accordance with the commitments entered into by the European Community at the Tokyo Conference in January 2002.

This appropriation is also intended to finance activities of women's organisations which have worked for a long time for Afghan women's rights.

The Union should increase its financial assistance in Afghanistan for areas such as health (construction and renovation of hospitals, prevention of child mortality) and small and medium-sized infrastructure projects (repairing of road network, embankments, etc.), as well as effectively implementing job security and food security schemes.

Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction, based on ownership and national strategies of disaster-prone countries.

Part of this appropriation is intended to be used, with due regard for the Financial Regulation, to improve the situation of women, with priority for actions in the fields of health and education, and to support their active involvement in all areas and at all levels of decision-making.

Particular attention will also be paid to the situation of women and girls in all other actions and projects supported by this appropriation.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b)

of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation [\(EU\) No 233/2014](#) ~~(EC) No 1905/2006~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~ ~~18 December 2006~~ establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation [for the period 2014-2020](#) (OJ [L 77](#), 15.3.2014, p. 44). ~~L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41).~~

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final).~~

Article 21 02 06 — Cooperation with South Africa

Remarks

~~Former article 21 02 13~~ ~~The appropriation for 2014 is intended to assist South Africa in strengthening its education, training and research system so that it can contribute to improved economic performance of the country.~~

The ~~appropriations~~ under this line are intended to assist the Government in reducing unemployment from around 25% (2013) to 14% (2020) and to assist the state in fulfilling its developmental and transformative role, including improving service delivery. ~~education, training and research system has been identified as one of three areas in South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 as being critical to improving overall economic performance (the other areas being employment and building a capable state) by providing people with the skills necessary to enhance both the individuals' and the economy's prospects. The support can therefore be expected to contribute to improving the performance of the public sector system in areas such as improving the performance of teachers; improving school management and accountability; ensuring that innovation exists in the classroom; promotion of early childhood education; improving mathematics and science teaching; providing after school assistance to children.~~

~~Employment creation has been identified as one of three priority areas in South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 (the other areas being education, training and innovation, and building a capable state) because unemployment is at the heart of South Africa's triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality. The support is expected to contribute to improving employment creation policy making and implementation, including in the area of "green jobs" and green technology for low carbon development; reducing the cost of doing business, especially for Small, Medium, and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMME); and enhancing actions in the area of skills development and placement assistance. Also, the overall objective of this programme is to contribute to the implementation of the South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 and the accompanying outcome-based approach, which aim to improve the conditions of life of South Africans including halving poverty and unemployment, while being aligned with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The programme purpose is to contribute to the overall objective in the areas of decent employment creation through inclusive economic growth and the establishment of an efficient, effective and development-oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship. Areas that impact in these two key outcomes relate to job opportunities for a skilled and capable workforce; employment creation to enhance environment assets and natural resources; and creating a responsible, accountable, effective and efficient local government system that will enhance a development-oriented public service.~~

~~The support is expected to contribute to strengthening systems of oversight; improving relations between national, provincial, and local government; enhancing public service staff with the authority, experience, competence and support they need to do their jobs; and promoting of an active citizenry in policy design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. appropriation is also intended to contribute to the fight against poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, taking into account the needs of the previously disadvantaged communities and integrate gender and environmental dimensions of development.~~

~~Also, the overall objective of this programme is to contribute to the implementation of the South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 and the accompanying outcome-based approach, which aim to improve the conditions of life of South Africans including halving poverty and unemployment, while being aligned with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The programme purpose is to contribute to the overall objective in the areas of decent employment creation through inclusive economic growth and the establishment of an efficient, effective and development-oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship. Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

~~Work is likely to be in the form of pilots in a number of districts, which could then be replicated with Government resources.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 633 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(a) and Article 2(1)(a) and (b)(i) and 2(1)(b)(ii) thereof.~~

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

Article 21 02 07 — Global public goods and challenges and poverty reduction, sustainable development and democracy

Item 21 02 07 01 — Environment and climate change

Remarks

[Former item 21 02 07 03](#)

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions under the 'Environment and climate change subtheme', of the 'Global public goods and challenges' thematic programme.

It shall be used in particular to [finance initiatives in the following areas: climate change adaptation and mitigation and transition to climate resilient low-carbon societies; protection, enhancement and support protection of biodiversity and ecosystems; sustainable management of natural capital \(e.g. biodiversity, ecosystem services, forests, land, water resources\); transformation towards an inclusive green economy; integration of environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction in the EU development cooperation programmes; international governance of environment and climate; land and waters and resilience in relation to climate change related phenomena such as more frequent occurrence of extreme weather conditions.](#) Attention shall be paid to relevant governance issues and support be given to the pursuit of relevant global targets, such as sustainability goals set within a post-2015 development framework.

~~Part of this appropriation is to be used for the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction, based on ownership and national strategies of disaster-prone countries.~~

~~Part of these appropriations are intended to be used for operations carried out by senior volunteer experts of the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

~~In order to ensure full financial transparency pursuant to Articles 53 to 56 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, the Commission, when concluding or modifying agreements on the management and implementation of projects by international organisations, will make all efforts that they commit to sending all their internal and external audits to the European Court of Auditors and to the Internal Auditor of the Commission regarding the use of Union funds.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional

appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the ~~transfere~~^{contribution} agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for ~~EU~~^{Union} Trust Funds.

~~Where assistance is delivered via budget support, the Commission shall support efforts of partner countries to develop parliamentary oversight, audit capacities and transparency in line with Article 25(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006. Appropriations under this article are subject to evaluations as established in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006. These evaluations shall include aspects of input activities and chain of results (output, outcome, impact). The findings of the evaluations shall be used in the formulation of subsequent measures financed with these appropriations.~~

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

Item 21 02 07 02 — Sustainable energy

Remarks

[Former item 21 02 07 04](#)

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions under the 'Sustainable energy subtheme', of the 'Global public goods and challenges' thematic programme.

~~Part of these appropriations are intended to be used for operations carried out by senior volunteer experts of the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

It shall be used for promoting access to reliable, secure, affordable, climate-friendly and sustainable energy services as a key driver for poverty eradication and inclusive growth and development with a special emphasis on the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and on ensuring access for poor people in remote regions.

~~In order to ensure full financial transparency pursuant to Articles 53 to 56 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, the Commission, when concluding or modifying agreements on the management and implementation of projects by international organisations, will make all efforts that they commit to sending all their internal and external audits to the European Court of Auditors and to the Internal Auditor of the Commission regarding the use of Union funds.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the ~~transfere~~^{contribution} agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

~~Where assistance is delivered via budget support, the Commission shall support efforts of partner countries to develop parliamentary oversight, audit capacities and transparency in line with Article 25(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006. Appropriations under this article are subject to evaluations as established in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006. These evaluations shall include aspects of input activities and chain of results (output, outcome, impact). The findings of the evaluations shall be used in the formulation of subsequent measures financed with these appropriations.~~

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7 0493/2011 2011/0406(COD)).~~

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Remarks

Former item 21 02 07 05

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions in developing countries under the 'Human development subtheme', covering health, education, gender issues and other aspects of human development, of the 'Global public goods and challenges' thematic programme. It should primarily benefit the poorest sections of the populations in the countries it covers.

~~Part of these appropriations are intended to be used for operations carried out by senior volunteer experts of the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

The health component shall support universal access to good quality essential health services. Priority areas should include child and maternal ~~health, health~~ sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to family planning, protection against ~~HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS,~~ tuberculosis, malaria and other poverty related diseases, including neglected diseases, and access to psychological support for victims of ~~violence, violence~~

Equal access and quality of education shall be supported, including for migrants, women and girls, with an emphasis on countries furthest from achieving global targets.

In relation to gender equality, programmes to promote women's and girls' economic and social empowerment shall be supported. Addressing sexual and gender-based violence and supporting victims shall also be priorities. Helping to eradicate ~~of~~ gender-biased sex selection practices shall also be among the objectives.

The appropriation can also be used for activities in support of children and youth; non-discrimination; employment, skills, social protection and social inclusion; growth, jobs and private sector engagement and culture.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the ~~transferecontribution~~ agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Where assistance is delivered via budget support, the Commission shall support efforts of partner countries to develop parliamentary oversight, audit capacities and transparency.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7 0493/2011 2011/0406(COD)).~~

Item 21 02 07 04 — Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture

Remarks

Former item 21 02 07 06

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions under the 'Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture subtheme', of the 'Global public goods and challenges' thematic programme.

It shall be used for strengthening developing countries' capacities in relation to the four pillars of food security: food availability (production), access (including land, infrastructure for food transport from surplus to deficit areas, markets, domestic food reserves, safety nets), utilisation (nutrition interventions in socially aware ways) and stability. In the area of food and nutrition security and sustainably agriculture, the overall objective is to improve food security for the poorest and more vulnerable, to help eradicate poverty and hunger for current and future generations and to better address under-nutrition thereby reducing child mortality. This objective will be pursued in line with the EU policy will focus on enhancing the incomes of so doing, it shall give priority to smallholder farmers, the resilience of vulnerable communities and on helping partner countries reducing the number of stunted children by 7 million by 2025. As food security is a global challenge, the GPGC programme will focus on activities and approaches to address global public goods and challenges that provide strong multiplier to the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sector, the food and nutrition security situation of households, the rural economy and food systems, and the resilience of the most vulnerable households to shocks and stresses. This will complement and add value to the support provided through geographical programmes, agriculture and livestock keeping, food processing to create added value, governance, regional integration and assistance mechanisms for vulnerable populations.

The following three components are included in the theme:

Component 1: *Generating and exchanging knowledge and fostering innovation* that will generate and apply new knowledge to the challenges of food and nutrition security mainly at international and continental levels. This component will work with existing global and regional initiatives, but also envisages new partnership that are needed to ensure that knowledge generated by research is used by beneficiaries to improve their income and livelihoods;

Component 2: *Strengthening and promoting governance and capacity at the global, continental, regional and national level, for all relevant stakeholders.* This component will support international initiatives addressing food and nutrition security, including land, sustainable fisheries, and improve the effectiveness of dialogue on food and nutrition security issues. It will also foster a coordinated international effort to generate reliable, accessible and timely information and analytical capacity to support evidence-based policy making and to strengthen and/or set up sustainable regional and national information systems for food security (ISFS) institutions. This component may also support capacity development initiatives of stakeholders such as CSOs, farmers' organizations and other inter-professional groups along the value chain;

Component 3: *Supporting the poor and nutrition insecure to react to crises and strengthen resilience.* This component will provide support to countries where will not be bilateral programmes under geographical programming, to countries which suffer from the consequences from a major unforeseen crisis and/or shock, including natural and man-made disasters, epidemics and major food and nutrition crises in fragile and food crisis prone countries, this component will also support innovative approaches to strengthen prevention and to build resilience. Where relevant, interventions will be also designed in order to enhance synergies and complementarities between humanitarian and development interventions. Joint analysis of the situation performed by humanitarian and development stakeholders will be encouraged.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).

Item 21 02 07 05 — Migration and asylum

Remarks

Former item 21 02 07 07

This appropriation shall be used for implementing initiatives under the Migration and Asylum thematic area of the Global Public Goods and Challenges programme with the aim of enhancing the governance and maximise the development impact of migration and mobility, strengthening the capacities of developing country authorities and civil society organisations to address migration challenges, applying a human rights-based approach, with special attention to vulnerable migrants and persons left in the places of origin, and a focus on the social and economic consequences of migration. Good management of labour migration as well as of climate change and conflict related migration shall be covered.

In particular, the GPGC migration and asylum programme aims to enhance the governance of migration in and by developing countries, placing particular attention on maximising the positive impact and minimising the negative impact of migration and mobility on development in low- and middle-income countries of origin and destination. Protection of the human rights of migrants and support for EU commitments to ensure Policy Coherence for Development on migration will be pursued as cross-cutting objectives. Part of these appropriations are intended to be used for operations carried out by senior volunteer experts of the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) and its member associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. These contributions pursuant to Article 633 of the statement of revenue constitutes assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The programme will focus on initiatives at global level as well as multi-regional level (e.g. to support cooperation along South-South or South-North migratory routes). A limited number of national projects to support new cooperation activities with priority countries for the EU external migration policy may also be launched. amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).

Article 21 02 08 — Financing initiatives in the area of development by or for civil society organisations and local authorities

Item 21 02 08 01 — Civil society in development

Remarks

Former item 21 02 08 03

This appropriation is intended to support initiatives to strengthen civil society organisations in partner countries, and in the Union and beneficiaries eligible under the IPA Regulation when referring to DEAR activities. The initiatives to be financed shall be primarily carried out by civil society organisations. Where appropriate, in order to ensure their effectiveness, initiatives may be carried out by other actors for the benefit of the civil society organisations, so as to contribute to:

- (a) an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries through strengthened civil society organisations
- (b) an increased capacity of European and Southern civil society networks, platforms and alliances to ensure a substantive and continued policy dialogue in the field of development and to promote democratic governance.
- (c) an increased level of awareness of European citizens regarding development issues and mobilising active public support for poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies in partner countries;

Possible activities to be supported by this programme:

- (a) interventions in partner countries which support vulnerable and marginalised groups by providing basic services delivered through civil society organisations;
- (b) capacity development of the targeted actors complementary to support granted in the framework of the national programme, actions aiming at:

- (i) creating enabling environment for citizen participation and civil society action and the capacity of civil society organisations to participate effectively in policy formulation and in the monitoring of policy implementation processes;
- (ii) facilitating an improved dialogue and better interaction between civil society organisations, local authorities, the State and other development actors in the context of development;
- (c) coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of civil society networks, within their organisations and between different types of stakeholders active in the European public debate on development as well as coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of Southern networks of civil society organisations and umbrella organisations.

~~This appropriation is intended to support initiatives in developing countries carried out by local authorities originating in the Union and partner countries in the area of development as well as to strengthen their capacity in the policymaking process, so as to:~~

- ~~— promote an inclusive and empowered society in order to: (i) favour populations out of reach of mainstream services and resources and excluded from policymaking processes; (ii) strengthen the capacity of local and regional authorities in partner countries, with a view to facilitating their participation in defining and implementing sustainable development strategies; and (iii) facilitate interaction between state and local and regional authorities in different contexts, and support an increased role for local authorities in decentralisation processes;~~
- ~~— increase Europeans' awareness of development issues and mobilise active public support in the Union and acceding countries for poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies in partner countries and for fairer relations between developed and developing countries, including raising awareness of North-South trading relations and Union consumers' purchasing decisions and their impact on sustainable development and poverty reduction, and reinforce the roles of local and regional authorities for these purposes;~~
- ~~— achieve more efficient cooperation, foster synergies and ensure structured dialogue among local and regional authorities associations and with civil society, within their organisations and with Union institutions.~~

~~These initiatives may also include:~~

- ~~— support to advocacy activities to inform policymakers at all levels on policies that best benefit marginalised producers and workers in developing countries;~~
- ~~— developing and strengthening associations and cooperatives in developing countries so that they can build institutional and productive capacities to be able to develop added value products and scale up.~~

(d) raising public awareness of development issues, empowering people to become active and responsible citizens and promoting formal and informal education for development in the Union, in candidate and potential candidate countries, to anchor development policy in European societies, to mobilise greater public support for action against poverty and for more equitable relations between developed and developing countries, to raise awareness of the issues and difficulties facing developing countries and their peoples, and to promote the right to a process of development in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realised and the social dimension of globalisation; ~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services — CESES — and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf, behalf~~ may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the ~~transferecontribution~~ agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for ~~EU~~ Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(b) and Article 2(1)(b)(ii) thereof.

European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).

Item 21 02 08 02 — Local authorities in development

Remarks

Former item 21 02 08 04

This appropriation is intended to support initiatives to strengthen local authorities in partner countries, and in the Union and beneficiaries eligible under the IPA Regulation when referring to DEAR activities. The initiatives to be financed shall be primarily carried out by local authorities or LAs associations. Where appropriate, in order to ensure their effectiveness, initiatives may be carried out by other actors for the benefit of the local authorities, so as to contribute to:

- (a) an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries through strengthened local authorities
- (b) an increased capacity of European and Southern local authority networks, regional and global associations, platforms and alliances to ensure a substantive and continued policy dialogue in the field of development and to promote democratic governance.
- (c) an increased level of awareness of European citizens regarding development issues and mobilising active public support in the Union, potential candidate and candidate countries for poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies in partner countries;

Possible activities to be supported by this programme:

- (a) interventions in partner countries which support vulnerable and marginalised groups by providing basic services delivered through local authorities;
- (b) capacity development of the targeted actors complementary to support granted in the framework of the national programme, actions aiming at:
 - (i) creating enabling environment for citizen participation and action and the capacity of local authorities to participate effectively in policy formulation and in the monitoring of policy implementation processes;
 - (ii) facilitating an improved dialogue and better interaction between local authorities, civil society organisations, the State and other development actors in the context of development;
 - (iii) strengthening the capacity of local authorities to participate effectively in the development process acknowledging their particular role and specificities;
- (c) coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of local authority networks, within their organisations and between different types of stakeholders active in the European public debate on development as well as coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of Southern networks of local authorities and umbrella organisations.

This appropriation is intended to support initiatives in developing countries carried out by local authorities originating in the Union and partner countries in the area of development as well as to strengthen their capacity in the policymaking process, so as to:

- ~~— promote an inclusive and empowered society in order to: (i) favour populations out of reach of mainstream services and resources and excluded from policymaking processes; (ii) strengthen the capacity of local and regional authorities in partner countries, with a view to facilitating their participation in defining and implementing sustainable development strategies; and (iii) facilitate interaction between state and local and regional authorities in different contexts, and support an increased role for local authorities in decentralisation processes;~~
- ~~— increase Europeans' awareness of development issues and mobilise active public support in the Union and acceding countries for poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies in partner countries and for fairer relations between developed and developing countries, including raising awareness of North-South trading relations and Union consumers' purchasing decisions and their impact on sustainable development and poverty reduction, and reinforce the roles of local and regional authorities for these purposes;~~
- ~~— achieve more efficient cooperation, foster synergies and ensure structured dialogue among local and regional authorities associations and with civil society, within their organisations and with Union institutions.~~

These initiatives may also include:

- ~~— support to advocacy activities to inform policymakers at all levels on policies that best benefit marginalised producers and workers in developing countries;~~

- ~~developing and strengthening associations and cooperatives in developing countries so that they can build institutional and productive capacities to be able to develop added value products and scale up.~~

~~(d) raising public awareness of development issues, empowering people to become active and responsible citizens and promoting formal and informal education for development in the Union, in candidate and potential candidate countries, to anchor development policy in European societies, to mobilise greater public support for action against poverty and for more equitable relations between developed and developing countries, to raise awareness of the issues and difficulties facing developing countries and their peoples, and to promote the right to a process of development in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realised and the social dimension of globalisation; Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services — CESES — and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf, behalf~~ may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the ~~transferecontribution~~ agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for ~~EU~~ Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 \(OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(b) and Article 2(1)(a) and (b)(i) thereof.~~

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final — C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

Article 21 02 09 — Pan Africa programme to support the joint Africa-European Union Strategy

Remarks

~~Former article 21 02 11 This article is intended to cover the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty, fostering sustainable economic, social and environmental development, the promotion of democracy, rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights, as a component of the Pan-African Programme that is being set up to implement the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES).~~

This appropriation is intended to support the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES). In particular the Pan-African programme shall be used to provide specific support to development cooperation activities of ~~cross-regional, transregional,~~ continental and trans-continental nature, as well as relevant JAES initiatives in the global arena. The Pan-African Programme will work in close ~~cooperation~~ ~~cooperation/concertation~~ with other instruments, notably the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the European Development Fund (EDF) and the thematic programmes under the DCI, and will concentrate on specific initiatives agreed in the framework of ~~JAES, JAES and its Action Plans for which no alternative source of funding can be mobilised, thus~~ ensuring the necessary coherence and synergy and preventing duplications and overlaps.

This will be used in the followings main priority development areas:

- Development of Peace, Security, Democratic Governance and Human Rights, with a support to the African Governance Architecture through cooperation with AU Commission and other related institutions as the pan African Parliament, the African Court for People and Human Rights; civil society organisations.
- Support to Regional Integration at the continental level, including harmonisation of policies, standards and regulations, and capacity building to promote regional integration, trade and investments.
- On Migration, Mobility and Employment, targeting improvements in the areas of remittances, mobility and labour migration, fight against trafficking in human beings, irregular migration and international protection.

- Good stewardship of natural resources (this includes areas such environment & climate change, raw materials and agriculture) and development-oriented use of the wealth they can bring.
- Development of a knowledge-based and skilled-based society, in order to develop competitiveness and sustain growth, through support to Higher Education and Research at continental level, by providing support to the AU flagship initiatives in these areas, and supporting the improvement and availability of accurate statistical data.

~~The instrument should be clearly focused on development cooperation activities and not include activities that could be covered by other instruments such as the Stability instrument. The target of this instrument should be more clearly defined to avoid overlapping and the use of DCI money for other activities not related to development cooperation.~~

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds. Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

~~A small part of this appropriation is intended to implement the Participatory Rangeland Management (PRM) tool in three different rangeland areas in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.~~

~~The pastoral livestock production system depends on mobility, access to grazing and water in order to manage both seasonal resource variability and periodic drought. However, with growing concerns in the Horn of Africa, large scale land interests, loss of biodiversity, climate change impact, food insecurity, population growth and the lack of coherent policies in relation to management of and the decision making in the rangelands, the livelihood systems in the rangelands and their productivity are undermined. Therefore, there is an urgent need for setting up a comprehensive approach of the management of Eastern Africa's rangelands.~~

~~This pilot project should be composed of three stages.~~

~~*Stage 1: Investigating PRM and mapping livestock tracking routes*—devoted to gathering and mapping information about different resources and their uses found in the rangelands, stakeholders and users.~~

~~*Stage 2: Negotiating PRM and facilitating legal support for livestock tracking routes*—devoted to identifying rangeland management institutions and negotiating with them, via participatory rangeland resource assessment, the geographical area for which they should be responsible, drafting the rangeland management plan, including monitoring and evaluation and adaptive management.~~

~~Support will also be provided in order to develop the Africa-EU partnership, to tackle global issues in the worldwide arena, and to reinforce civil society for specific action at continental level.~~
~~*Stage 3: Implementing PRM*—devoted to the implementation of the rangeland management plan and adherence to the rangeland management agreement by the rangeland users, supported by the appropriate government office providing necessary technical advice and legal backing.~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 1(1)(c) and Article 2(1)(a) and (b)(i) thereof.~~

~~European Parliament's negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final—C7-0493/2011-2011/0406(COD)).~~

The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership: A Joint Africa-EU Strategy, adopted at the Lisbon Summit, 9 December 2007.

Article 21 02 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the development cooperation instrument (DCI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the technical and the financial assistance provided under this external instrument in order to promote the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the ‘Erasmus+’ programme.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+’: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011) 840 final), and in particular Article 20(3) thereof.

Article 21 02 30 — Agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and other United Nations bodies

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the lump-sum due by the European Union~~Union’s annual contribution~~ to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of the FAO following its membership in the FAO accession, as well as to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, following its ratification.

Article 21 02 40 — Commodities agreements

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the annual membership fees which the Union must pay for its participation on the grounds of its exclusive competence in the field.

This appropriation currently covers the payment of:

- annual fee for membership of the International Coffee Organisation,
- annual fee for membership of the International Cocoa Organisation,
- ~~annual fee for membership of the International Jute Organisation,~~
- annual fee for membership of the International Cotton Advisory Committee when approved.

Agreements on other tropical products are likely in the future depending on political and legal expediency.

Legal basis

Council Decision 2002/312/EC of 15 April 2002 concerning the acceptance, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement establishing the Terms of Reference of the International Jute Study Group, 2001 (OJ L 112, 27.4.2002, p. 34).

Council Decision 2002/970/EC of 18 November 2002 concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the International Cocoa Agreement 2001 (OJ L 342, 17.12.2002, p. 1).

Council Decision 2008/76/EC of 21 January 2008 regarding the position to be taken by the Community within the International Cocoa Council on the extension of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001 (OJ L 23, 26.1.2008, p. 27).

Council Decision 2008/579/EC of 16 June 2008 on the signing and conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 (OJ L 186, 15.7.2008, p. 12).

Council Decision 2011/634/EU of 17 May 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010 (OJ L 259, 4.10.2011, p. 7).

Council Decision 2012/189/EU of 26 March 2012 on the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010 (OJ L 102, 12.4.2012, p. 1).

[Council Decision of The European Union authorising the Commission to negotiate the accession of the Union to the International Cotton Advisory Committee \(ICAC\);13406/13 of 25 September 2013.](#)

Article 21 02 51 — Completion of actions in the area of development cooperation (prior to 2014)

Item 21 02 51 05 — Non-State actors in development

Legal basis

Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41).

~~[Regulation \(EC\) No 1337/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries \(OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 62\).](#)~~

Item 21 02 51 07 — Human and social development

Legal basis

~~[Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 443/92 of 25 February 1992 on financial and technical assistance to, and economic cooperation with, the developing countries in Asia and Latin America \(OJ L 52, 27.2.1992, p. 1\).](#)~~

~~[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food aid policy and food aid management and special operations in support of food security \(OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1\).](#)~~

~~[Regulation \(EC\) No 955/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 May 2002 extending and amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1659/98 on decentralised cooperation \(OJ L 148, 6.6.2002, p. 1\).](#)~~

~~[Regulation \(EC\) No 625/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 extending and amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1659/98 on decentralised cooperation \(OJ L 99, 3.4.2004, p. 1\).](#)~~

Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 41).

Article 21 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 21 02 77 07 — Preparatory action — Regional African CSO Network for Millennium Development Goal 5

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~This appropriation is intended to fund the establishment of an East African regional network of Millennium Development Goal 5 organisations, bringing together existing national CSO platforms of advocacy and service delivery organisations from Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi—all countries with some of the worst maternal and reproductive health indicators worldwide. This Millennium Development Goal 5 network will aim at providing an informal forum for the exchange of ideas, information and experience in the field of maternal and reproductive health and at providing opportunities for member organisations to explore possibilities for multi-country collaboration and cooperation to highlight the urgent need for increased political and financial attention on Millennium Development Goal 5.~~

~~Activities carried out under this project include the establishment of a network secretariat in one of the member organisations, the establishment of virtual platform to disseminate and share information and best practices as well as the organisation of regional events with the aim of improving maternal and reproductive health outcomes in the region.~~

Item 21 02 77 13 — Preparatory action — Enhanced health care for victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The preparatory action is intended to train Congolese physicians in both general gynaecological surgery and in critical procedures such as repairing fistulas and pelvic reconstruction.~~

~~The preparatory action concerning sexual violence in the DRC is currently in its second year. It may be continued for a third and final year in 2014.~~

Objectives

~~This project is being funded from appropriations for the second year of preparatory action 21 05 01 09 and covers seven health districts in eastern DRC, where the situation has markedly deteriorated. The project focuses on providing training in treating victims of sexual violence (repairing fistulas) and in gynaecological and obstetric procedures.~~

~~The appropriations are to be used for:~~

- ~~— overall objective: helping to improve the health care given to victims of sexual violence in North Kivu and the Eastern Province,~~
- ~~— specific objective:~~

~~building the capacity of health care facilities and staff in North Kivu and the Eastern Province to repair genital fistulas and carry out gynaecological and obstetric surgery.~~

Implementation

~~The project is being funded under the preparatory action and implemented on the basis of direct centralised management by the Commission through the Union delegation to the DRC, under a funding agreement concluded with the DRC.~~

Item 21 02 77 14 — Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (GEEREF)

Remarks

This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous ~~years, years under the preparatory action.~~

Item 21 02 77 16 — Pilot project — Strengthening veterinary services in developing countries

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

Despite collaboration between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Union on the evaluation of the performance of veterinary services (PVS), on the governance of animal health services and on avian influenza, there is a very urgent need to strengthen and fund veterinary services in developing countries, as explained below.

(a) Animal diseases are responsible for a 20 % loss of livestock output globally and a 30 % loss in developing countries. Almost one billion people in developing countries (Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia) rely on livestock for their survival. Livestock health is critical to poverty reduction. However, problems can only be dealt with at source if recognised quickly and professionally.

[Therefore, as stated in Nature News, on 5 July 2012:](#)

['Developing countries need help to develop reporting and surveillance networks and training for farmers and veterinarians in spotting and reporting incidents of disease,' says Bernard Vallat, Director General of the OIE in Paris.](#)

Recent international efforts to address animal and human influenza have clearly highlighted the need to further encourage a cross-sectoral approach to good governance, to strengthen public health and animal health systems to comply with international standards, and to promote alliances between the public and private sectors in those fields.

The burden of animal diseases, including their economic impact (on primary production, on trade and on processed products) as well as the need to address all animal diseases, both zoonotic (e.g. tuberculosis, brucellosis, rabies and anthrax) and non-zoonotic (e.g. foot-and-mouth disease, *peste des petits ruminants*) must be taken into account in order to protect consumers, pets (which can transmit diseases to humans) and livestock in the Union as well. Additional work is required in neighbouring countries, in developing countries and in transition economies, notably in Sub-Saharan Africa, to prevent and control emerging diseases and to improve biosecurity. This will support the delivery of global public goods and will contribute to ultimately ensuring food security, food safety, public health and poverty alleviation. Enabling good governance of public and private components of veterinary services and better cooperation between them and public health services is key to a better and safer world.

Some 125 countries have already benefited from an initial evaluation of the performance of their national veterinary services (PVS evaluation) on the basis of international standards for the quality and evaluation of veterinary services. PVS pathway follow-up actions are part of a continuous process and aim to sustainably improve compliance of veterinary services with international quality standards, and also act as an efficient permanent safeguard for animals, humans and agricultural production throughout the world. These actions need to be implemented in developing countries, notably in Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as in neighbouring countries in order to monitor the progress made and help strengthen veterinary services and animal health systems on the basis of national needs and priorities (PVS gap analysis).

The PVS pathway facilitates and improves the development of appropriate legislation for national animal health systems, early detection, global transparency as regards national sanitary status through the notification of animal diseases including zoonoses, rapid response to outbreaks, biosecurity measures, compensation for farmers in the event of compulsory slaughter, vaccination (if necessary) and capacity-building for and cooperation between the public and private sectors (notably farmers, pastoralists, and private veterinarians), as well as guarantees that quality drugs are used.

Unfortunately, PVS evaluations completed to date have demonstrated worrying weaknesses and major shortcomings in more than 100 countries. This situation threatens early detection and global transparency as regards national sanitary status and zoonoses and increases dramatically the global cost on fighting pandemics and animal diseases, with disastrous effects on the billion people directly dependent on livestock.

Item 21 02 77 17 — Pilot project — Corporate Social Responsibility and access to voluntary family planning for factory workers in developing countries

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This appropriation is intended to fund the establishment of a Europe wide network bringing together MNCs with activities in developing countries and headquarters in Europe and organisations providing family planning services. The project will select most specifically companies factories based most notably in countries with a high unmet need for family planning. This Europe wide network will aim to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and experiences in the field of family planning linked to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and at providing opportunities for collaboration between companies and family planning organisations to increase access to family planning for factory workers in countries with a high unmet need for family planning.

Ultimately the appropriation will establish one pilot project exploring the linkages between CSR and the provision of voluntary family planning services in factories.

Project activities

Phase 1: Mapping of MNCs present in the Union employing high levels of female factory workers in developing countries with high unmet need for family planning.

Phase 2: Setting up a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and experience in the field of family planning linked to CSR.

Phase 3: Supporting the implementation of a voluntary family planning CSR pilot in one factory.

Phase 4: Document and disseminate the outcome of this pilot.

Item 21 02 77 18 — Pilot project — Investing in sustainable peace and community rebuilding in the Cauca area - Colombia

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This pilot project should aim at reactivating the Cauca area's small-scale farming economy in order to continue creating a viable path for the small communities to exit the armed and social conflicts of the region. To this aim the pilot project should ensure the construction, development and maintenance of physical infrastructure facilities and the creation of a distribution centre to commercialise the agricultural products produced by these communities and their further distribution at local and regional level, as well as facilitate potential conflict-settlement like in other hot spot areas in Colombia.

Item 21 02 77 19 — Preparatory action — Building resilience for better health of nomadic communities in post-crisis situations in the Sahel region

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

Northern Mali and Northern Niger are subject to recurrent health crises with some of the lowest health indicators especially on sexual and reproductive health. Although the post-crisis situations in these two countries are quite different, the root causes of low health indicators are similar: large rural areas, sociocultural barriers, inadequate health infrastructure, lack of health competencies and capacities notably on the number of medical professionals, and the low retention rate of skilled medical staff. While these challenges are common across Sub-Saharan Africa, the largely nomadic population in the target area of this project have additional needs that are currently not met by the health system. Indeed the health system often fails to address the mobile nature of these pastoralist groups. This results in increased vulnerability of these groups which is already affected by a lack of adequate nutrition, gender inequalities, maternal and child mortality rates and low access to quality of healthcare services and information.

The parallel post-crisis situation in these two regions would help drawing lessons learnt and best practices on resilience and linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) that would be highly relevant for the Union in the framework of the AGIR initiative, and best practices from this pilot project could be replicated within this and other initiatives.

Using the health sector as an example with particular emphasis on sexual and reproductive health, the preparatory action will aim to establish baselines, draw operational recommendations on resilience and LRRD and capitalise on them to impulse reinforcing health capacities of communities as regard the needs of nomadic groups in the context of post-crisis in Mali and Niger.

Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to build capacity of health workers to provide quality services targeted to the specific needs of nomadic groups (in a post-crisis situation), with a particular emphasis on sexual and reproductive health. Using the health sector as an example, the preparatory action will evaluate and compile best practices on resilience building and linking relief rehabilitation and development in the context of post-crisis in Northern Mali and Northern Niger. Finally, it would also develop innovative methods as well as improve health training curriculum addressing the needs of nomadic groups. Expected results from this project will be reliable and comprehensive health data collected at community and local levels, in order to improve health programming and increase the accountability of the national and local health systems; best practices with regards to building resilience and LRRD will be shared and disseminated and health training curriculum will be developed to enhance local capacity to address health needs of the nomadic groups.

The primary target group is the nomadic population in rural Northern Mali and Northern Niger, and in particular the most vulnerable and most-at-risk groups of this population (women, girls and infants below five). The secondary target group include professional and community health workers in the same regions.

The action will be implemented by local CSOs and humanitarian actors that have local staff present in the region, in alignment with national priorities and government plans (including reaching UN Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, as both Mali and Niger are countdown countries³) and in close coordination with all actors present in the regions: the local and national authorities, local and national health facilities and training facilities, the communities, as well as the development actors (EU, donors, UN agencies, the private sector, NGOs, authorities and community health and medical workers), taking into account efforts under the AGIR initiative.

Project activities

The preparatory action will have three phases.

First phase: conduct an operational research to determine health baselines of nomadic groups

The action will aim to establish baselines on health indicators and study the determinants to access to quality healthcare (geographical, financial, socio cultural, etc.) of nomadic local populations, and in particular for the most vulnerable and most-at-risk groups (women, girls and infants below five). It will also map out the existing health capacities and initiatives (including the AGIR and other international initiatives, government-run health facilities and trainings centres but also traditional and community health workers). Eventually, the research will evaluate the provision of basic health care to nomadic groups 'needs and prevention information and services (including maternal, and child care, vaccination, nutrition, reproductive health, gender-based violence, etc.)⁴.

Second phase: provide operational recommendations and compile best practices for LRRD and resilience building for knowledge transfer to the AGIR and other related initiatives

Based on the assessment, the action will analyse how the nomadic group's needs have been addressed in the emergency response and the post-crisis phase (coordination and warning mechanisms) by all development actors (EU actors, donors, UN agencies, the private sector, NGOs, authorities and community health and medical workers). It will highlight best practices in both countries notably combining mobile and static health services and the provision of dual animal and human interventions, drawing on the similarities and different approaches taken in each country.

Finally it will provide operational recommendations for future Union involvement notably in the context of AGIR on how to maintain a long-term resilience-oriented perspective towards nomadic groups also during crisis and emergency response interventions without destabilising the local and national formal and informal structures.

Third phase: build and retain capacity to address nomadic groups health needs among professional and community health workers for resilient health systems

The action will leverage some of the lessons learnt by considering health capacity to address health needs of nomadic groups. This phase will focus on developing a specialised training curriculum based on the needs of nomadic communities and documenting evidence-based intervention strategies which have demonstrated results and ownership among nomadic groups. This will be done in partnership of training facilities as well as local and national authorities. The training will include the full range of basic health care and prevention including the reference of pregnant women to health centres. It will also contain training on the collection and monitoring of data on health status of nomadic groups. The training will target health workers with a special focus on women community based health workers and traditional birth attendants in order to increase access to health services for nomadic groups. Trainings will be aligned with national priorities and in support of existing institutions.

Item 21 02 77 20 — Preparatory action — Socio-economic reintegration of children and female sex workers living at mines in Luhwindja, South Kivu Province, eastern DRC

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

³ Both Mali and Niger are so-called 'countdown countries' meaning that progress is needed to reach the MDGs by 2015, in particular on MDG 4 and 5 (infant mortality and maternal mortality).

⁴By basic care we mean: maternal and child health, vaccination and nutrition (specifically acute under-nourished children and lactating mothers), reproductive healthcare (emergency obstetric care, antenatal and post-partum care, access to family planning methods, prevention of unsafe abortion, etc.) surveillance for epidemics and treatment of diseases (including HIV/AIDS), medical care, early psychological and clinical management especially of gender-based violence (sexual aggression, early and forced marriage, FGM/C, etc.).

Owing to a long history of crisis in the region, extreme poverty is rife in South Kivu Province in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

With 84,7 % of its inhabitants living below the poverty line, this is one of the DRC's three poorest provinces (the others are Équateur and Bandundu).

The situation is no better in Luhwindja than in any other of the province's 18 chiefdoms. In the past, more than 90% of the chiefdom's population lived on artisanal mining.

Today, almost all of the mines are run by the Banro Corporation, whose industrial-scale operations make it difficult for other activities which could be of greater benefit to the local communities to be carried out.

In order to survive, those communities are obliged to dig for gold at other sites that are deemed dangerous, often with disastrous consequences. The school non-attendance rate is alarmingly high, with large numbers of young girls and boys from poor families giving up their studies to go to work in the mines.

Article 53(f) of the Act of 10 January 2009 on the protection of children prohibits all forms of labour which, owing to their nature or the conditions under which they are carried out, are likely to be harmful to the health, growth, safety, development, dignity or morals of children.

Girls as young as 13 and women who have become heads of household are obliged to engage in prostitution in order to keep the local community on an even keel, given, in particular, that most of the men have no source of income.

Prostitution and its attendant problems, including physical violence and drug taking, are rife in the mines in operation in Luhwindja chiefdom.

Efforts need to be made by the government, civil society and the UN agencies to find ways of ensuring that Millennium Development Goal 1 (eradication of extreme poverty and hunger) is met in this area.

Objectives

The prevalence of child labour and of prostitution (involving both women and girls) in Luhwindja's mines is clearly indicative of the level of poverty in the area.

The overall aim of this project is to help improve living conditions for the inhabitants of Luhwindja chiefdom, with special emphasis being placed on providing the young people who have given up their studies to work in the mines with the guidance they require.

Special attention will be paid to the sex workers (women and girls) living at the mines, most of whom contract HIV/Aids and other sexually transmitted diseases at an early age, and to the issue of unwanted pregnancies. Work in this area will be carried out in cooperation with Panzi Hospital, which is run by Dr Denis Mukwege.

There will also be close cooperation with local and national authorities, local communities and other development stakeholders (donors, UN agencies, private sector bodies and NGOs).

Project activities

There will be three main stages:

Stage 1: opening a remedial education centre for children between the ages of five and 15 working at mines in Luhwindja (USD 800 000):

- Raising awareness among local people of national and international child protection legislation and agreements.
- Building a remedial education centre for children rescued from the mines, some of whom have never been to school.
- Fitting the centre out with the necessary equipment. Once built, the centre will need to have the teaching and other materials required to give the children the best possible learning environment and offer them a chance to continue their studies afterwards.
- Recruiting the necessary staff. Staff with the specific qualifications and teaching skills required to handle 'outlaw' children will be recruited. The staff will also be responsible for enrolling children from the mines, with the assistance of their parents.
- Providing psycho-social counselling. Given that they come from dangerous, atypical backgrounds, once enrolled the children will first spend three months at a psycho-social guidance centre. A psychologist will be recruited for this purpose.
- Streaming the children on the basis of their level of schooling. There will be three different levels: Level 1 will be for children who have never been to school and those who left school in the first and second years of primary school. These children will be taught to second-year primary level.
- The second level will be for children who went no further than the third or fourth year of primary school. These children will be taught to fourth-year primary level.

- The third level will be for children who went no further than the fifth year of primary school or failed the sixth year. These children will be taught to sixth-year primary level.

At the end of each school year, all the children at sixth-year level will take the TENAFEP (national primary school leaving test), in preparation for going on to secondary school.

School meals will be provided to encourage children to attend classes and dissuade parents from sending them to work in the mines.

The money which the children earned in the mines helped to cover household expenses. With a view to putting an end to this practice, provision has been made for the families of the children at the centre each to be given a food package (a bag of rice and a small can of oil) every month.

- Assessing the project's impact on the basis of the number of children enrolled from the mines, their progress to secondary school, whether local or situated elsewhere, the degree of involvement of the local community and local authorities in dealing with the problem of child labour in the mines, and the quality of the education provided to the children.

Stage 2: setting up a vocational training centre for adolescents (16 to 18 year-olds) from the Luhwindja mines (USD 1 150 000):

- Raising awareness among local people of national and international child protection legislation and agreements. The adolescents involved need to be apprised of their rights and obligations.
- Building the vocational training centre. In line with local circumstances, the following courses will be offered: clothes making, building, carpentry, improved cooking facilities, and fitting and welding.
- Fitting the centre out with the necessary equipment. The skills learned at the centre will be backed up by practical experience gained on traineeships with local NGOs, state-owned companies, etc.
- Recruiting the necessary staff. Staff qualified to teach the various courses will be recruited either locally or from outside the area.
- Providing psycho-social counselling. Experience shows that various forms of social deviancy, including drug taking and prostitution, are common in this age group.
- Helping the young people to choose a course. Following psycho-social counselling, the young people will be helped to choose a course. The aim is to raise their sense of self-worth and enable them to make a contribution to society.
- Assessing the project's impact on the beneficiaries and determining whether the training provided has helped to address local problems. Assessments and reports will be drafted and sent to donors.

Stage 3: helping sex workers (women and girls) living at mines in Luhwindja to find other means of earning a living (USD 760 000):

- Recruiting the necessary staff. Technicians and other staff specialised in dealing with 'marginalised' women and girls will be recruited for the project.
- Making the sex workers aware of their human rights. During the information sessions, screening for HIV/Aids and similar diseases will be offered to project beneficiaries on a voluntary basis.

The tests will be performed by nurses at Panzi Hospital, run by Dr Denis Mukwege. If necessary, referrals for psycho-medical care will be made.

- Providing the sex workers with information on issues relating to the management of income-generating activities and birth control.

In view of the extreme socio-economic conditions in which they live, they will be taught various birth control strategies. The association could even sign agreements with the sex workers with a view to limiting the number of births and keeping the women and girls away from the mines.

- Setting up a team to monitor compliance with the agreements, including the undertaking not to go back to the mines. A sizeable proportion of the children born to sex workers live and work at the mines.
- Helping the young women to find income-generating activities (farming jobs, small retail jobs, etc.) that will enable them to support their households. The aim is to empower them.

Assessing the project; determining whether beneficiaries have honoured their undertaking not to return to prostitution in the mines, whether the income-generating activities are going well and whether the birth control advice is being put into practice.

Item 21 02 77 21 — Preparatory action — Building and strengthening local partnerships to develop social economy and to establish social enterprises in Eastern Africa

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.](#)

This preparatory action is intended to contribute to the Union's strategy to support the welfare of the people of Eastern Africa and to help lift them from poverty into self-sustaining economic growth.

It aims at strengthening capacities, ownership and political commitment of local actors to initiate structural change to support the development of social enterprises which constitute an important pillar of the social economy and civil society. These enterprises will in particular produce and deliver goods and services in the fields of sustainable agricultural and livestock production, natural resource management, energy efficiency, culture and education, as well as health and care services

Social enterprises, together with cooperatives, are operators in the social economy that are trading goods and services to achieve a social impact⁵ rather than make a profit for their owners or shareholders, and that are managed in an open and responsible manner and, in particular, involve employees, consumers and stakeholders affected by their commercial activities⁶. The ILO has made significant efforts to highlight the importance of their role for promoting economic sustainability, social justice, ecological balance, decent work political stability, conflict resolution and gender equality⁷, and the Preparatory Action will integrate the lessons learnt from ILO's work.

The process of starting, developing and replicating social enterprises and co-operatives will often need to be based on the innovative use and combination of resources to pursue opportunities to catalyse social change and/or address social needs, propelled by social entrepreneurs.

The innovative approach of this preparatory action is based on bringing together under-utilised resources and drivers for local development, and will develop and test new ways and means to develop sustainable communities in two Eastern African countries (Kenya and Ethiopia) with strong roots in the social economy, by

- mobilising and empowering social entrepreneurs to move from informal entrepreneurship to social businesses that allow the development of skills, self-esteem, mutual responsibility, income and welfare,
- establishing local development partnerships of key institutions, stakeholders and personalities that promote and support the creation and development of social enterprises, embedded in an eco-system conducive for their development and sustainability, that are based on the principles of participation, co-ownership and democratic management,
- mobilising and involving diaspora communities living in Europe that play a significant economic role in the flow of capital into Eastern Africa, but also have socio-political links with the region,
- facilitating learning from peers by exploiting and utilising the experience and expertise of social economy actors in the new member states of the Union that have managed to develop new social economy structures and new business models for social enterprises in the transformation period from state controlled economies to social market economies.

To this end, the preparatory action will apply an experimental approach, and test the conditions for success under different configurations:

- it will involve partnership between local social economy initiatives in Eastern Africa with diaspora communities in Europe and social economy actors in the new member states,

⁵ Social impact is generated through solidarity action with the disadvantaged and the excluded; with the young generation and with the elderly, solidarity with future generations (through e.g. using natural resources efficiently, or reducing emissions and waste) Increasing the quality of life for all through producing services and products that meet collective needs and contribute to community and social capital development, through e.g. producing and distributing healthy and affordable food, or facilitating access to and delivering education and lifelong learning.

⁶ Eva Deraedt, *Social Enterprise: A Conceptual Framework, study for ILO by Hoger instituut voor de arbeid*, Leuven 2009

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: *Social Business Initiative — Creating a favourable climate for social enterprises, key stakeholders in the social economy and innovation*, COM(2011) 682; Brussels, 25 October 2011.

⁷ E.g.: *The Reader 2010: 'Social and Solidarity Economy: Building a Common Understanding'*; International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization 2010.

- it will identify and empower local development partnerships in different European countries and in at least two Eastern African countries that could collaborate in establishing social enterprises and developing a social economy eco-system in the communities of the African partners,
- the transnational local partnerships will be established and developed between local social economy initiatives in big cities, medium-sized towns and rural villages.

The preparatory action will include analytical work (participative baseline assessment and strategy developments, feasibility assessments); organisational work (coordination cells to prepare and provide technical assistance to the activities of the partners), the establishment of learning spaces (through study visits, learning seminars, secondments, cooperation between social enterprises, etc.) and the development of an infrastructure and the activation of an eco-system for social enterprises, community-based cooperatives, and producer groups. It will result in launching transnational partnerships between local social economy initiatives from Eastern Africa and Eastern Europe, assisted by diaspora communities and experienced social economy actors from the new member states.

It is expected that the development of social economy initiatives will enhance local community development in Eastern Africa and strengthen the processes of poverty prevention, notably through the reduction of informal employment, access to co-ownership of the means of production and the development of an infrastructure for boosting the social economy.

CHAPTER 21 03 — EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD INSTRUMENT (ENI)

Article 21 03 01 — Supporting cooperation with Mediterranean countries

Item 21 03 01 01 — Mediterranean countries — Human rights and mobility

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- human rights and fundamental freedoms,
- the rule of law,
- principles of equality,
- establishing deep and sustainable democracy,
- good governance,
- developing a thriving civil society including social partners,
- creating conditions for well managed mobility of people,
- promotion of people-to-people contacts.

[An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No°232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final, and in particular Article 2(2)(a) and (c) thereof.~~

Item 21 03 01 02 — Mediterranean countries — Poverty reduction and sustainable development

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- progressive integration into the Union internal market and enhanced sector and cross-sectoral cooperation including through:
 - legislative approximation and regulatory convergence towards Union and other relevant international standards,
 - institution building,
 - investments,
- sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects,
- poverty reduction, including through private-sector development,
- promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion,
- rural development,
- climate action,
- disaster resilience.

An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final), and in particular Article 2(2)(b) and (d) thereof.~~

Item 21 03 01 03 — Mediterranean countries — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- confidence and peace building including amongst children,
- security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts,
- support to refugees and displaced population including children.

[An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each ~~chapter.~~[chapter.](#)

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(COM\(2011\) 839 final\), and in particular Article 2\(2\)\(e\) thereof.](#)

Item 21 03 01 04 — Support to peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover operations for the benefit of the Palestinian people and the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in the context of the Middle East peace process.

The operations are primarily aimed at:

- supporting State-building and institutional development,
- promoting social and economic development,
- mitigating the effects on the Palestinian population of the deteriorating economic, fiscal and humanitarian conditions through the provision of essential services and other support,
- contributing to reconstruction efforts in Gaza,
- contributing to the financing of the operation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and in particular its health, education and social services programmes,
- financing preparatory operations aimed at promoting cooperation between Israel and its neighbours in the context of the peace process, notably with regard to institutions, economic matters, water, the environment and energy,
- financing activities designed to create a public opinion favourable to the peace process,
- financing information, including in Arabic and Hebrew, and disseminating information on Israeli-Palestinian cooperation,
- promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, promoting enhanced respect for minority rights, combating anti-Semitism and promoting gender equality and non-discrimination,
- fostering the development of civil society, inter alia, to promote social inclusion.

An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final).

Article 21 03 02 — Supporting cooperation with Eastern Partnership countries

Item 21 03 02 01 — Eastern Partnership — Human rights and mobility

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- human rights and fundamental freedoms,
- the rule of law,
- principles of equality,
- establishing deep and sustainable democracy,
- good governance,
- developing a thriving civil society including social partners,
- creating conditions for well managed mobility of people,
- promotion of people-to-people contacts.

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final), and in particular Article 2(2)(a) and (c) thereof.~~

Item 21 03 02 02 — Eastern Partnership — Poverty reduction and sustainable development

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- progressive integration into the Union internal market and enhanced sector and cross-sectoral cooperation including through:
 - legislative approximation and regulatory convergence towards Union and other relevant international standards,
 - institution building,
 - investments,
- sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects,
- poverty reduction, including through private-sector development,
- promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion,
- rural development,
- climate action,
- disaster resilience.

An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to be used for operations carried out by the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services—CESES—and its Member Associations, including technical assistance, advisory services and training in selected public and private sector enterprises and institutions. For that to be achieved, Union authorising officers are encouraged to make full use of the possibilities offered by the new financial regulation, notably taking into account in-kind financing by CESES as contribution to Union projects.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each ~~chapter~~[chapter](#).

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final), and in particular Article 2(2)(b) and (d) thereof.~~

Item 21 03 02 03 — Eastern Partnership — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts

Remarks

This appropriation is intended in particular to cover bilateral and multi-country cooperation actions promoting results in, inter alia, the following areas:

- confidence building,
- security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts,
- support to refugees.

[An adequate level of appropriations should be reserved for the support of civil society organisations.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 633 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

~~[An adequate volume of appropriations should be set aside for support for civil society organisations.](#)~~

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

~~[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(COM\(2011\) 839 final\), and in particular Article 2\(2\)\(e\) thereof.](#)~~

Article 21 03 03 — Ensuring efficient cross-border cooperation (CBC) and support to other multi-country cooperation

Item 21 03 03 01 — Cross-border cooperation (CBC) — Contribution from Heading 4

Remarks

~~[Former item 21 03 03 01 \(in part\) This appropriation is intended to cover cross-border cooperation programmes along the external borders of the Union between partner countries and Member States to promote integrated and sustainable regional development between neighbouring border regions, including the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, and harmonious territorial integration across the Union and with neighbouring countries](#)~~

[This appropriation is intended to cover cross-border cooperation programmes between, on the one hand, Member States and, on the other hand, partner countries and/or the Russian Federation along the external borders. Taking into account the long process of the Union, in order to promote integrated and sustainable regional development and cooperation between neighbouring border areas and harmonious territorial integration across the Union and with neighbouring countries, establishing joint operational programmes, 2014 cross-border cooperation commitments will be low and mainly related to technical assistance needed in the preparatory phase. Once programmes start to be implemented, commitments will show an increasing trend over the 2015–2020 period \(as was the case for 2007–2013\).](#)

[2015 cross-border cooperation commitments reflect the first year of implementation. Part of this appropriation will be allocated for additional support to Baltic Sea Strategy objectives. This support can be implemented either by directly supporting projects under the EUSBSR or, as appropriate, through, for example, the Northern Dimension in the framework of Regional East and commitments will show an increasing trend over the 2015–2020 period \(as was the case for 2007–2013\). Interregional Indicative Programmes, the Baltic Sea Region Programme, the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan or the BONUS 169 Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(COM\(2011\) 839 final\), and in particular Article 2\(2\)\(f\) thereof.](#)

Item 21 03 03 02 — Cross-border cooperation (CBC) — Contribution from Heading 1b (Regional Policy)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the ERDF support under the European territorial cooperation goal in the 2014-2020 programming period to cross-border and sea-basin cooperation programmes under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI).

It is intended in particular to finance cross-border cooperation programmes along the external borders of the Union between partner countries and Member States to promote integrated and sustainable regional development between neighbouring border regions, including the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, and harmonious territorial integration across the Union and with neighbouring countries.

~~Taking into account the long process of establishing joint operational programmes, 2014 cross-border cooperation commitments will be low and mainly related to technical assistance needed in the preparatory phase. Once programmes start to be implemented, commitments will show an increasing trend over the 2015-2020 period (as was the case for 2007-2013).~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259).

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

[Regulation \(EU\) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument \(COM\(2011\) 839 final\), and in particular Article 2\(2\)\(f\) thereof.](#)

Item 21 03 03 03 — Support to other multi-country cooperation in the neighbourhood

Remarks

Appropriations under this item will be mainly used to finance the multi-country umbrella programmes that will supplement the country financial allocations. The purpose of the multi-country umbrella programmes – as stipulated in the ENI regulation – is to facilitate the implementation of the incentive-based approach.

Appropriations under this item will also be used to cover actions aiming to:

- provide general support to the functioning of the Union for the Mediterranean,
- provide general support to the functioning of the Eastern Partnership initiative,
- provide general support to the functioning of the other regional multi-country cooperation frameworks within ENI, such as Northern Dimension and Black Sea Synergy.

It will also be used for actions improving the level and capacity of implementation of Union assistance as well as for actions aiming to inform the general public and the potential beneficiaries of assistance and to increase visibility.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final).

Article 21 03 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the technical and financial assistance provided under this external instrument in order to promote the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the ‘Erasmus+’ programme.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus+: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport’ and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 27).

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (COM(2011) 839 final), and in particular Article 18(3) thereof.~~

Article 21 03 51 — Completion of actions in the area of European Neighbourhood Policy and relations with Russia (prior to 2014)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years.

It is also intended to cover the completion of the financial protocols with Mediterranean countries, including, inter alia, support for the Euro-Mediterranean Investment Facility within the European Investment Bank and covers the execution of non-EIB financial aid provided for in the third and fourth generation of financial protocols with the southern Mediterranean countries. The protocols cover the period 1 November 1986 to 31 October 1991 for the third generation of financial protocols and the period 1 November 1991 to 31 October 1996 for the fourth generation of financial protocols.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

~~Part of this appropriation will be allocated for additional support to EU Baltic Sea Strategy objectives, either directly or through relevant actors and partners in the region.~~

Article 21 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 21 03 77 03 — Preparatory action — New Euro-Mediterranean strategy for youth employment promotion

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~In the framework of the emerging democratisation in the Southern Mediterranean neighbours, the two-way flow of young professionals from both sides of the Mediterranean at professional level is an essential feature for the consolidation of democracy and the inclusion of young professionals in the job market.~~

~~The main aim of the preparatory action is to promote and enhance the mutual exchange of young professionals on both sides of the Mediterranean. The activities will also cover vocational traineeships.~~

Item 21 03 77 05 — Preparatory action — Asset recovery to Arab Spring countries

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.~~

As diversity and complexity of national legislations in requested states and limited legal expertise and institutional capacities in requesting states remain major obstacles in the field of asset recovery to Arab Spring countries in transition, it is of crucial importance to offer substantial legal and technical assistance to Southern Mediterranean partner countries concerned.

This preparatory action, based on existing Union initiatives supporting Egyptian and Tunisian authorities engaged in the recovery of misappropriated assets stolen by former dictators and their regimes, aims to strengthen Union action in this field through capacity-building as well as promoting cooperation and expertise and information sharing between requesting and requested states, and the revision of national legislations as appropriate.

This preparatory action covers start-up costs for and finances annual running costs of this support mechanism.

CHAPTER 21 04 — EUROPEAN INSTRUMENT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 21 04 01 — Enhancing the respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and supporting democratic reforms

Remarks

The general objective will be to contribute to the development and consolidation of democracy and respect for human rights, in accordance with Union policies and guidelines and in close cooperation with civil society.

Key areas of activity will include:

- enhancing respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international and regional human rights instruments, and strengthening their protection, promotion and monitoring, mainly through support to relevant civil society organisations, human rights defenders, and victims of repression and abuse.
- supporting and consolidating democratic reforms in third [countries except European Union Electoral Observation Missions](#), by enhancing participatory and representative democracy, strengthening the overall democratic cycle, and improving the reliability of electoral processes.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their ~~behalf~~, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article ~~6 3 36 3 3~~ of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the ~~transference~~ agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for ~~EU~~ Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) N° 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide \(OJ L 77, 14.03.2014, p. 85\)](#)

Reference acts

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (COM(2011) 844 final), and in particular Article 2(1)(a)(b)(c) thereof.~~

Article 21 04 51 — Completion of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (prior to 2014)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights in the 2007-2013 period.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the ~~transference~~^{contribution} agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (OJ ~~L 386, L 386~~, 29.12.2006, ~~p. 1), p. 1~~).

Article 21 04 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

~~Item 21 04 77 03 — Pilot project — Funding for victims of torture~~

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Reference acts

~~Council Directive 2003/9/EC of 27 January 2003 laying down minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers (OJ L 31, 6.2.2003, p. 18).~~

~~Conclusions of the Council of the European Union, 2865th External Relations Council meeting, Luxembourg, 29 April 2009.~~

~~Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 389).~~

CHAPTER 21 05 — INSTRUMENT CONTRIBUTING TO FOR STABILITY AND PEACE (ICSP)(IfS) — GLOBAL AND TRANS-REGIONAL AND EMERGING THREATS

Article 21 05 01 — Global, Global and trans-regional and emerging security threats

Remarks

This appropriation covers the long-term component of the IfS ‘assistance in the context of stable conditions for cooperation’, defined in Article 5 of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing an Instrument for Stability (COM (2011) 845 final) and covers global and trans-regional threats under the 2014-2020 period.

This appropriation is intended to cover actions aiming to help safeguard countries and populations against risks either of an intentional, accidental or natural origin. This may, inter alia, include:

- the promotion of civilian research activities as an alternative to defence-related research, and support for the retraining and alternative employment of scientists and engineers having formerly been employed in weapons-related areas,
- support for measures to enhance safety practice related to civilian facilities where sensitive chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials or agents are stored, or are handled in the context of civilian research programmes,

- support, within the framework of Union cooperation policies and their objectives, for the establishment of civil infrastructure and relevant civilian studies necessary for the dismantlement, remediation or conversion of weapons-related facilities and sites where these are declared as no longer belonging to a defence programme,
- strengthening the capacity of the competent civilian authorities involved in the development and enforcement of effective control of the trafficking in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials or agents (including the equipment for their production, or delivery or effective border controls), including through the installation of modern logistical evaluation and control equipment. The actions relate to natural and industrial disasters as well as criminal activities,
- support to IAEA to upgrade their technical capacity to detect the illicit trafficking of radioactive materials,
- the development of the legal framework and institutional capacities for the establishment and enforcement of effective export controls on dual-use goods, including measures of regional cooperation,
- the development of effective civilian disaster preparedness, emergency planning, crisis response, and capabilities for clean-up measures in relation to possible major environmental incidents in this field.

Other measures in the field of global and trans-regional threats will cover:

- strengthening the capacity of law enforcement and judicial and civil authorities involved in the fight against terrorism-countering violent extremism- and organised crime, including illicit trafficking of people, drugs, firearms and explosive materials, cyber crime, falsified medicine and in the effective control of illegal trade and transit. A new priority is to address global and trans-regional effects of climate change with a potentially destabilising impact,
- support for measures to address threats to international transport, and critical infrastructure, including passenger and freight traffic, energy operations and energy distribution, electronic information and communication networks,
- ensuring an adequate response to major threats to public health, such as pandemics with a potential trans-national impact.

Such measures may be adopted under this instrument in the context of stable conditions, where they aim to address specific global and trans-regional threats having a destabilising effect, and only to the extent that an adequate and effective response cannot be provided under related Union instruments for external assistance.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter and may be complemented by contributions for Union Trust Funds.

Legal basis

[Regulation \(EU\) N° 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace \(OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 1\).](#)

Reference acts

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing an Instrument for Stability \(COM\(2011\) 845 final\), and in particular Article 1\(2\)\(c\) thereof.](#)

CHAPTER 21 06 — INSTRUMENT FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY COOPERATION (INSC)

Article 21 06 01 — Promotion of a high level of nuclear safety, radiation protection and the application of efficient and effective safeguards of nuclear material in third countries

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of the promotion of an effective nuclear safety and nuclear security culture at all levels, in particular through:

- continuous support for regulatory bodies, technical support organisations, and the reinforcement of the regulatory framework, notably concerning licensing activities in order to establish strong independent regulatory oversight,

- support for the safe transport, treatment and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste both from nuclear power plant and from other (orphan) sources, (medical applications, uranium mining),
- the development and implementation of strategies for decommissioning existing installations and the remediation of former nuclear sites,
- the promotion of effective regulatory frameworks, procedures and systems to ensure adequate protection against ionising radiations from radioactive materials, in particular from high activity radioactive sources, and their safe disposal,
- the financing of stress tests based on the *acquis*,
- the establishment of the necessary regulatory framework and methodologies for the implementation of nuclear safeguards, including for the proper accounting and control of fissile materials at State and operators level,
- the establishment of effective arrangements for the prevention of accidents with radiological consequences as well as the mitigation of such consequences should they occur, and for emergency-planning, preparedness and response, civil protection and rehabilitation measures,
- measures to promote international cooperation (including in the framework of relevant international organisations, notably IAEA) in the abovementioned fields, including the implementation and monitoring of international conventions and treaties, exchange of information and training and research,
- the enhancement of emergency preparedness in case of nuclear accidents, as well as training and tutoring inter alia to increase the capacities of the regulators.

This appropriation is intended also to fund health and environmental projects as regards the consequences of the Chernobyl accident, which affect human health and the environment, especially in Ukraine and Belarus.

Priority will be given to address the needs in the countries being part of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Relevant work previously carried out under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) will be taken over by the INSC in order to ensure a comprehensive approach.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (Euratom) No 237/2014 of the Council of 13 December 2013 establishing an Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 109).

Reference acts

Proposal for a Regulation of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, establishing an Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (COM(2011) 841 final), and in particular Article 1(1) thereof.

Article 21 06 02 — Additional contribution of the European Union to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund

Remarks

New article

This appropriation is intended to cover the European Union's contribution to the completion of the Chernobyl Shelter after the accident of 1986.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the

[contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.](#)

Legal basis

[Regulation \(Euratom\) No 237/2014 of the Council of 13 December 2013 establishing an Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation \(OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 109\).](#)

Article 21 06 51 — Completion of former actions (prior to 2014)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years.

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and other donor countries, including in both cases their public and parastatal agencies, or from international organisations to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, pursuant to the relevant basic act, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

CHAPTER 21 07 — THE EUROPEAN UNION-GREENLAND PARTNERSHIP

Article 21 07 01 — Cooperation with Greenland

Legal basis

Council Decision [2014/137/EU of 14 March 2014 on relations between 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other](#) Community ('Overseas Association Decision') (OJ L 76, 15/03/2014, p. 1–5). ~~324, 7.12.2001, p. 1).~~

Reference acts

[Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union \('Overseas Association Decision'\) \(OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1\).](#) ~~Proposal for a Decision of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2011, on relations between the European Union on one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (COM(2011) 846 final), and in particular Article 3(1) thereof.~~

~~Proposal for Decision of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 16 July 2012, on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') (COM(2012) 362 final).~~

CHAPTER 21 08 — DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WORLDWIDE

Article 21 08 02 — Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues

Remarks

Budget financing provides the Commission with the means of support it needs to prepare, formulate and follow up coordination measures under its development policy. Policy coordination is crucial to the consistency, complementarity and aid and development effectiveness.

Coordination measures are essential in defining and shaping the Union development policy at a strategic and programming level. The specific nature of the Union development policy is directly enshrined in the Treaties (Articles 208 and 210 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union). Union aid and the national policies of the Member States in the sphere of development

cooperation need to complement and reinforce each other and this cannot work without coordination. Article 210 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union calls on the Commission to act as coordinator of the Member States' and the Union's development policies and of action in development cooperation.

Coordination is not only a major factor in the Commission's value added vis-à-vis the policies of the Member States but also a priority in the work schedule at the point where the agendas of the Union and the international community intersect. It therefore reflects a steadily growing demand from the other European institutions, as recognised by the Member States and by the European Parliament at the European Council in Barcelona in March 2002.

This appropriation covers various forms of action:

Action A: Coordination at European and international levels:

- effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, impact and viability studies in the area of coordination, meetings of experts and exchanges between the Commission, Member States, and other international actors (US, emerging donors, etc.) and international forums such as South-South cooperation,
- [research, communication, consultation, and evaluation services, including for technical assistance,](#)
- monitoring of policies and operations in the course of implementation,
- support measures to improve the quality of the monitoring of ongoing operations and the preparation of future operations, [including capacity-building,](#)
- measures to support external initiatives in the sphere of coordination,
- the preparation of common positions, statements and initiatives,
- the organisation of events relating to coordination,
- the Commission's membership fees to the international organisations and networks,
- the dissemination of information through the production of publications and the development of information systems.

This appropriation will also cover the financing of [activities in the area of research for policy making in development, building on the experience of the initiative the initiative entitled 'Mobilising European Research on Development Policies' and of the European Report on Development. These activities include support to cutting edge research and structured debate which aims to provide added value to the Union policymaking process on development issues by improving the quality and forward looking perspective of Union policy formulation. The initiative seeks to enhance synergies between European researchers and policymakers, the objective being to refine the European perspective on 'key policymakers by bringing them together in one common project. The main output of this initiative is the publication, on an annual basis, of a 'European Report on Development' \(ERD\). The ERD, together with other intermediary products \(background papers, seminars and workshops\), will play a catalytic role in strengthening and refining the European perspective on key development challenges and enhance EU's influence on the international development agenda on the basis of independent knowledge and excellence. excellence and innovative policy recommendations. This initiative is financed jointly by the Commission and Member States through contributions on a voluntary basis. In addition, the appropriation will finance the publication of the ERD, including its translation, printing, dissemination and a promotional campaign to disseminate the policy recommendations of the ERD to development actors.](#)

Action B: Raising awareness

This appropriation covers the financing of activities designed to draw attention to action by the Union and the Member States in the development field and to raise public awareness of development issues. It will also provide the necessary financing for preparing, launching and promoting the 'European Year for Development 2015' which has been proposed by the Commission following an initiative by the European Parliament. In this respect the Commission may co-finance, as in previous European Years, awareness-raising activities with Member States, in particular aiming at those countries where development cooperation (as a donor) does not have a long established tradition, and with civil society organisations. This European Year should lead to additional activities to be financed within Europe and in third countries in the context of the international process deciding on and launching the global post 2015 development framework which will replace the Millennium Development Goals. Every activity financed pursuant to this action must include the following two components, which are complementary in the Commission's view:

- an 'information' component, designed to promote the various activities which the Union undertakes in the development aid field and the activities which it conducts in partnership with the Member States and other international institutions,
- an 'awareness-raising' component, covering public opinion in the Union, and in developing countries.

These activities consist mainly, though not exclusively, of financial support for schemes in the audiovisual, publications, seminars and events fields as applied to development, the production of information material, the development of information systems, and also the Lorenzo Natali prize for journalism in the development field.

These activities are directed at public and private sector partners, and at the Union's representations and delegations in the Member States.

This appropriation is moreover intended to cover the funding of priority information and communication activities directed towards the citizens of the Union and dealing with the Union's external policies as a whole.

The areas which will be covered by information activities include those below, but may embrace other aspects of the Union's external relations, particularly in relation to the future of the Union's external policy:

- addressing the weak public perception of external assistance. The objective is to make clear that external assistance is an integral part of what the Union does and is one of the crucial policies that define the Union and its role in the world, and to raise awareness of the fact that the Union is delivering tangible results on behalf of Union citizens to fight poverty and to provide high-quality sustainable development worldwide,
- the 'European Neighbourhood Policy' (ENP). The ENP was launched on the basis of a communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament of 11 March 2003 entitled 'Wider Europe — Neighbourhood: A new framework for relations with our eastern and southern neighbours' (COM(2003) 104 final). The actions which are part of this activity will continue to provide information on the activities of the Union in the framework of its European Neighbourhood Policy,
- information activities, to be carried out in cooperation with the Council, on the aims and development of the common foreign and security policy,
- the organisation of visits for groups of representatives of civil society.

The Commission has adopted two communications to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a new framework for cooperation in activities concerning the information and communication policy of the European Union (COM(2001) 354 final and COM(2002) 350 final). They propose an interinstitutional framework for cooperation between the institutions and with the Member States for the development of a communication and information policy strategy for the Union.

The Interinstitutional Group on Information (IGI), co-chaired by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, lays down common guidelines for interinstitutional cooperation in matters of Union information and communication policy. It coordinates the central and decentralised public information activities on European topics. Each year the IGI gives its opinion on the priorities for the following years on the basis of information provided by the Commission.

Finally, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on printing, translation, studies, meetings of experts, information and the purchase of information material directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the programme.

It also covers the costs of publication, production, storage, distribution and dissemination of information material, in particular via the Publications Office of the European Union, and other administrative costs related to coordination.

Legal basis

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Tasks resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission pursuant to Article 210 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

[Reference act](#)

[Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 10 July 2013, on the European Year of Development \(2015\) \(COM \(2013\) 509 final.](#)

TITLE 22 — ENLARGEMENT

CHAPTER 22 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘ENLARGEMENT’ POLICY AREA

Article 22 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Enlargement’ policy area

Item 22 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover administrative costs directly linked to the implementation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), the phasing out of pre-accession assistance, TAIEX and the support to the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community, in particular:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts for the mutual benefit of the Commission and beneficiaries,
- expenditure on external personnel at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency staff), limited to EUR 7 019 624. This estimate is based on a provisional annual unit cost per man-year, of which an estimated of 90 % is accounted for by remuneration for the personnel concerned and 10 % by the additional cost of training, meetings, missions (including long-term missions), information technology (IT) and telecommunications relating to that personnel,
- expenditure on external personnel in Union delegations (contract agents, local agents, or seconded national experts) for the purposes of devolved programme management in Union delegations in third countries or for internalisation of tasks of phased out technical assistance offices, as well as in the Commission Post-accession Transitions Teams remaining in the new member states during the phasing-out period (contract agents, agency staff) working on tasks directly related to the completion of the accession programmes. In both cases, it also covers additional logistical and infrastructure cost, such as the cost of training, meetings, missions, IT and telecommunications and of renting directly attributable to the presence in the Union delegation of the external personnel remunerated from the appropriations entered in this item,
- expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, information [systems, awareness-raising, training, preparation and exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, as well as](#) and publications [activities and any other administrative or technical assistance](#) directly linked to the achievement of the ~~objective~~[objectives](#) of the programme.
- [research activities on relevant issues and the dissemination thereof;](#)
- [expenditure related to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.](#)

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers expenditure on administrative management under Chapters 22 02 and 22 03.

Article 22 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 22 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency relating to the management of programmes in the 'Enlargement' policy area. The mandate of the agency includes managing the legacy~~was extended~~ for the 2007-2013 programming period ~~for~~all the Youth, Tempus and Erasmus Mundus programmes in which IPA beneficiaries are involved. It will also cover, under the 'Erasmus+ Erasmus for All' programme, the operating costs of certain actions of that programme in order to promote the international dimension of higher education and other actions.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82).

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus +': the Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77~~15.3.2014, ~~77~~15.3.2014, p. ~~11~~11).

Reference acts

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC of 20 April 2009 setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46). ~~L 101, 21.4.2009, p. 26).~~

Commission Decision C(2013)9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.

CHAPTER 22 02 — ENLARGEMENT PROCESS AND STRATEGY

Article 22 02 01 — Support to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Item 22 02 01 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~acquis, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014~~, p. ~~11~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Item 22 02 01 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in the Western Balkans, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the

contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014, p. 11~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) ~~and (c)~~ thereof.

Article 22 02 02 — Support to Iceland

Item 22 02 02 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels ~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis* ~~*acquis*, structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union~~.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014, p. 11~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Item 22 02 02 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Iceland:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in Iceland, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of

revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014.../2014~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014...~~ establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014, ..., ..., p. 11),...~~, and in particular Article 2(1)(b) ~~and (c)~~ thereof.

Article 22 02 03 — Support to Turkey

Item 22 02 03 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with ~~and adoption, implementation and enforcement of~~ the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- support for political reforms,
- strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels~~beneficiary countries~~ to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union ~~acquis~~acquis, ~~structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies of the Union.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014.../2014~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014...~~ establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014, p. 11),..., ..., p...~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(a) and (c) thereof.

Item 22 02 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in Turkey:

- Providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union structural funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for rural development.

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective of providing support for economic, social and territorial development in Turkey, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.~~

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014~~, p. ~~11~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(b) ~~and (c)~~ thereof.

Article 22 02 04 — Regional integration and territorial cooperation and support to groups of countries (horizontal programmes)

Item 22 02 04 01 — Multi-country programmes, regional integration and territorial cooperation

Remarks

Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the specific objective of regional integration and territorial cooperation involving ~~the beneficiaries listed in Annex I of the Regulation~~ ~~beneficiary countries~~, Member States and, where appropriate, third countries within the scope of Regulation (EU) No ~~232/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument.

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of pre-accession regional and multi-beneficiary programmes for ~~the beneficiaries~~ ~~beneficiary countries~~.

This appropriation is also intended to cover technical assistance ~~for the beneficiaries in beneficiary countries~~ in the field of approximation of legislation for the entire *acquis* of the Union, helping all bodies involved in the implementation and enforcement of the *acquis*, including non-governmental organisations, to achieve their objectives and to monitor their rate of achievement.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

In accordance with article 3 of the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action, this budget line also covers expenditure directly necessary for the implementation of IPA II related to the preparation, follow-up, monitoring, audit and evaluation activities as well as to the provision of information and communication actions, including the development of communication strategies and corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (~~OJ~~ L ~~77, 15.3.2014~~, p. ~~11~~), and in particular Article 2(1)(d) thereof.

Regulation (EU) No ~~232/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~, establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L ~~77, 15.3.2014~~, p. ~~27~~).

Item 22 02 04 02 — Contribution to Erasmus+

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the technical and financial assistance provided under this external instrument in order to promote the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the ‘Erasmus+’ programme.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations, according to the same ratio as between the amount authorised for expenditure on administrative management and the total appropriations entered for the programme, in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing ‘Erasmus +’: the Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~ establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.03.2014, p. 11~~), ~~p. 11~~, and in particular Article 15(3) thereof.

Item 22 02 04 03 — Contribution to the Energy Community for South-East Europe

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No ~~231/2014~~/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~11 March 2014~~ establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L ~~77, 15.03.2014, p. 11~~), ~~p. 11~~, and in particular Article 15(3) thereof.

TITLE 23 — HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION

CHAPTER 23 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION’ POLICY AREA

Article 23 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Humanitarian aid and civil protection’ policy area

Item 23 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for humanitarian aid, food aid and disaster preparedness

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover support expenditure directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the humanitarian aid policy. This covers, inter alia:

- expenditure on technical and administrative assistance not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission under ad hoc service contracts,

- fees and reimbursable expenses incurred through service contracts to undertake audits and evaluations of [Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid](#) partners and [actions of DG ECHO](#), ~~actions~~;
- expenditure on studies, information [systems](#) and publications, on public awareness and information campaigns, and on any other measure highlighting the Union character of the aid,
- expenditure on external personnel at headquarters (contract agents, seconded national experts or agency ~~staff~~ [staff](#)), limited to EUR 1 800 000. This personnel is intended to take over the tasks that were entrusted to external contractors handling the administration of individual experts and to manage programmes in third countries. That amount, based on an estimated annual cost per person/year, is intended to cover the remuneration of the external personnel in question and training, meetings, missions, information technology (IT) expenditure and telecommunications expenditure related to their tasks,
- expenditure related to the purchase and maintenance of security, specialised IT and communication tools and technical services necessary for the establishment and functioning of the Emergency Response Centre. This centre ('crisis room') will be operational on a 24-hour basis and responsible for the coordination of the EU's civilian disaster response, in particular to ensure full consistency and efficient cooperation between humanitarian aid and civil protection,
- expenditure on the ~~development, maintenance, development and~~ operation [and support](#) of information systems, ~~accessible via the Europa website or via a secured website at the Data Centre,~~ intended [for internal use or](#) to improve coordination between the Commission and other institutions, national administrations, agencies, non-governmental organisations, other partners in humanitarian aid, and Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid experts in the field.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons, to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

This appropriation covers administrative expenditure under Articles 23 02 01 and 23 02 02.

Article 23 01 06 — Executive agencies

Item 23 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from [European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps](#) EU Aid Volunteers [initiative](#) (EUAV)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency incurred as a result of the management of the [EU Aid Volunteers initiative](#) ~~program~~ [European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps](#) (EU Aid Volunteers) under Chapter 23 04 entrusted to the Agency.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No .../2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps EU Aid Volunteers (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

[Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC \(OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46\).](#)

[Commission Decision C\(2013\)9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.](#)

Reference acts

~~Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the ‘Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency’ and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).~~

~~Commission Decision C(2013)9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the EDF allocations.~~

CHAPTER 23 02 — HUMANITARIAN AID, FOOD AID AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Article 23 02 01 — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of humanitarian ~~aid~~ and food aid operations of a humanitarian nature to help people in countries outside the Union who are the victims of conflicts or disasters, both natural and man-made (wars, outbreaks of fighting, etc.), or comparable emergencies, for as long as is necessary to meet the humanitarian needs that such situations give rise to. It will be carried out in accordance with the rules on humanitarian aid under Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.

The aid is granted to victims without discrimination on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, sex, age, nationality or political affiliation. That assistance is provided as long as it is necessary to meet the humanitarian needs to which such situations give rise.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the purchase and delivery of any product or equipment needed for the implementation of humanitarian aid operations, including the building of homes or shelters for affected groups of people, short-term rehabilitation and reconstruction work, particularly of infrastructure and facilities, the costs associated with external, expatriate or local staff, storage, international or national shipment, logistic support and distribution of relief and any other action aimed at facilitating freedom of access to the recipients of the aid.

This appropriation may be used to finance the purchase and delivery of food, seeds, livestock or any product or equipment needed for the implementation of the humanitarian food aid operations.

This appropriation may also cover any other costs directly linked to the implementation of humanitarian aid operations and the cost of the measures that are essential for implementing food aid operations of a humanitarian nature within the requisite timescale and in a way which meets the needs of the recipients, satisfies the requirement to achieve the greatest possible degree of cost-effectiveness and provides greater transparency.

It covers, inter alia:

- feasibility studies on humanitarian operations, evaluations of humanitarian aid projects and plans, visibility operations and information campaigns linked to humanitarian operations,
- the monitoring of humanitarian aid projects and plans, the promotion and development of initiatives intended to increase coordination and cooperation so as to make aid more effective and improve the monitoring of projects and plans,
- the supervision and coordination of the implementation of aid operations forming part of the humanitarian and food aid concerned, in particular the terms for the supply, delivery, distribution and use of the products involved, including the use of counterpart funds,
- measures to strengthen Union coordination with the Member States, other donor countries, international organisations and institutions (in particular those forming part of the United Nations), non-governmental organisations and organisations representing the latter,
- the financing of technical assistance contracts to facilitate the exchange of technical know-how and expertise between Union humanitarian organisations and agencies or between such bodies and those of third countries,
- studies and training linked to the achievement of the objectives of the humanitarian and food aid policy area,
- action grants and running cost grants in favour of humanitarian networks,
- humanitarian mine-clearance operations including public awareness campaigns for local communities on anti-personnel mines,

- expenditure incurred by the network on humanitarian assistance (NOHA), pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/96. This is a one-year multidisciplinary postgraduate diploma in the humanitarian field designed to promote greater professionalism amongst humanitarian workers and involving several participating universities,
- the transport and distribution of aid, including any related operations such as insurance, loading, unloading, coordination, etc.,
- back-up measures that are essential for the programming, coordination and optimum implementation of the aid, the cost of which is not covered by other appropriations, e.g. exceptional transport and storage operations, processing or preparation of foodstuffs on the spot, disinfection, consultants' services, technical assistance and equipment directly involved in providing the aid (tools, utensils, fuel, etc.),
- pilot schemes concerning new forms of transport, packaging or storage, studies of food aid operations, visibility operations linked to the humanitarian operations, and information campaigns to increase public awareness,
- the storage of food (including administrative costs, futures operations, with or without options, training of technicians, purchase of packaging and mobile storage units, cost of maintaining and repairing stores, etc.),
- the technical assistance necessary for the preparation and implementation of humanitarian aid projects, in particular expenditure incurred covering the cost of contracts of individual experts in the field and the infrastructure and logistics costs, covered by imprest accounts and expenditure authorisations, of [DG ECHOthe Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection units](#) deployed throughout the world.

In order to ensure full financial transparency under Articles 58 to 62 of the Financial Regulation, the Commission, when concluding or modifying agreements on the management and implementation of projects by international organisations, will make every effort to commit to sending all their internal and external audits regarding the use of Union funds to the European Court of Auditors and to the Internal Auditor of the Commission.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Article 23 02 02 — Disaster prevention, disaster risk reduction and preparedness

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of operations to prepare for or prevent disasters or comparable emergencies and ensure the development of early warning systems for all kind of natural disaster (floods, cyclones, volcanic eruptions, etc.), including the purchase and transport of any equipment required for that purpose.

This appropriation may also cover any other costs directly linked to the implementation of disaster preparedness operations, such as:

- the financing of scientific studies on the prevention of disasters,
- the constitution of emergency stocks of goods and equipment for use in connection with humanitarian aid operations,
- the technical assistance necessary for the preparation and implementation of disaster preparedness projects, in particular expenditure incurred covering the cost of contracts of individual experts in the field and the infrastructure and logistics costs, covered by imprest accounts and expenditure authorisations, of [DG ECHOthe Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection units](#) deployed throughout the world.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

CHAPTER 23 03 — THE UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM

Article 23 03 01 — Disaster prevention and preparedness

Item 23 03 01 01 — Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on actions in the field of civil protection. It ~~is aimed at supporting, coordinating aims to support, coordinate~~ and ~~supplementingsupplement~~ the actions of the Member States, EFTA ~~States~~ and candidate countries having signed ~~an appropriate agreementa memorandum of understanding~~ with the Union in the field of preparedness and prevention with regard to natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside the Union. It also aims to facilitate closer cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection.

It covers, in particular:

- actions in the field of prevention ~~aimingaimed~~ at supporting and promoting Member ~~States'States'~~ risk assessment and mapping activity, such as the sharing of good practice, the compilation and dissemination of information from Member States on risk management activity including ~~through~~ peer reviews,
- the creation and management of a 24/7 ~~Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC).emergency response centre.~~ This covers, amongst others, the purchase and maintenance of security, specialised IT and communication tools and technical ~~and human~~ services necessary for the establishment and functioning of the ~~ERCC.emergency response centre.~~ This centre ~~is('crisis room')~~ ~~will be~~ operational on a 24-hour basis ~~7seven~~ days a week and responsible for the coordination of the ~~EU'sUnion's~~ civilian disaster response, in particular to ensure full consistency and efficient cooperation between humanitarian ~~assistanceaid~~ and civil protection. The ~~ERCCcentre~~ needs advanced technology to maximise the gathering of information and facilitate the dissemination of information to various stakeholders, partners and teams in the field during major emergencies. In a crisis situation, more information rapidly available to ~~decision makersdecision makers~~ translates into saved lives,
- the creation of a ~~"European Emergency Response Capacity".'European emergency response capacity';~~ a 'stand-by' capability for resources and equipment to be made available to a Member State in the event of an emergency,
- the development and management of a certification and registration process for the ~~"European Emergency Response Capacity".'European emergency response capacity';~~ This includes also the development of capacity goals and quality requirements,
- the identification of significant response capacity gaps in the ~~"European Emergency Response Capacity".'European emergency response capacity';~~ and support to the development of required capacities,
- the identification of intervention experts, modules and other support available in Member States for assistance interventions in case of emergencies,
- the development and maintenance of a network of trained experts of Member States to assist at headquarters level in the monitoring, information and coordination tasks of the ~~ERCC.emergency response centre,~~
- a programme of lessons learnt from civil protection interventions and exercises in the framework of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism,
- a training programme for intervention teams, external ~~staffpersonnel~~ and experts, to provide the knowledge and tools needed to participate effectively in Union interventions and to develop a common European intervention culture,
- ~~the set-up and~~ management of a training network open to training centres for civil protection and emergency management personnel and other relevant actors to provide guidance on Union and international civil protection training,
- ~~the set-up and~~ management of an exercises programme including command post exercises, full-scale exercises and exercises for civil protection modules to test interoperability, train civil protection officials and create a common intervention culture,
- exchanges of experts to enhance understanding of Union civil protection and to share information and experience,
- information and communication (ICT) systems, in particular CECIS (Common Emergency Communication and Information System), facilitating the exchange of information with Member States during emergencies, to improve efficiency and to enable the exchange of 'EU classified' information. This covers the costs of development, maintenance, operation and support

(hardware, software and services) of the systems. It also covers the cost of project management, quality control, security, documentation and training linked to the implementation of such systems,

- the study and development of civil protection modules within the meaning of Article 4 of [COM\(2011\)934 final Decision No 1313/2013/EU](#) including support to improve their interoperability,
- the study and development of disaster detection and early warning systems,
- the study and development of scenario-building, asset mapping and plans for the deployment of response capacities,
- workshops, seminars, projects, studies, surveys, modelling, scenario-building and contingency planning, capacity-building assistance, demonstration projects, technology transfer, awareness-raising, information, communication and monitoring, assessment and evaluation,

[other supporting and complementary actions necessary in the framework of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to achieve a high level of protection against disasters and enhance the Union's state of preparedness to respond to disasters.](#)

- [expenditure on audits and evaluation as enshrined in the Civil Protection Financial Instrument and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, other supporting and complementary actions necessary in the framework of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to achieve a high level of protection against disasters and enhance the Union's state of preparedness to respond to disasters.](#)

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Item 23 03 01 02 — Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on actions in the field of civil protection. It [is aimed at supporting, coordinating aims to support, coordinate](#) and [supplementing supplement](#) the actions of the Member States, EFTA States, acceding countries, (potential) candidate countries having signed [an appropriate agreement a memorandum of understanding](#) with the Union in the field of preparedness and prevention with regard to natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring in third countries. It covers in particular the mobilisation of experts to assess prevention and preparedness needs in third countries in the event of disasters, and the basic logistical support for such experts.

It also aims [at providing to provide](#) financial support for certain actions covered under Articles [20 and 21 and Article 22](#) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU to candidate countries not participating in the Union [Civil Protection](#) Mechanism and countries under the European Neighbourhood Policy to the extent that they complement funding available from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and [the](#) European Neighbourhood Instrument.

[Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21\(2\)\(b\) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187\(7\) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.](#)

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Article 23 03 02 — Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters

Item 23 03 02 01 — Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters within the Union

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to civil protection intervention ~~insidewithin~~ the ~~EU~~Union under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism:

- the provision of support to Member States in obtaining access to equipment and transport resources,
- the provision of additional transport resources and associated logistics, necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major emergencies and complementing the transport provided by the Member States,
- the mobilisation of experts to assess assistance needs and facilitate Union assistance in Member States in the event of disasters, and the basic logistical support for such experts,
- the deployment of trained experts ~~offfrom~~ Member States to the [Emergency Response Coordination Centre \(ERCC\)](#)~~emergency response centre~~ in order to assist in the monitoring, information and coordination tasks of ~~the ERCC,that centre,~~
- any supporting and complementary action in order to facilitate the coordination of response in the most effective way.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, [p. 924](#)),~~p. 924) and in particular Article 3(1)(e) thereof.~~

Item 23 03 02 02 — Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to civil protection intervention in third countries under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism:

- mobilisation of experts to assess assistance needs and facilitate European assistance in third countries in case of disasters,
- the provision of support to Member States in obtaining access to equipment and transport resources,
- ~~transportationthe provision~~ of European civil protection assistance, including the provision of relevant information on ~~transportation means,means of transport, as well as associated logistics,~~ in the event of ~~disaster as well as associated logistics,disaster,~~
- support for consular assistance to the citizens of the Union in major emergencies in third countries regarding civil protection activities, upon request from the consular authorities of the Member States,

— any supporting and complementary action in order to facilitate the coordination of response in the most effective way.

Implementing partners may include authorities of the Member States or of beneficiary countries and their agencies, regional and international organisations and their agencies, non-governmental organisations, public and private operators and individual organisations or operators (including staff seconded from Member State administrations) with appropriate specialised expertise and experience.

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

CHAPTER 23 04 — EU Aid Volunteers INITIATIVE

Remarks

Article 23 04 01 — EU Aid Volunteers initiative — Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the ~~implementation of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative ("European establishment of a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps"). Corps ('EU Aid Volunteers'), which is provided for by Article 214(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.~~

~~The objective of the~~Its objective is to express the Union's humanitarian values and solidarity with people in need through the ~~promotion of an effective and visible~~ EU Aid Volunteers initiative shall be to contribute to strengthening the Union's capacity to provide needs-based humanitarian aid aimed at preserving life, preventing and alleviating human suffering and maintaining human dignity and to ~~strengthening initiative. It shall contribute to strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises and to building~~ the capacity and resilience of vulnerable or disaster-affected communities in third ~~countries, particularly by means of disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and by enhancing the link between relief, rehabilitation and development. That objective shall be attained through the added value of joint contributions of EU Aid Volunteers, expressing the Union's values and solidarity with people in need and visibly promoting a sense of European citizenship.~~ ~~countries. The Union has to ensure adequate humanitarian aid capacity in the face of the increased number and magnitude of humanitarian crises, both natural disasters and man-made crises. Well-prepared volunteers can contribute to the Union's capacity to cope with these additional humanitarian needs.~~

~~The appropriations are~~This appropriation is intended to cover the following measures and items of expenditure:

- ~~Development and maintenance of standards and procedures regarding candidate and EU Aid Volunteers; governing volunteer management of EU Aid Volunteers;~~
- ~~Development and maintenance of a certification mechanism~~mechanisms for sending and hosting ~~organisations; organisations;~~
- ~~Identification~~identification and selection of candidate ~~volunteers; volunteers;~~
- ~~Establishment of a training programme and support for training of candidate volunteers and apprenticeship placements; training and pre-deployment preparation of volunteers;~~

- ~~Establishment, maintenance and updating of a database of EU Aid Volunteers;~~~~register of EU Aid Volunteers;~~
- ~~Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers to support and complement humanitarian aid in third countries;~~~~deployment of EU Aid Volunteers in third countries;~~
- ~~Capacity~~~~capacity~~ building of hosting ~~organisations;~~~~organisations;~~
- ~~Establishment and management of a network for the EU Volunteers initiative;~~~~the EU Aid Volunteers' Network;~~
- ~~Communication and~~~~communication,~~ awareness ~~raising;~~~~raising and visibility.~~
- Ancillary activity that furthers the accountability, transparency and effectiveness of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) ~~No 375/2014~~~~No .../2014~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~3 April 2014~~~~...~~ establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps ~~EU Aid Volunteers~~ (~~'EU Aid Volunteers initiative'~~) (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 1). ~~OJ L ..., ..., p...), and in particular Article 3 thereof.~~

TITLE 24 — FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

CHAPTER 24 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE 'FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD' POLICY AREA

Article 24 01 07 — European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure relating to the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), including for OLAF staff posted in Union delegations, the objective of which is to combat fraud within an interinstitutional framework.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 20 000.

Conformément aux dispositions de l'article 18 du règlement n° 883/2013 du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 11 septembre 2013, les crédits et les effectifs du Comité de surveillance et de son secrétariat sont inclus dans le budget et le tableau des effectifs de l'Office européen de lutte anti-fraude. Néanmoins, dans un souci de transparence, il est possible d'identifier les moyens mis à disposition du Comité de surveillance dans le cadre du budget de l'OLAF. Sur base d'un effectif du secrétariat de 7 postes permanents et d'une dotation pour un agent contractuel, les crédits prévus pour le fonctionnement du Comité de surveillance en 2015 s'élèveraient à environ 1 200 000 EUR. Ce montant couvre les dépenses suivantes : frais de personnel, formation, missions, réunions internes, bâtiments et indemnités du Comité de surveillance.

CHAPTER 24 02 — PROMOTING ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF THE PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION’S FINANCIAL INTERESTS (HERCULE III)

Article 24 02 01 — Preventing and combating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the Union’s financial interests

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover the actions listed in Article 8 of Regulation \(EU\) 250/2014.](#)

[Any revenue from the contributions from participating countries as listed in Article 7 \(2\) of Regulation 250/2014 for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18\(1\)\(d\) of the Financial Regulation.](#)

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) [No 250/2014](#)~~No .../2014~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of [26 February 2014](#)~~...~~ establishing a programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III programme) and repealing Decision No 804/2004/EC (OJ [L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 6](#))~~L ..., ..., p. ...~~, and in particular [Article 4](#)~~Article 4~~ thereof.

CHAPTER 24 03 — EXCHANGE, ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EURO AGAINST COUNTERFEITING (PERICLES 2020)

Article 24 03 01 — Protecting the euro banknotes and coins against counterfeiting and related fraud

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No [331/2014](#)~~.../2014~~ of the European Parliament and of the Council of [11 March 2014](#)~~...~~ establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the ‘Pericles 2020’ programme) and repealing Council Decisions 2001/923/EC, 2001/924/EC, 2006/75/EC, 2006/76/EC, 2006/849/EC and 2006/850/EC (OJ L [103, 5.04.2014, p.1](#))~~..., ..., p. ...~~, and in particular Article 4 thereof.

TITLE 25 — COMMISSION’S POLICY COORDINATION AND LEGAL ADVICE

CHAPTER 25 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘COMMISSION’S POLICY COORDINATION AND LEGAL ADVICE’ POLICY AREA

Article 25 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Commission’s policy coordination and legal advice’ policy area

Item 25 01 01 03 — Salaries, allowances and payments of Members of the institution

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the basic salaries of Members of the Commission,
- the residence allowances of Members of the Commission,
- the family allowances of Members of the Commission, comprising:
 - household allowance,
 - dependent child allowance,
 - education allowance,
- the representation allowances of Members of the Commission,
- the employer’s contribution towards insurance against occupational diseases and accidents for Members of the Commission,
- the employer’s contribution towards sickness insurance for former Members of the Commission,
- birth grants,
- in the event of the death of a Member of the Commission:
 - the deceased’s full remuneration until the end of the third month following that in which the death occurred,
 - the costs of transporting the body to the deceased’s place of origin,
- the cost of weightings applied to the emoluments and transitional allowances,
- the cost of the weighting applied to the part of emoluments transferred to a country other than the country of employment,
- the cost of any ~~updates of adjustments to~~ remuneration, transitional allowances and pensions ~~approved by the Council~~ during the financial year.

This appropriation is also intended to take into account any appropriation which may be required to cover:

- travel expenses due to Members of the Commission (including their families) on taking up duty or leaving the institution,
- installation and resettlement allowances due to Members of the Commission on taking up duty or leaving the institution,
- removal expenses due to Members of the Commission on taking up duty or leaving the institution.

Article 25 01 10 — Union contribution for operation of the historical archives of the Union

Reference acts

Contract between the Commission and the European University Institute, Florence, signed on 17 December 1984.

[Proposal for a Council Regulation, submitted by the Commission on 16 August 2012, amending Regulation \(EEC/Euratom\) No 354/83, as regards the deposit of the historical archives of the institutions at the European University Institute in Florence \(COM\(2012\) 456 final\).](#)

Article 25 01 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

~~Item 25 01 77 01 — Pilot project — Interinstitutional system identifying long-term trends~~

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 25 01 77 02 — Preparatory action — Interinstitutional system identifying long-term trends

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~The purpose of this preparatory action is to set up an interinstitutional system identifying long-term trends on major policy issues that the Union faces. The intention is to provide common analyses of probable outcomes on major issues and make those analyses available to policymakers. Furthermore, to achieve this goal, it would now be appropriate to explore in detail the design of specific mechanisms for promoting closer working cooperation between the research departments of the various Union institutions and bodies which are devoted to the analysis of medium and long-term policy trends.~~

The aim of this preparatory action will be:

- ~~— to create a European strategy and policy analysis system (ESPAS) with all Union institutions included by 2014 on the basis of a proposal from the Commission (Article 54 of the Financial Regulation). The European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) could continue to provide facilities and technical back-up until such time as the system becomes operational. The system:~~
 - ~~— will be interinstitutional, focusing on global long-term trends, both external and internal, relating to the Union;~~
 - ~~— should be designed to provide regular input to the Union's institutions to nourish long-term and medium-term strategic thinking, including reaching out to academics and other stakeholders to provide a broad perspective:~~
 - ~~— this input would include a detailed appraisal of long-term global trends and the submission of a report to the incoming presidents of the Union's institutions looking at challenges options for the period 2014-2019;~~
 - ~~— further reports could include documents for the Union's institutions for debate on forward-looking topics, helping foster and deepen cooperation between the Union's institutions;~~
 - ~~— should develop links with other countries undertaking global trends work in order to benefit from their expertise and provide its own expertise to other countries trying to get to grips with strategic trends and changes;~~
- ~~— to build and maintain an open website, as a global repository for all relevant information, to facilitate citizens' access, and linked to other working websites on long-term trends across the globe.~~

TITLE 26 — COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 26 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE 'COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATION' POLICY AREA

Article 26 01 09 — Publications Office

Remarks

The amount entered corresponds to the appropriations for the Publications Office set out in detail in the specific annex to this section. On the basis of the Office's cost-accounting forecasts, the cost of the services it will perform for each institution is estimated as follows:

European Parliament	22 410 8077 485 989	28,079,27 %
Council	3 528 8838 107 802	4,4210,04 %
Commission	41 644 02245 868 840	52,1656,80 %
Court of Justice	4 207 5154 974 508	5,276,16 %
Court of Auditors	1 221 5371 493 968	1,531,85 %
European Economic and Social Committee	582 8251 106 343	0,731,37 %
Committee of the Regions	750 487880 229	0,941,09 %
Agencies	4 191 548	5,25 %
Other	1 301 37610 837 321	1,6313,42 %

Total	79 839 00080 755 000	100,00 %
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The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 7 210 000](#).~~EUR 4 550 000.~~

Article 26 01 10 — Consolidation of Union law

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on the consolidation of Union instruments and on ~~making available~~[provision](#) to the public, in all forms and on all publishing media, consolidated Union instruments in all the official languages of the Union.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 100](#).~~EUR 100.~~

Legal basis

Conclusions of the Edinburgh European Council, December 1992 (SN/456/92, [Annex 3](#)~~Annex 3~~ to Part A, [p. 5](#)).~~p. 5).~~

Declaration on the quality of the drafting of Community legislation, annexed to the Final Act of the Treaty of Amsterdam.

Decision 2009/496/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 26 June 2009 on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union ([OJ L 168](#),~~(OJ L 168~~, 30.6.2009, [p. 41](#)).~~p. 41).~~

[Communications from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions concerning the Smart Regulation initiative, of which consolidation is a part:](#)

- [Smart Regulation in the European Union \(COM\(2010\) 543 final\).](#)
- [EU Regulatory Fitness \(COM\(2012\) 746 final\).](#)
- [Regulatory Fitness and Performance \(REFIT\): Results and Next Steps \(COM\(2013\) 685 final\).](#)

~~Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 11 February 2003: Updating and simplifying the Community *acquis* (COM(2003) 71 final).~~

~~Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 8 October 2010: Smart Regulation in the European Union (COM(2010) 543 final).~~

~~Conclusions of the European Council Summit of 14-15 March 2013, where Heads of States and Governments underlined that consolidation of EU law is one of the priorities for the Union (EUCO 23/13). Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 12 December 2012: EU Regulatory Fitness (COM(2012) 746 final).~~

Article 26 01 11 — Official Journal of the European Union (L and C)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on the publication, in all ~~forms — including forms, and on the~~ distribution, cataloguing, indexation and ~~archiving — archiving,~~ of the *Official Journal of the European Union L&C series.*~~Union.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 7 058 000. EUR 221 000.~~

Article 26 01 12 — Summaries of Union legislation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the production of online summaries of ~~EU legislation, presenting Union legislation (presenting concisely~~ the main aspects of ~~EU~~Union legislation in ~~a concise, easy-to-read way, an easy-to-read way)~~ and the development of related products.

~~Both Each of the two other institutions, namely~~ the European Parliament and the ~~Council are~~Council, is expected to contribute from ~~their~~its respective ~~sections of the EU budget, section of the general budget at the same amount as the Commission.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 666 000. EUR 1 066 000.~~

Legal basis

Activity resulting from the tasks of the Publications Office ~~as set up provided for~~ in ~~Article 5, paragraph 1(d) point (d) of Article 5(1) of Decision 2009/496/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, Justice of the European Union,~~ the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of ~~26 June 2009~~26 June 2009 on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union (OJ ~~L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 41).~~L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 41).

Article 26 01 21 — Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements

Remarks

The amount entered corresponds to the appropriations for the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements set out in detail in the specific annex to this section.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 8 195 000. EUR 7 522 000.~~

Article 26 01 22 — Infrastructure and logistics (Brussels)

Item 26 01 22 01 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels

Remarks

The amount entered corresponds to the appropriations for the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels set out in detail in the specific annex to this section.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 8 110 000.~~~~EUR 7 500 000.~~

Item 26 01 22 02 — Acquisition and renting of buildings in Brussels

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the Union territory:

- rent and ground rent relating to occupied buildings or parts of buildings, and the hire of conference rooms, storerooms, garages and parking facilities,
- the costs of purchase or lease-purchase of buildings,
- the construction of buildings.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of [direct](#) research are entered under various items in Article ~~10 01 05~~ ~~of the titles concerned~~.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Articles 76 and 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at ~~EUR 512 829.~~~~EUR 572 843.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at ~~EUR 7 657 000.~~~~EUR 4 930 000.~~

Item 26 01 22 03 — Expenditure related to buildings in Brussels

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within Union territory:

- the payment of insurance premiums on the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the institution,
- water, gas, electricity and heating charges,
- maintenance costs, calculated on the basis of current contracts, for premises, lifts, central heating, air-conditioning equipment, etc.; the expenditure incurred by regular cleaning operations, including the purchase of maintenance, washing, laundry and dry-cleaning products, etc., and by repainting, repairs and supplies used by the maintenance shops (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenditure on the selective treatment, storage and removal of waste,
- the refurbishment of buildings, e.g. alterations to partitioning, alterations to technical installations and other specialist work on locks, electrical equipment, plumbing, painting, floor coverings, etc., and the cost of changes to the cabling associated with fixtures, and the cost of the necessary equipment (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenses concerned with the health and safety of individuals at work, in particular the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for fire pickets and statutory inspection costs (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenses relating to conducting the audit of accessibility of buildings to persons with disabilities and/or reduced mobility and the introduction of necessary adaptations pursuant to such an audit so as to make buildings fully accessible to all visitors,
- the cost of legal, financial and technical consultancy fees prior to the acquisition, rental or construction of buildings,
- other expenditure on buildings, in particular management fees for multiple-tenanted buildings, costs of surveys of premises and charges for utilities (street cleaning and maintenance, refuse collection, etc.),

- technical assistance fees relating to major fitting-out operations for premises.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of [direct](#) research are entered under various items in Article [10 01 05](#) ~~of the titles concerned~~.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Articles 76 and 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at [EUR 169 189](#) ~~EUR 192 576~~.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 9 971 000](#) ~~EUR 9 011 000~~.

Item 26 01 22 04 — Expenditure for equipment and furniture in Brussels

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within Union territory:

- the purchase, hire or leasing, maintenance, repair, installation and renewal of technical equipment and installations, and in particular:
 - equipment (including photocopiers) for producing, reproducing and archiving documents in any form (paper, electronic media, etc.),
 - audiovisual, library and interpreting equipment (booths, headsets and switching units for simultaneous interpretation facilities, etc.),
 - kitchen fittings and restaurant equipment,
 - various tools for building-maintenance shops,
 - facilities required for officials with disabilities,
 - studies, documentation and training relating to such equipment (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of vehicles, and in particular:
 - new purchases of vehicles, including at least one vehicle adapted for transporting persons with reduced mobility,
 - the replacement of vehicles which, during the year, reach a total mileage such as to justify replacement,
 - the cost of hiring cars for short or long periods when demand exceeds the capacity of the vehicle fleet, or when the vehicle fleet does not cater for needs of passengers with reduced mobility,
 - the cost of maintaining, repairing and insuring official vehicles (fuel, lubricants, tyres, inner tubes, miscellaneous supplies, spare parts, tools, etc.),
 - various types of insurance (in particular third-party liability and insurance against theft) and the insurance costs referred to in Article 84 of the Financial Regulation,
- the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of furniture, and in particular:
 - the purchase of office furniture and specialised furniture, including ergonomic furniture, shelving for archives, etc.,
 - the replacement of worn-out and broken furniture,
 - supplies of special equipment for libraries (card indexes, shelving, catalogue units, etc.),
 - the hire of furniture,
 - furniture maintenance and repair costs (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),

- expenditure on working equipment, and in particular:
 - purchase of uniforms for floor messengers and drivers,
 - purchase and cleaning of working clothes for workshop staff and staff required to do work for which protection is necessary against bad or cold weather, abnormal wear and dirt,
 - purchase or reimbursement of the cost of any equipment which might be necessary pursuant to Directives 89/391/EEC and 90/270/EEC,
- purchase of tickets (one-way ticket and business pass), free access to public transport routes to facilitate mobility between Commission buildings or between Commission buildings and public buildings (e.g. airport), service bicycles and any other means encouraging the use of public transporting and Commission staff mobility, with the exception of service vehicles,
- expenditure on inputs for protocol restaurant services.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 2 004 000](#).~~EUR 1 520 000.~~

The creation of a specific appropriation for reimbursing public transport season tickets is a modest but crucial measure to confirm the commitment of the institutions of the Union to reducing their CO₂ emissions in line with their Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) policy and the agreed climate change objectives.

Item 26 01 22 05 — Services, supplies and other operating expenditure in Brussels

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within Union territory:

- departmental removals and reorganisations and handling (taking delivery, storing, delivering) in respect of equipment, furniture and office supplies,
- expenditure on postal and delivery charges for ordinary mail, on reports and publications, on postal and other packages sent by air, sea or rail, and on the Commission's internal mail,
- expenditure relating to the provision of protocol restaurant services,
- the cost of purchasing paper, envelopes, office supplies and supplies for the print shops, and of some printing carried out by outside service providers.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 2 336 000](#).~~EUR 2 890 000.~~

Item 26 01 22 06 — Guarding of buildings in Brussels

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for guarding, surveillance, access control and other related services for buildings occupied by the Commission (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract).

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 2 793 000](#).~~EUR 2 456 780.~~

Article 26 01 23 — Infrastructure and logistics (Luxembourg)

Item 26 01 23 01 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg

Remarks

The amount entered corresponds to the appropriations for the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg set out in detail in the specific annex to this section.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 4 080 000](#).~~EUR 3 990 000.~~

Item 26 01 23 02 — Acquisition and renting of buildings in Luxembourg

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within Union territory:

- rent and ground rent relating to occupied buildings or parts of buildings, and the hire of conference rooms, storerooms, garages and parking facilities,
- the costs of purchase or lease-purchase of buildings,
- the construction of buildings.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Articles 76 and 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at [EUR 82 281](#).~~EUR 107 667.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 3 906 000](#).~~EUR 3 892 000.~~

Item 26 01 23 03 — Expenditure related to buildings in Luxembourg

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the Union territory:

- the payment of insurance premiums on the buildings or parts of buildings occupied by the institution,
- water, gas, electricity and heating charges,
- maintenance costs, calculated on the basis of current contracts, for premises, lifts, central heating, air-conditioning equipment, etc.; the expenditure incurred by regular cleaning operations, including the purchase of maintenance, washing, laundry and dry-cleaning products, etc., and by repainting, repairs and supplies used by the maintenance shops (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenditure on the selective treatment, storage and removal of waste,

- the refurbishment of buildings, e.g. alterations to partitioning, alterations to technical installations and other specialist work on locks, electrical equipment, plumbing, painting, floor coverings, etc., and the cost of changes to the cabling associated with fixtures, and the cost of the necessary equipment (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenses concerned with the health and safety of individuals at work, in particular the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for fire pickets, training courses and statutory inspection costs (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenses relating to conducting the audit of accessibility of buildings to persons with disabilities and/or reduced mobility and the introduction of necessary adaptations pursuant to such an audit so as to make buildings fully accessible to all visitors,
- the cost of legal, financial and technical consultancy fees prior to the acquisition, rental or construction of buildings,
- other expenditure on buildings, in particular management fees for multiple-tenanted buildings, costs of surveys of premises and charges for utilities (street cleaning and maintenance, refuse collection, etc.),
- technical assistance fees relating to major fitting-out operations for premises.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

Revenue from contributions from the EFTA States to the Union's general costs under Articles 76 and 82 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area gives rise to the provision of additional appropriations to be entered in the budget lines concerned in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The amount of such revenue is estimated at [EUR 40 701](#).~~EUR 46 914.~~

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 250 000](#).~~EUR 245 000.~~

Item 26 01 23 04 — Expenditure for equipment and furniture in Luxembourg

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the Union territory:

- the purchase, hire or leasing, maintenance, repair, installation and renewal of technical equipment and installations, and in particular:
 - equipment (including photocopiers) for producing, reproducing and archiving documents in any form (paper, electronic media, etc.),
 - audiovisual, library and interpreting equipment (booths, headsets and switching units for simultaneous interpretation facilities, etc.),
 - kitchen fittings and restaurant equipment,
 - various tools for building-maintenance shops,
 - facilities required for officials with disabilities,
 - studies, documentation and training relating to such equipment (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of vehicles, and in particular:
 - new purchases of vehicles, including at least one vehicle adapted for transporting persons with reduced mobility,
 - the replacement of vehicles which, during the year, reach a total mileage such as to justify replacement,
 - the cost of hiring cars for short or long periods when demand exceeds the capacity of the vehicle fleet, or when the vehicle fleet does not cater for needs of passengers with reduced mobility,

- the cost of maintaining, repairing and insuring official vehicles (fuel, lubricants, tyres, inner tubes, miscellaneous supplies, spare parts, tools, etc.),
- various types of insurance (in particular third-party liability and insurance against theft) and the insurance costs referred to in Article 84 of the Financial Regulation,
- the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of furniture, and in particular:
 - the purchase of office furniture and specialised furniture, including ergonomic furniture, shelving for archives, etc.,
 - the replacement of worn-out and broken furniture,
 - supplies of special equipment for libraries (card indexes, shelving, catalogue units, etc.),
 - the hire of furniture,
 - furniture maintenance and repair costs (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenditure on working equipment, and in particular:
 - purchase of uniforms for floor messengers and drivers,
 - purchase and cleaning of working clothes for workshop staff and staff required to do work for which protection is necessary against bad or cold weather, abnormal wear and dirt,
 - purchase or reimbursement of the cost of any equipment which might be necessary pursuant to Directives 89/391/EEC and 90/270/EEC.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 88 000](#).~~EUR 29 000~~.

Item 26 01 23 05 — Services, supplies and other operating expenditure in Luxembourg

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within the Union territory:

- departmental removals and reorganisations and handling (taking delivery, storing, delivering) in respect of equipment, furniture and office supplies,
- expenditure on postal and delivery charges for ordinary mail, on reports and publications, on postal and other packages sent by air, sea or rail, and on the Commission's internal mail,
- the cost of purchasing paper, envelopes, office supplies and supplies for the print shops, and of some printing carried out by outside service providers.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 80 000](#).~~EUR 72 000~~.

Item 26 01 23 06 — Guarding of buildings in Luxembourg

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure incurred within Union territory:

- expenses concerned with the physical and material security of persons and property, in particular contracts for the guarding of buildings, contracts for the maintenance of security installations, training courses and the purchase of minor items of equipment (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract),
- expenses concerned with the health and safety of individuals at work, in particular the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for fire pickets, training courses and statutory inspection costs (before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract).

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

[The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21\(3\) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 160 000.](#)

Article 26 01 40 — Security and monitoring

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenses concerned with:

- the physical and material security of persons and property, in particular the purchase, hiring or leasing, maintenance, repair, installation and replacement of technical security equipment,
- the health and safety of individuals at work, in particular statutory inspection costs (inspection of technical installations in buildings, safety coordinator and health and hygiene inspections of foodstuffs), the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment and expenditure on training and equipment for leading fire fighters (ECI) and fire pickets (EPI), whose presence in the buildings is required by law.

Before contracts for an amount in excess of EUR 300 000 are renewed or concluded, and with a view to rationalising expenditure, the Commission must consult the other institutions with regard to the conditions (price, currency chosen, indexing, duration, other clauses) obtained by each of them for a similar contract.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 711 000](#).~~EUR 620 000.~~

Article 26 01 60 — Personnel policy and management

Item 26 01 60 01 — Medical service

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the cost of annual check-ups and pre-recruitment medical examinations, equipment and pharmaceutical products, working tools and special furniture required on medical grounds and the administrative costs of the Invalidity Committee,

- the cost of medical, paramedical and psycho-social personnel employed under local law contracts or as occasional replacements, and the cost of external services by medical specialists considered necessary by the medical officers,
- the cost of pre-recruitment medical examinations for assistants at the childminding centres,
- the cost of health checks for staff exposed to radiation,
- the purchase or reimbursement of equipment in connection with the application of Directives 89/391/EEC and 90/270/EEC.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 1 590 000](#).~~EUR 1 410 000.~~

Item 26 01 60 02 — Competitions, selection and recruitment expenditure

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- costs linked to recruitment and selection for management posts,
- expenditure on inviting successful candidates to employment interviews,
- expenditure on inviting officials and other staff in delegations to take part in competitions and selection procedures,
- the cost of organising the competitions and selection procedures provided for in Article 3 of Decision 2002/620/EC.

In cases duly substantiated on grounds of functional requirements and after the European Personnel Selection Office has been consulted, this appropriation can be used for competitions organised by the institution itself.

This appropriation does not cover expenditure on the personnel for whom appropriations are entered under Articles 01 04 and 01 05 of the titles concerned.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 25 000](#).~~EUR 61 000.~~

Item 26 01 60 04 — Interinstitutional cooperation in the social sphere

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on producing and developing the Commission's intranet site (*My IntraComm*) and the in-house monthly, *Commission en direct*,
- other expenditure on internal information and communication, including promotion campaigns,
- temporary staff working in the after-school childminding centres, holiday centres and open-air centres run by Commission departments,
- document reproduction work which cannot be handled in-house and has to be sent out,
- expenditure on private-law contracts with persons replacing the regular nurses and children's nurses at the crèches,
- some of the costs of the recreation centre, cultural activities, subsidies to staff clubs, and the management of, and extra equipment for, sports centres,
- projects to promote social contact between staff of different nationalities and the integration of staff and their families and preventative projects to meet the needs of staff in service and their families,
- a contribution towards the expenses incurred by members of staff for activities such as home help, legal advice, open-air centres for children, and courses in languages and the arts,
- the cost of reception facilities for new officials and other staff and their families and assistance in accommodation matters for staff,
- expenditure on assistance in kind which may be provided to an official, a former official or survivors of a deceased official who are in particularly difficult circumstances,

- certain expenditure on the early childhood centres and other crèches and childcare facilities; the revenue from the parental contribution will be available for reuse,
- expenditure on recognition events for officials, and in particular the cost of medals for 20 years' service and retirement gifts,
- specific payments to persons in receipt of Union pensions and those entitled under them and to any surviving dependents who are in particularly difficult circumstances,
- financing preventative projects to meet the specific needs of former staff in the various Member States and contributions to associations of former staff.

Appropriations to cover the equivalent expenditure in respect of research are entered under various items in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

In respect of the policy to assist disabled persons in the following categories:

- officials and other staff in active employment,
- spouses of officials and temporary staff in active employment,
- all dependent children within the meaning of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union,

within the limits of the amount entered in the budget and after any national entitlements granted in the country of residence or origin have been claimed, this appropriation covers any duly substantiated non-medical expenditure which is acknowledged to be necessary and arises from their disability.

This appropriation is intended to cover some of the expenditure on schooling children who for unavoidable educational reasons are not or are no longer admitted to European Schools, or cannot attend a European School because of the place of work of either parent (external offices).

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding the Commission's Representations in the Union, for which expenditure is entered in Item 16 01 03 03.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 7 403 000](#).~~EUR 4 656 000.~~

Item 26 01 60 09 — Language courses

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the cost of organising language courses for officials and other staff,
- the cost of organising language courses for the spouses of officials and other staff, with due regard for integration policy,
- the purchase of material and documentation,
- the consultation of experts.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 667 000](#).~~EUR 600 000.~~

Article 26 01 70 — European Schools

Item 26 01 70 11 — Luxembourg I

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the budget of the European School in Luxembourg I.

[The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21\(3\) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 1 714 000.](#)

Item 26 01 70 12 — Luxembourg II

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the budget of the European School in Luxembourg II.

[The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21\(3\) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 1 062 000.](#)

Item 26 01 70 22 — Frankfurt am Main (DE)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the budget of the European School in Frankfurt am Main.

[The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21\(3\) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 2 363 000.](#)

Item 26 01 70 25 — Alicante (ES)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the budget of the European School in Alicante.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 3 789 000](#)~~EUR 3 000 000~~.

Item 26 01 70 31 — Union contribution to the Type 2 European Schools

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Commission contribution to the Type 2 European Schools accredited by the Board of Governors of the European Schools and who have signed the financial agreement with the Commission.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3)(a) to (j) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 3 285 000](#)~~EUR 2 664 000~~.

Reference acts

Commission Decision C(2013) 4886 of [14](#) August 2013.

CHAPTER 26 02 — MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION

Article 26 02 01 — Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of:

- collecting, processing, publishing and disseminating notices of public contracts put up for tender in the Union and third countries on various media, and of incorporating them in the eProcurement services offered by the institutions to firms and contracting authorities. This includes the cost of translating the notices of public contracts published by the institutions,
- promoting the use of new techniques for collecting and disseminating notices of public contracts by electronic means,
- developing and exploiting eProcurement services for the various contract award stages.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 20 000](#)~~EUR 40 000~~.

Legal basis

Council Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385/58).

Council Decision of 15 September 1958 creating the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, [p. 390/58](#)).~~p. 419/58~~.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2137/85 of 25 July 1985 on the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) (OJ L 199, 31.7.1985, p. 1).

Council Directive 89/665/EEC of 21 December 1989 on the coordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of review procedures to the award of public supply and public works contracts (OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 33).

Council Directive 92/13/EEC of 25 February 1992 coordinating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of Community rules on the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and telecommunications sectors (OJ L 76, 23.3.1992, p. 14).

Decision 94/1/ECSC, EC of the Council and of the Commission of 13 December 1993 on the conclusion of the Agreement on the European Economic Area between the European Communities, their Member States and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation (OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 1).

Council Decision 94/800/EC of 22 December 1994 concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community, as regards matters within its competence, of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations (1986-1994) ([OJ L 336](#), (OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, [p. 1](#)); ~~p. 1~~); ~~Decision~~ modified by Judgment of the Court of 10 March 1998, Case C-122/95 (ECR [1998] [I-973](#)).~~p. 1-973~~.

Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001 of 8 October 2001 on the Statute for a European company (SE) (OJ L 294, 10.11.2001, p. 1).

Decision 2002/309/EC, Euratom of the Council and of the Commission as regards the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 4 April 2002 on the conclusion of seven Agreements with the Swiss Confederation (OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 1), and in particular the agreement on public procurement.

Regulation (EC) No 2195/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 on the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (OJ L 340, 16.12.2002, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1435/2003 of 22 July 2003 on the Statute for a European Cooperative Society (SCE) (OJ L 207, 18.8.2003, p. 1).

Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (OJ L 134, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (OJ L 134, 30.4.2004, p. 114).

Decision 2005/15/EC of the Commission of 7 January 2005 on the detailed rules for the application of the procedure provided for in Article 30 of Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors [notified under document C(2004) 5769] (OJ L 7, 11.1.2005, p. 7).

Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 19).

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1085/2006 establishing an instrument for pre-accession assistance \(IPA\)](#) (OJ L 170, 29.6.2007, p. 1).

Decision 2007/497/EC of the European Central Bank of 3 July 2007 laying down the Rules on Procurement (ECB/2007/5) (OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, p. 34).

Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road, and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 1191/69 and 1107/70 (OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community (OJ L 293, 31.10.2008, p. 3).

[Decision 2009/496/EC of 26 June 2009 on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union](#) (OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 41).

Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security, and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC (OJ L 216, 20.8.2009, p. 76).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 842/2011 of 19 August 2011 establishing standard forms for the publication of notices in the field of public procurement, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1564/2005 (OJ L 222, 27.8.2011, p. 1).

~~Commission Regulation (EU) No 1251/2011 of 30 November 2011 amending Directives 2004/17/EC, 2004/18/EC and 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of their application thresholds for the procedures for the award of contracts (OJ L 319, 2.12.2011, p. 43).~~

Council Directive 2013/16/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of public procurement, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia (OJ L 158, 10.6.2013, p. 184).

~~Commission Regulation (EC) No 1336/2013 of 13 December 2013 amending Directives 2004/17/EC, 2004/18/EC and 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of their application thresholds for the procedures for the award of contracts (OJ L 335, 14.12.2013, p. 17).~~

TITLE 30 — PENSIONS AND RELATED EXPENDITURE

CHAPTER 30 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘PENSIONS AND RELATED EXPENDITURE’ POLICY AREA

Article 30 01 13 — Allowances and pensions of former Members and surviving dependants

Item 30 01 13 03 — Weightings and adjustments to temporary allowances

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of weightings applied to the temporary allowances, retirement pensions, invalidity pensions and survivors’ pensions of former Members of the Commission and other persons entitled to such payments.

Part of this appropriation is intended to cover the cost of any updates of pensions during the financial year. It is purely provisional and can only be used after its transfer to other items in this chapter in accordance with the Financial Regulation

Legal basis

Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1).

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Article 30 01 14 — Allowances for staff assigned non-active status, retired in the interests of the service or dismissed

Item 30 01 14 03 — Weightings and adjustments to allowances

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the effect of weightings applicable to pensions and allowances in the event of assignment of non-active status, retirement in the interests of the service or dismissal.

Part of this appropriation is intended to cover the cost of any [updates of adjustments to allowances approved by the Council](#) during the financial year. It is purely provisional and can only be used after its transfer to other items in this chapter in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Article 30 01 15 — Pensions and allowances

Item 30 01 15 03 — Weightings and adjustments to pensions and allowances

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the effect of weightings applicable to pensions.

Part of this appropriation is intended to cover the cost of any [updates of adjustments to pensions approved by the Council](#) during the financial year. It is purely provisional and may be used only after its transfer to other items in this chapter in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Article 30 01 16 — Pensions of former Members - ~~Other Institutions~~

Remarks

Item 30 01 16 01 — Pensions~~Retirement pensions~~ of former Members of the European Parliament

Remarks

[Former items 30 01 16 01, 30 01 16 02 and 30 01 16 03](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover the retirement [pensions, the invalidity pensions and the survivor's](#) pensions of former Members of the European Parliament.

~~Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and in particular Articles 14 and 28 thereof.~~

~~Implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (including Articles 49 and 50 thereof and relevant provisions to be adopted by the Bureau of the European Parliament).~~

~~This appropriation is intended to cover the invalidity pensions of former Members of the European Parliament.~~

~~Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and in particular Article 15 thereof.~~

~~Implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (including Articles 51 to 57 thereof and relevant provisions to be adopted by the Bureau of the European Parliament).~~

~~This appropriation is intended to cover the survivor's pensions of former Members of the European Parliament.~~

~~Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and in particular Article 17 thereof.~~

~~Implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (including Articles 58 to 60 thereof and relevant provisions to be adopted by the Bureau of the European Parliament).~~

Legal basis

[Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and in particular Articles 14, 15, 17 and 28 thereof.](#)

[Implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament \(including Articles 49 to 60 thereof and relevant provisions to be adopted by the Bureau of the European Parliament\).](#)

Item 30 01 16 02 — ~~Pensions~~[Retirement pensions](#) of former Members of the European Council

Remarks

[New item](#)

[This appropriation is intended to cover :](#)

- [the retirement pensions, the invalidity pensions and the survivor's pensions of former Members of the European Council, and](#)
- [the impact of weightings applied to the retirement pensions of the former Members of the institution of the European Council.](#)

Legal basis

[Council Decision 2009/909/EU of 1 December 2009 laying down the conditions of employment of the President of the European Council \(OJ L 322, 9.12.2009, p. 35\)](#)

[This legal base will be amended to take into account the transfer of this budget line to the Commission's section of the EU budget.](#)

Reference acts

Item 30 01 16 03 — ~~Pensions~~[Retirement pensions](#) of former Members of the European Commission

Remarks

[Former item 30 01 13 02](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- retirement pensions of former Members of the Commission,
- invalidity pensions of former Members of the Commission,
- survivors' pensions for surviving spouses and/or orphans of former Members of the Commission.

~~This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of weightings applied to the temporary allowances, retirement pensions, invalidity pensions and survivors' pensions of former Members of the Commission and other persons entitled to such payments.~~

~~Part of this appropriation is intended to cover the cost of any adjustments to pensions approved by the Council during the financial year. It is purely provisional and can only be used after its transfer to other items in this chapter in accordance with the Financial Regulation.~~

Legal basis

Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1).

~~Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1).~~

~~Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Reference acts

Item 30 01 16 04 — ~~Pensions~~~~Retirement pensions~~ of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Remarks

Former item 1 0 3 (Section IV)

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- retirement pensions of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union together with the weightings applicable for their country of residence
- invalidity pensions of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union,
- survivors' pensions for surviving spouses and/or orphans of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union, together with the weightings applicable for their country of residence.

Legal basis

Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal (OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1), and in particular Articles 8, 9, 15 and 18 thereof.

This legal base will be amended to take into account the transfer of this budget line to the Commission's section of the EU budget.

Reference acts

Item 30 01 16 05 — ~~Pensions~~~~Retirement pensions~~ of former Members of the European Court of Auditors

Remarks

Former item 1 0 3 (Section V)

This appropriation is intended to cover the retirement pensions and invalidity pensions of former Members of the European Court of Auditors and the survivors' pensions for their surviving spouses and orphans.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2290/77 of 18 October 1977 determining the emoluments of the Members of the Court of Auditors (OJ L 268, 20.10.1977, p. 1), and in particular Articles 9, 10, 11 and 16 thereof.

This legal base will be amended to take into account the transfer of this budget line to the Commission's section of the EU budget.

Reference acts

Item 30 01 16 06 — ~~Pensions~~~~Retirement pensions~~ of former European Ombudsmen

Remarks

Former item 1 0 3 (Section VIII)

This appropriation is intended to cover the retirement pensions and the weighting in respect of the countries of residence of former European Ombudsmen as well as the survivors' pensions of surviving spouses and orphans and the weightings applied in respect of their countries of residence.

Legal basis

Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President,

[Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal \(OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1\), and in particular Articles 8, 9, 15 and 18 thereof.](#)

[This legal base will be amended to take into account the transfer of this budget line to the Commission's section of the EU budget.](#)

Reference acts

Item 30 01 16 07 — ~~Pensions~~[Retirement pensions](#) of former European Data Protection Supervisors

Remarks

[Former item 1 0 0 3 \(Section IX\)](#)

[This appropriation is intended to cover the retirement pensions and the corrective coefficient applied in respect of the countries of residence of former European Data Protection Supervisors as well as the survivors' pensions of surviving spouses and orphans and the corrective coefficient applied in respect of their countries of residence.](#)

Legal basis

[Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the General Court and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal \(OJ 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1\), and in particular Articles 8, 9, 15 and 18 thereof.](#)

[Decision No 1247/2002/EC of the European Parliament, of the Council and of the Commission of 1 July 2002 on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the European Data-protection Supervisor's duties \(OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 1\).](#)

[This legal base will be amended to take into account the transfer of this budget line to the Commission's section of the EU budget.](#)

Reference acts

TITLE 31 — LANGUAGE SERVICES

CHAPTER 31 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE 'LANGUAGE SERVICES' POLICY AREA

Article 31 01 07 — Interpretation expenditure

Item 31 01 07 01 — Interpretation expenditure

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- remuneration of freelance interpreters (Auxiliary Conference Interpreters — ACIs) employed by the Directorate-General for Interpretation under Article 90 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, to allow the Directorate-General for Interpretation to make available to the institutions for which it provides interpreting services a sufficient number of qualified conference interpreters,
- remuneration comprising, besides fees, the contributions to an old-age and life provident scheme and to sickness and accident insurance together, for interpreters whose place of professional domicile is not the place of assignment, with the reimbursement of travel expenses and the payment of flat-rate travel and subsistence allowances,
- services to the Commission provided by European Parliament interpreters (both officials and temporary staff),
- costs relating to the services provided by interpreters for the preparation of meetings and for training,

- contracts for interpreting services concluded by the Directorate-General for Interpretation through the Commission's delegations in connection with meetings organised by the Commission in third countries.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 30 037 500](#).~~EUR 31 356 450.~~

Item 31 01 07 02 — Training and further training of conference interpreters

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure relating to activities intended to enable the Directorate-General for Interpretation to employ a sufficient number of qualified conference interpreters, particularly for certain language combinations, and to specific training for conference interpreters.

This includes, in particular, grants to universities, training for trainers and educational support programmes, together with student scholarships.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 810 000](#).~~EUR 877 000.~~

Item 31 01 07 03 — Information technology expenditure of the Directorate-General for Interpretation

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover all information technology expenditure of the Directorate-General for Interpretation, including:

- the purchase or rental of personal computers, servers and microcomputers, the cost of back-up facilities, terminals, peripherals, connection devices, photocopiers, fax machines, all electronic equipment in use in the Directorate-General for Interpretation offices or interpreting booths, the software needed for the operation of such equipment, installation, configuration, maintenance, studies, documentation and associated supplies,
- the development and maintenance of information and message distribution systems for the Directorate-General for Interpretation, including documentation, specific training for these systems, studies and the acquisition of knowledge and expertise in the field of information technology: quality, security, technology, the Internet, development methodology, data management,
- technical and logistical support, training and documentation in connection with information technology equipment and software, general-interest information technology training and literature, external personnel for operating and administering databases, office services and subscriptions,
- the purchase or rental, maintenance of and support for transmission and communication equipment and software as well as the associated training and charges.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 1 963 000](#).~~EUR 1 944 000.~~

Article 31 01 08 — Translation expenditure

Item 31 01 08 01 — Translation expenditure

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for external translation services and expenditure related to other linguistic services entrusted to external contractors.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 452 000](#).~~EUR 600 000.~~

Item 31 01 08 02 — Support expenditure for operations of the Directorate-General for Translation

Remarks

In respect of terminology and linguistic databases, translation tools and documentary and library expenditure for the Directorate-General for Translation, this appropriation is intended to cover:

- expenditure on the acquisition, development and adaptation of software, translation tools and other multilingual tools or aids to translation and the acquisition, consolidation and extension of the contents of linguistic and terminological databases, translation memories and automatic translation dictionaries, particularly with a view to the more efficient treatment of multilingualism and enhanced interinstitutional cooperation,
- documentation and library expenditure to meet the needs of translators, in particular:
 - to supply the libraries with monolingual books and subscriptions to selected newspapers and periodicals,
 - to allocate individual endowments for the acquisition of a stock of dictionaries and language guides for new translators,
 - to acquire dictionaries, encyclopaedias and vocabularies in electronic form or via web access to documentary databases,
 - to constitute and keep up the basic stock of multilingual libraries by purchasing reference books.

This appropriation covers expenditure incurred within the territory of the Union, excluding Joint Research Centre sites, for which expenditure is entered in Article 01 05 of the titles concerned.

[The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21\(3\) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 340 000.](#)

Article 31 01 09 — *Interinstitutional cooperation activities in the language field*

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on cooperation activities organised by the Interinstitutional Committee for Translation and Interpretation to promote interinstitutional cooperation in the field of languages.

The amount of assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at [EUR 305 000](#) ~~EUR 288 000~~.

Article 31 01 10 — *Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union*

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (Translation Centre) staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure (Title 3).

The budgetary resources of the Translation Centre consist of financial contributions from the agencies for which it works and the institutions and bodies with which it cooperates, without prejudice to other revenue.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article ~~234~~6 of Commission [Delegated](#) Regulation [\(EC\)](#) ~~(EC, Euratom)~~ No [1271/2013](#) ~~2343/2002~~ constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the Translation Centre is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 of 28 November 1994 setting up a Translation Centre for bodies of the European Union (OJ L 314, 7.12.1994, p. 1).

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2610/95 of 30 October 1995 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 2965/94 setting up a Translation Centre for bodies of the European Union \(OJ L 268, 10.11.1995, p. 1\).](#)

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1645/2003 of 18 June 2003 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 2965/94 setting up a Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union \(OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 13\).](#)

TITLE 32 — ENERGY

CHAPTER 32 02 — CONVENTIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Article 32 02 01 — Connecting Europe Facility

Item 32 02 01 01 — ~~Further Promoting the~~ integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of [electricity and gas](#) networks ~~across borders~~~~through infrastructure~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular [Article 4\(3\)\(a\)](#)~~Article 4(3)(b)(i)~~ thereof.

Item 32 02 01 02 — Enhancing Union security of ~~energy supply~~~~supply, system resilience and security of system operations~~~~through infrastructure~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular [Article 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)~~Article 4(3)(b)(ii)~~ thereof.

Item 32 02 01 03 — Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment ~~through infrastructure~~

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010 (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129), and in particular [Article 4\(3\)\(c\)](#)~~Article 4(3)(b)(iii)~~ thereof.

Article 32 02 02 — Support activities for the European energy policy and internal energy market

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred by the Commission for collecting and processing information of all kinds needed for the analysis, definition, promotion, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of a competitive, safe and sustainable European energy policy, of the internal energy market and its extension to third countries, of all aspects of energy supply security in a European and global perspective as well as the strengthening of the rights and protection of energy users by supplying quality services at transparent and comparable prices.

The principal endorsed objectives are to set up a progressive common European policy ensuring continuous energy supply security, good functioning of the internal energy market and access to transport networks of energy, observation of energy market, analysis of modelling including scenarios on the impact of considered policies and the strengthening of the rights and protection of energy users, based on general and particular knowledge of global and European energy markets for all energy types.

This appropriation is also intended to cover experts' expenditure directly linked to the collection, validation and analysis of necessary information on energy market [observation, as well as expenditure on information and communication, conferences and events promoting activities in the energy sector, and also electronic and paper publications directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the energy policy.](#)~~observation (peer review).~~

Legal basis

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2964/95 of 20 December 1995 introducing registration for crude oil imports and deliveries in the Community \(OJ L 310, 22.12.1995, p. 5\).](#)

[Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999 regarding a Community procedure for information and consultation on crude oil supply costs and the consumer prices of petroleum products \(OJ L 110, 28.04.1999, p. 8\).](#)

Directive 2005/89/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment (OJ L 33, 4.2.2006, p. 22).

Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 on the financing of European standardisation (OJ ~~L 315, L 315~~, 15.11.2006, ~~p. 9~~, p. 9).

~~Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15).~~

~~Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 36).~~

Directive 2009/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 55).

Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 94).

[Council Directive 2009/119/EC of 14 September 2009 imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products \(OJ L 265, 09.10.2009, p. 9\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity \(OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15\).](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks \(OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 36\).](#)

Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ~~20 October~~ 20 October 2010 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply ~~(OJ L 295, and repealing Council Directive 2004/67/EC (OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 1).~~ p. 1).

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 617/2010 of 24 June 2010 concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union (OJ L 180, 15.7.2010, p. 7).

Commission Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 833/2010 of 21 September 2010 implementing Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 617/2010 concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union (OJ L 248, 22.9.2010, p. 36).

[Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC \(OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1\).](#)

Directive 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on safety of offshore oil and gas operations and amending Directive 2004/35/EC (OJ L 178, 28.6.2013, p. 66).

Article 32 02 10 — Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

The Agency must inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 constitute assigned revenue under Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The establishment plan of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is set out in the Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 11 266 000~~~~EUR 10 880 000~~. An amount of ~~EUR 415 000~~~~EUR 692 000~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 10 851 000~~~~EUR 10 188 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 32 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 32 02 77 02 — Preparatory action — Cooperation mechanisms implementing the renewable energy sources (Directive 2009/28/EC)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the preparatory action.

~~In the framework of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 16), which sets national targets for the share of renewable energy sources in gross final energy consumption, a new mechanism is proposed for achieving the national targets, under which Member States can make use of national support schemes and of the cooperation mechanisms provided in the context of Directive 2009/28/EC. These mechanisms, which introduce flexibility for Member States on a voluntary cooperation basis, refer to statistical transfers between Member States (Article 6), joint projects between Member States (Articles 7 and 8), joint projects between Member States and third parties (Articles 9 and 10) and joint support schemes between Member States (Article 11).~~

~~This preparatory action aims to examine all the conditions for the successful implementation of these cooperation mechanisms and their interaction with other mechanisms or national support schemes, and to assess the need to develop a specific framework for the operation of this mechanism. Development of this operation framework should be given priority in Member States with limited cross-border network capacities as well as in areas that exhibit high potential for specific renewable energy sources projects.~~

~~Item 32 02 77 03 — Pilot project — Supporting the preservation of natural resources and combating climate change through the increased use of solar energy (solar thermal and photovoltaic)~~

Remarks

~~This item is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Item 32 02 77 06 — Pilot project — Techno-economic models for district heating networks with multiple inputs

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

This pilot project aims to increase the total efficiency of district heating and cooling networks, in developing a next generation district heating and cooling, through:

- intelligent use and control of distributed energy storage systems in the network,
- improved design and smart control of substations in the building working at low-temperature heating and high-temperature cooling, and

- intelligent control of the overall network including renewable sources (primarily solar thermal, geothermal, waste heat), thermal energy demand of the connected buildings and both distributed and collective thermal energy storage systems.

The first wave of deliverables provides the initial study work (2014/2015) and includes:

- a smart control algorithm for distributed thermal energy storage and substations,
- a low-cost system to determine the state of charge of compact distributed thermal energy storage systems in the buildings,
- improved low-temperature substation design, and
- an overall control scheme to cope with the imbalance between multiple (unpredictable) renewable heat sources and thermal energy needs of the connected buildings.

The global aim is to increase the overall efficiency of the thermal network and to reduce the primary energy consumption of the back-up system for heating (gas-fired boiler) and cooling (chiller) by at least 20 %.

The second wave consists of the implementation on a site of approximately 60 buildings, some of which are to be connected within the framework of the pilot project in 2014/2015. Total emission savings because of network optimization (= storage + substations + control) are estimated at 1 021 tonnes per year. The emission savings of using renewables have not (yet) been included in the calculations, as the focus is on the next-generation network.

CHAPTER 32 03 — NUCLEAR ENERGY

Article 32 03 02 — Nuclear safety and protection against radiation

Legal basis

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community under Chapter 3 of Title II and Article 174.

Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, in particular Article 31 thereof (collection of information and preparation of new legislation complementing the basic safety ~~standards~~, ~~standards~~) and Article 33 thereof (implementation of directives, including in particular in the medical field (field ~~C~~)), and Article 35, second paragraph (Verification of monitoring of environmental radioactivity), thereof. ~~C~~)).

Council [Decision 87/600/Euratom of 14 December 1987 on Community arrangements for the early exchange of information in the event of a radiological emergency \(OJ L 371, 30.12.1987, p. 76\)](#). ~~Directive 96/29/Euratom of 13 May 1996 laying down basic safety standards for the protection of the health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionizing radiation (OJ L 159, 29.6.1996, p. 1).~~

~~Council Directive 97/43/Euratom of 30 June 1997 on health protection of individuals against the dangers of ionizing radiations in relation to medical exposure, and repealing Directive 84/466/Euratom (OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 22).~~

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 733/2008 of 15 July 2008 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station \(OJ L 201, 30.7.2008, p. 1\)](#). ~~Council Directive 2003/122/Euratom of 22 December 2003 on the control of high-activity sealed radioactive sources and orphan sources (OJ L 346, 31.12.2003, p. 57).~~

Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom of 25 June 2009 establishing a Community framework for the nuclear safety of nuclear installations (OJ L 172, 2.7.2009, p. 18).

[Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste \(OJ L 199, 2.8.2011, p. 48\).](#)

[Council Directive 2013/51/Euratom of 22 October 2013 laying down requirements for the protection of the health of the general public with regard to radioactive substances in water intended for human consumption \(OJ L 296, 7.11.2013, p. 12\).](#)

[Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom of 5 December 2013 laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation, and repealing Directives 86/618/Euratom, 90/641/Euratom, 96/29/Euratom, 97/43/ Euratom and 2003/122/Euratom \(OJ L 13, 17.1.2014, p. 1\).](#)

Implementation of the obligations placed on the Commission by the following specific legislation:

- ~~Council Decision 87/600/Euratom of 14 December 1987 on Community arrangements for the early exchange of information in the event of a radiological emergency (OJ L 371, 30.12.1987, p. 76);~~
- ~~Council Regulation (EC) No 733/2008 of 15 July 2008 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station (OJ L 201, 30.7.2008, p. 1);~~
- ~~Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 35, second paragraph (Verification of monitoring of environmental radioactivity), thereof.~~

Article 32 03 03 — Nuclear decommissioning assistance programme in Lithuania

Remarks

Former item 32 03 03 02

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of the Ignalina (Lithuania) nuclear power plant decommissioning fund, in accordance with the agreements signed with the Member State concerned Lithuania.

This expenditure also relates to the collection and processing of information of all kinds needed for the analysis, definition, promotion, monitoring and evaluation of the rules and measures in the field of decommissioning.

The Commission must submit a report on the implementation of funds committed under this item, as well as updated estimates of the costs and time schedules for operations to decommission the nuclear reactors concerned.

The financial allocation for the Ignalina ~~programme~~Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives. ~~In Those activities include, in~~ particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union ~~as in so far as they are related to the general objectives of~~ Council Regulation (Euratom) No ~~1369/2013, expenses~~1369/201, activities linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the programme.

The financial allocation for the Ignalina programme may also cover the expenses of technical and administrative assistance ~~expenses~~ necessary to ensure the transition between ~~that the~~ programme and the measures adopted under Regulation (EC) No 1990/2006.

Legal basis

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community under Article 203.

Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1369/2013 of 13 December 2013 on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Lithuania~~Lithuania~~, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1990/2006 (OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 7), ~~and in particular Article 2(2) thereof.~~

Article 32 03 04 — Nuclear decommissioning assistance programme

Item 32 03 04 01 — Kozloduy Programme

Remarks

Former item 32 03 03 01

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of the Kozloduy (Bulgaria) nuclear power plant decommissioning fund, in accordance with the agreements signed with the Member State concerned Bulgaria.

This expenditure also relates to the collection and processing of information of all kinds needed for the analysis, definition, promotion, monitoring and evaluation of the rules and measures in the field of decommissioning.

The Commission must submit a report on the implementation of funds committed under this item, as well as updated estimates of the costs and time schedules for operations to decommission the nuclear reactors concerned.

The financial allocation for the Kozloduy ~~programme~~[Programme](#) may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives. ~~In Those activities include, in~~ particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the [European Union](#) ~~as in so~~ far as they are related to the general objectives of [Council Regulation \(Euratom\) No 1368/2013](#), ~~expenses~~[activities](#) linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance ~~expenses incurred~~ by the Commission for the management of the programme.

The financial allocation may also cover the [expenses of](#) technical and administrative assistance ~~expenses which are~~ necessary to ensure the transition between the programme and the measures adopted under Regulation (Euratom) No 647/2010.

Legal basis

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community under Article 203.

Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1368/2013 of 13 December 2013 on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria and ~~Slovakia~~[Slovakia](#), and repealing Regulations (Euratom) No 549/2007 and (Euratom) No 647/2010 (OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. ~~1).1), and in particular Article 2(2)(a) thereof.~~

Item 32 03 04 02 — Bohunice Programme

Remarks

[Former item 32 03 03 03](#)

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing of the Bohunice (Slovakia) nuclear power plant decommissioning fund, in accordance with the agreements signed with ~~the Member State concerned, Slovakia.~~

This expenditure also relates to the collection and processing of information of all kinds needed for the analysis, definition, promotion, monitoring and evaluation of the rules and measures in the field of decommissioning.

The Commission must submit a report on the implementation of funds committed under this item, as well as updated estimates of the costs and time schedules for operations to decommission the nuclear reactors concerned.

The financial allocation for the Bohunice Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives. ~~In Those activities include, in~~ particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the [European Union](#) ~~as in so~~ far as they are related to the general objectives of [Council Regulation \(Euratom\) No 1368/2013](#), ~~expenses~~[activities](#) linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance ~~expenses incurred~~ by the Commission for the management of the programme.

The financial allocation may also cover the [expenses of](#) technical and administrative assistance ~~expenses~~ necessary to ensure the transition between ~~this programme~~[the Programme](#) and the measures adopted under Regulation (Euratom) No 549/2007.

Legal basis

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community under Article 203.

Council Regulation (Euratom) ~~No 1368/2013~~[No 1368/2013](#) of ~~13 December~~[13 December](#) 2013 on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia, and repealing Regulations (Euratom) ~~No 549/2007~~[No 549/2007](#) and (Euratom) ~~No 647/2010~~[No 647/2010](#) (OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. ~~1).1), and in particular Article 2(2)(b) thereof.~~

CHAPTER 32 04 — HORIZON 2020 — RESEARCH AND INNOVATION RELATED TO ENERGY

Remarks

These remarks are applicable to all the budget lines in this chapter.

This appropriation will be used for [the Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation](#), ~~in the field of energy under the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan)~~, which covers the 2014 to 2020 period.

Horizon 2020 ~~activities, activities relevant to energy under the SET-Plan,~~ in particular ~~those addressed under the Societal Challenge~~ ~~the societal challenge~~ 'Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy', but also relevant parts of other sections of the programme, including 'Access to Finance', implemented in line with the EU Energy policy framework, as well as the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) and the Communication on Energy Technologies and Innovation, will contribute primarily to the Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative 'Innovation Union' and other flagship initiatives, notably 'Resource Efficient Europe', 'An industrial policy for the globalisation era', and 'A digital agenda for Europe', as well as in the development and functioning of the European Research Area (ERA). Horizon 2020 ~~shall~~will contribute to building an economy based on knowledge and innovation across the whole Union by leveraging sufficient additional research, development and innovation funding.

~~This programme~~Horizon 2020 will be carried out in order to pursue the general objectives described in Article 179 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to contribute to the creation of a society of knowledge, based on the European Research Area, i.e. supporting transnational cooperation at all levels throughout the Union, taking the dynamism, creativity and the excellence of European research to the limits of knowledge, strengthening human resources for research and for technology in Europe, quantitatively and qualitatively, and research and innovation capacities in the whole of Europe and ensuring optimum use thereof.

Also entered against these articles and items are the costs of high-level scientific and technological meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars of European interest organised by the Commission, the funding of high-level scientific and technological analyses and evaluations carried out on behalf of the Union to investigate new areas of research suitable for Union action, inter alia, in the context of the European Research Area, and measures to monitor and disseminate the results of the programmes, including measures under previous framework programmes.

This appropriation will be used in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for the participation and dissemination in 'Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)' and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 81).

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this chapter. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

The possibility of third countries or institutes from third countries taking part in European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research is envisaged for some of these projects. Any financial contribution will be entered in Items 6 0 1 3 and 6 0 1 5 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from States taking part in the European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research will be entered in Item 6 0 1 6 of the statement of revenue and may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contribution by outside bodies to Union activities entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21 of the Financial Regulation.

Additional appropriations will be made available under Item 32 04 50 01.

Administrative appropriations of this chapter will be provided under Article 32 01 05.

Article 32 04 03 — Societal challenges

Item 32 04 03 01 — Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to support the implementation of the Energy challenge of the Horizon 2020 priorities, in line with the EU Energy policy, the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) and the Communication on Energy Technologies and Innovation objectives and initiatives. These initiatives are primarily addressing energy efficiency, primarily: wind, solar, bioenergy,

carbon capture and ~~storage (CCS), storage,~~ smart cities and electricity grids. In recognition of their important contribution to future sustainable energy systems, at least 85% of the budget appropriations over the period 2014-2020 will be allocated to the renewable and end-use energy efficiency policy areas, including smart grids and energy ~~storage, storage, from 2014 onwards.~~

Legal basis

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(c) thereof.~~

Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

~~Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014–2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965), and in particular Article 3(3)(c) thereof.~~

TITLE 33 — JUSTICE

CHAPTER 33 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE ‘JUSTICE’ POLICY AREA

Article 33 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Justice’ policy area

Item 33 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Rights, Equality~~Rights~~ and Citizenship Programme

CHAPTER 33 02 — RIGHTS, EQUALITY~~RIGHTS~~ AND CITIZENSHIP

Remarks

The new Rights and Citizenship programme is the successor to three previous programmes: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Daphne III, and the Antidiscrimination and Diversity and Gender Equality sections of the Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (Progress). The objective of the programme is to contribute to the further development~~creation~~ of an area wherein which the rights of individuals are promoted and protected by enhancing the exercise of rights deriving from Union citizenship, promoting the principles of non-discrimination and equality and the rights of persons as enshrined in the Treaty on European Union (TEU), in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (the "Charter"), and in the international human rights conventions as well as protection from all forms of violence, contributing to which the Union has acceded, are promoted, protected and effectively implemented.~~the protection of personal data, and enhancing protection for the rights of the child and the rights deriving from Union consumer law.~~

Article 33 02 01 — Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to preventing~~enhancing the exercise of rights deriving from the citizenship of the Union, to ensuring a high level of protection of personal data, to enhancing the respect of the rights of the child, to contribute to the protection~~ and combating ~~of~~ all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence; to promoting and protecting the rights of the child; to ensuring the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data; to promoting and enhancing the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union; and to enabling individuals in their capacity as~~to empowering~~ consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market to enforce their rights deriving from~~and businesses to trade and purchase in trust within the~~

internal market by enforcing the rights deriving from the Union law, having regard to the projects funded under the Consumer Programme, consumer law and by supporting the freedom to conduct business in the internal market through cross-border transactions.

In this context, this appropriation is intended to support actions which will focus on the following areas:

- enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;
- supporting the implementation of Union law and policies in the Member States;
- promoting transnational cooperation and the building of mutual knowledge and mutual trust among all stakeholders involved;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of potential issues affecting the exercise of rights and principles guaranteed by the Treaty, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and secondary Union legislation with a view to ensuring evidence-based policy making and legislation.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of action:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; ~~the evaluations and impact assessments~~; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts' meetings and conferences; ~~experts meetings, conferences~~;
- training activities, such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the train-the-trainers events, development of online training tools or other training modules; ~~online/other training modules~~;
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Programme; ~~the awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the as well as results of the programme~~; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies; ~~technologies~~;
- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, ~~actors~~, such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, ~~Member States when implementing Union law and policies~~; support for key European actors, European-level level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for the activities of which are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the programme; networking activities at European level among specialised bodies and entities as well as organisations, national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating grants, at European level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European-level observatories.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62), and in particular Article 4(1)(e) to (i) and Article 5(1) thereof.

Article 33 02 02 — Promoting non-discrimination and equality

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to promoting the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respecting the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter; to preventing and combating racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; to promoting and protecting equality between women and men and the rights of persons with disabilities; and to promoting equality between women and men and to advancing gender mainstreaming, disabilities and of the elderly.

In this context, this appropriation is intended to support actions which will focus on the following areas:

- enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;
- supporting the implementation of Union law and policies in the Member States;
- promoting transnational cooperation and the building of mutual knowledge and mutual trust among all stakeholders involved;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of potential issues affecting the exercise of rights and principles guaranteed by the Treaty, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and secondary Union legislation with a view to ensuring evidence-based policy making and legislation.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of actions:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, gender sensitive and gender budgeting approaches; indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts' meetings and conferences; experts meetings, conferences;
- training activities, such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the train the trainers events; development of online training tools or other training modules; online/other training modules;
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, information campaigns, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional campaigns and events, including corporate communication on of the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Programme; the Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the as well as results of the programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies; technologies;
- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, actors; such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, Member States when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European actors, European-level level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for the activities of which are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the programme; networking activities among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating grants, level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European level observatories.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62), and in particular Article 4(1)(a) to (d) [and Article 5\(1\)](#) thereof.

Article 33 02 06 — European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2).

This appropriation is also intended to cover the operational expenditure (Title 3) of the Agency, which is responsible for providing the relevant Union institutions and authorities of the Member States when implementing Union law with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights.

The Agency can be expected to achieve the following operational objectives/tasks:

- provision of assistance to Union institutions and the Member States,
- promotion of networking of stakeholders and dialogue at European level,
- promotion and dissemination of information and awareness-raising activities to enhance visibility on fundamental rights,
- effective functioning of the management structure and implementation of operations.

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

The Agency's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 entered into force on 1 March 2007. On that date, the Agency replaced the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) and legally succeeded it, assuming all the Centre's legal rights and obligations, financial commitments, liabilities, and employment contracts, as laid down in Article 23(4) of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of EUR 21 229 000. An amount of ~~EUR 74 000~~~~EUR 120 000~~ from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 21 155 000~~~~EUR 21 499 000~~ entered in the budget.

Article 33 02 07 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the Institute's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure (Title 3).

The Institute must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The Institute's establishment plan is set out in Annex 'Staff' to this section.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

In accordance with Decision 2006/996/EC taken by common agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of Member States of 11 December 2006 on the location of the seat of the European Institute for Gender Equality (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 61), the Institute has its seat in Vilnius.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of ~~EUR 7 628 000.EUR 7 340 081~~. An amount of ~~EUR 164 000EUR 564 000~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of ~~EUR 7 464 000EUR 6 776 081~~ entered in the budget.

Article 33 02 51 — Completion of actions in the field of rights and citizenship and equality

Legal basis

~~Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

~~Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).~~

Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Task resulting from the Commission's administrative autonomy, as provided for in Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Council Decision of 9 July 1957 concerning the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Mines Safety and Health Commission (OJ 28, 31.8.1957, p. 487/57).

Council Decision 74/325/EEC of 27 June 1974 on the setting up of an Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 15).

Council Decision 74/326/EEC of 27 June 1974 on the extension of the responsibilities of the Mines Safety and Health Commission to all mineral-extracting industries (OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 18).

Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1), and the associated individual directives.

Council Directive 92/29/EEC of 31 March 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels (OJ L 113, 30.4.1992, p. 19).

Council Decision 98/171/EC of 23 February 1998 on Community activities concerning analysis, research and cooperation in the field of employment and the labour market (OJ L 63, 4.3.1998, p. 26).

Decision No 293/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 January 2000 adopting a programme of Community action (the Daphne programme) (2000 to 2003) on preventive measures to fight violence against children, young persons and women (OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 1).

Council Decision 2000/750/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a Community action programme to combat discrimination (2001 to 2006) (OJ L 303, 2.12.2000, p. 23).

Decision No 50/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 2001 establishing a programme of Community action to encourage cooperation between Member States to combat social exclusion (OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 1).

Decision No 1145/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on Community incentive measures in the field of employment (OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 1).

Council Decision of 22 July 2003 setting up an Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work (OJ C 218, 13.9.2003, p. 1).

Decision No 803/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 adopting a programme of Community action (2004 to 2008) to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk (the Daphne II programme) (OJ L 143, 30.4. 2004, p. 1).

Decision No 1554/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 amending Council Decision 2001/51/EC establishing a programme relating to the Community framework strategy on gender equality and Decision No 848/2004/EC establishing a Community action programme to promote organisations active at European level in the field of equality between men and women (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 9).

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

Council Decision 2007/252/EC of 19 April 2007 establishing for the period 2007-2013 the Specific Programme ‘Fundamental rights and citizenship’ as part of the General programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Justice’ (OJ L 110, 27.4.2007, p. 33).

Decision No 779/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 establishing for the period 2007-2013 a specific programme to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk (Daphne III programme), as part of the General Programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Justice’ (OJ L 173, 3.7.2007, p. 19).

Article 33 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 33 02 77 06 — Pilot project — Development of indicators to measure the implementation of the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~The European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life demonstrates the potential for action by local authorities in the field of gender equality. To be politically effective, the various objectives stated in the Charter need to be defined in terms of relevant indicators, that are specifically and clearly measurable, thorough and comprehensive, realistic and modifiable, and that allow the current state of implementation to be benchmarked against the objectives of the Charter. The pilot project should finance actions geared towards the development of such indicators so as to assess implementation of the Charter (similar to the Union’s follow-up to the UN Beijing process). In cooperation with local authorities, the European Institute for Gender Equality could be involved because of its expertise in developing indicators. The pilot project should last for two years, with a total budget of EUR 1 million, and enable local actors to better monitor implementation of the Charter.~~

Item 33 02 77 07 — Pilot project — European Union Real Time Sign Language Application and Service

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

~~The goal of this project is to develop a service concept and later a technology platform and service that can be used by any deaf or hard-of-hearing citizen within the Union to assist them with real time live sign language interpretation by a certified sign language interpreter or a real time captioning service (financed by the respective Member State or Union institution) in order to enable independent communication with the Union institutions, such as the European Parliament or the Commission. This entails that the overall goal is to develop an internet- and hand-held device-based service and IT application that connects deaf and hard-of-hearing people to accredited sign language interpreters and captioners during their interaction with the Union institutions, such as the European Parliament and the Commission.~~

~~Justification for the project relates to the fact that there is currently no direct communication access for deaf citizens, including deaf or hard-of-hearing MEPs and administrators, with the institutions of the Union, and a sign language interpreter is almost always needed to enable a deaf or hard-of-hearing citizen to access the institutions. Usually an interpreter would accompany such citizens during a visit to the institution, requiring huge organisational efforts and incurring very high costs for everyone involved.~~

~~This pilot project shall ensure the direct communication access to all Union institutions for the almost one million deaf citizens and 60 to 80 million hard-of-hearing people using different sign languages in all Member States.~~

~~This pilot project is in line with the European Parliament resolutions of 18 July 1988 on sign language for the deaf (OJ C 187, 18.7.1988, p. 236), the resolution of 18 November 1998 on sign languages (OJ C 379, 7.12.1998, p. 66) and of 25 October 2011 on mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (OJ C 131 E, 8.5.2013, p. 9).~~

Item 33 02 77 08 — Pilot project — Knowledge platform for professionals dealing with female genital mutilation

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

This pilot project will give relevant actors in relevant Member States an opportunity to develop a web-based knowledge platform on female genital mutilation (FGM). This platform should be developed for and by professionals in the field of health, child protection, asylum, migration, police and judiciary who are dealing with women and girls living with, or at risk of, FGM and for the media. Other important partners include national and regional authorities, as well as civil society organisations. Such a platform will give easily accessible information and support to professionals so as to deliver victim support more effectively, help prevent FGM and protect women and girls living with, or at risk of, FGM. In addition, it will contribute to implementing Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57) and Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection (OJ L 180, 29.6.2013, p. 60), with particular reference to eligibility and reception conditions.

An all-encompassing web-based knowledge platform on FGM for professionals in Europe will be developed on the basis of e-learning tools with separate modules for each government body and authority. It will be developed in the languages of the participating countries, with common information for all Member States and country-specific legislation and contact points. Modules will be developed for police and judicial authorities and professionals in a wide range of areas (social workers, child protection, reception centres, migration services, education and media). This could be complemented by guidelines for professionals in need of immediate advice. This tool will help improve knowledge of the practice, prevent stigmatisation in the media and protect women and girls living with, or at risk of, FGM.

Item 33 02 77 09 — Pilot project — Capacity building for Roma civil society and strengthening its involvement in the monitoring of National Roma Integration Strategies

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.](#)

The EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies calls upon Member States to include strong monitoring mechanisms and involve civil society, including Roma organisations, in the implementation and monitoring of the strategies. Capacity-building is needed to prepare local Roma civil society organisations to contribute to the planning and implementation of the programmes. The pilot project would contribute to the creation and capacity building of local Roma civil society as well as a monitoring mechanism regarding Roma integration and inclusion especially the production and dissemination of ‘shadow reports’ where civil society coalitions could supplement or present alternative information and data to the reports submitted by Member States concerning the implementation of their strategies. These shadow reports could provide local knowledge to national and Union policy processes and reflect on the real social impact of government measures. The monitoring would focus on the local implementation of strategies in the four priority areas (employment, education, housing, health), in the fields of anti-discrimination and gender equality and would also provide information on the level of involvement of civil society, the use of Union funds and mainstreaming of Roma inclusion measures.

CHAPTER 33 03 — JUSTICE

Article 33 03 01 — Facilitating access to justice and support judicial training

Remarks

[This appropriation is intended to contribute to supporting and promoting judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture and, to facilitating effective access to justice for all, including to promoting and supporting the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence.](#)

~~This appropriation is intended to contribute to facilitating access to justice and supporting judicial training. In this context, this appropriation is intended to support actions which will focus on the following areas:~~

~~— enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;~~

- ~~supporting the implementation of Union law and policies in the Member States;~~
- ~~promoting transnational cooperation and the building of mutual knowledge and mutual trust;~~
- ~~improving the knowledge and understanding of potential issues affecting the smooth functioning of a European area of justice with a view to ensuring evidence-based policy making and legislation.~~

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of actions:

- analytical activities, such as ~~the~~ collection of data and statistics; ~~the~~ development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; ~~evaluations; the evaluations and impact assessments;~~ elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; ~~monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies;~~ workshops, seminars, experts ~~meetings and conferences; meetings, conferences;~~
- training ~~activities, activities for members of the judiciary and judicial staff,~~ such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events, ~~including language training on legal terminology, and the~~ development of online ~~training tools~~ or other training ~~modules for members of the judiciary and judicial staff; modules, as well as awareness raising to better identify and address gender-based violence;~~
- mutual learning, cooperation, ~~awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Programme; the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools~~ using information and communication technologies, ~~including the further development of the European e-Justice portal as a tool to improve citizens' access to justice;~~
- support for main ~~actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, actors,~~ such as support for Member States ~~in the implementation of Union law and policies, when implementing Union law and policies;~~ support for key European ~~actors and European-level networks, including in the field of judicial training; and support for level networks the activities of which are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the programme;~~ networking ~~activities among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities~~ at European ~~level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and non-governmental organisations, level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European-level observatories.~~

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Justice Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 73), and in particular ~~Article 4(1)(b); Article 3 and Article 4(b)~~ and (c) ~~and Article 6~~ thereof.

Article 33 03 02 — Improving judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

Remarks

This appropriation is intended contribute to ~~facilitating~~ ~~promoting effective, comprehensive~~ and ~~supporting~~ ~~consistent application of Union legislation in the areas of~~ judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters.

In this context, this appropriation is intended to support actions which will focus on the following areas:

- enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;
- supporting the implementation of Union law and policies in the Member States;
- promoting transnational cooperation and the building of mutual knowledge and mutual trust;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of potential issues affecting the smooth functioning of a European area of justice with a view to ensuring evidence-based policy-making and legislation.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of actions:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts meetings and conferences; meetings, conferences;
- training activities, activities for members of the judiciary and judicial staff, such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events, including language training on legal terminology, and the development of online training tools or other training modules for members of the judiciary and judicial staff; modules, as well as awareness-raising to better identify and address gender-based violence;
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Programme; the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies, including the further development of the European e-Justice portal as a tool to improve citizens' access to justice;
- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, actors, such as support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies, when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European actors and European-level networks, including in the field of judicial training; and support for level networks the activities of which are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the programme; networking activities among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and non-governmental organisations, level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European-level observatories.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Justice Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 73), and in particular Article 4(1)(a) Article 3 and Article 6(1)4(a) thereof.

Article 33 03 03 — Supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy~~Preventing and reducing drug demand and supply~~

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects closely linked to the general objective of the Programme, in so far as they are not covered by the Internal security fund for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management or by the Health for Growth Programme.

This appropriation is intended to contribute to preventing and reducing drug demand and supply. In this context, it is intended to support actions which shall will on the following areas:

- enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;
- supporting the implementation of Union law and policies in the Member States;
- promoting transnational cooperation and the building of mutual knowledge and mutual trust;
- improving the knowledge and understanding of potential issues affecting the smooth functioning of a European area of justice with a view to ensuring evidence based policy making and legislation.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of action:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts meetings and conferences; meetings, conferences;
- training activities, activities for members of the judiciary and judicial staff, such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events, including language training on legal terminology, and the development of online training tools or other training modules for members of the judiciary and judicial staff; modules;
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union as far as they relate to the objectives of the Programme; the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies, including the further development of the European e-Justice portal as a tool to improve citizens' access to justice;
- support for main actors whose activities contribute actors, such as support for Member States when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European level networks the activities of which are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, such as support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies, support for key European actors and European-level networks, including in the field of judicial training; and support for programme; networking activities among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and non-governmental organisations level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European level observatories.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Justice Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 73), and in particular Article [4\(1\)\(d\)3](#) and Article [6\(1\)4\(e\)](#) thereof.

Article 33 03 04 — The European Union’s Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover Eurojust’s staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and operational expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

Eurojust must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operational and administrative expenditure.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 constitute assigned revenue (Article 21(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

Eurojust’s establishment plan is set out in Annex ‘Staff’ to this section.

The Union contribution for ~~2015~~2014 amounts to a total of [EUR 32 994 000](#)~~EUR 32 449 671~~. An amount of [EUR 410 000](#)~~EUR 1 243 000~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of [EUR 32 584 000](#)~~EUR 31 206 671~~ entered in the budget.

Article 33 03 51 — Completion of actions in the field of drugs prevention and information and justice

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years.

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

~~Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and, if applicable, the Western Balkan potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

Article 33 03 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 33 03 77 03 — Pilot project — Information instrument for bi-national couples

Remarks

~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project. According to the latest data available, 300 000 couples of different nationalities get married every year in Europe; 129 000 of these marriages end in a divorce or separation.~~

~~This phenomenon has led to a dramatic increase in recent years in conflicts of jurisdiction on the custody of children born to bi-national couples and an increase in cases of international abduction of minors.~~

~~The goal of the project is to create an information instrument for all bi-national couples on parental responsibilities and the rights of children in cases of separation or divorce of parents.~~

~~This instrument aims to provide ‘informed consent’ to highlight the differences between the legal systems of Member States with regard to the consequences of separation and divorce, rules on the custody of minors under international conventions and the consequences of international child abduction, especial as concerns the impact on the children involved.~~

The experience of the European Parliament Mediator for cases of international child abduction has shown that a wide range of situations arise from the uncertainty of applicable law, conflicts of jurisdiction and the totally inadequate knowledge and awareness of rights and obligations of bi-national couples.

Actions:

- comparison of national laws of Member States as regards separation, divorce and child custody,
- development of information instruments (e.g. vade-mecum, practical guides, brochures, etc.) to provide all necessary information (rights, duties and responsibilities of parents and towards the children),
- involvement of all the competent authorities of Member States in the distribution of this information,
- instruments to increase knowledge and awareness among bi-national couples.

Item 33 03 77 04 — Pilot project — Raising awareness of children to be aware of their rights in judicial procedures

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The aim is to fund projects at Union level which raise the awareness of children of their rights in the context of civil, criminal and administrative judicial proceedings

To this effect projects should develop and roll out comprehensive awareness-raising programmes in schools targeting secondary school children. In particular this could include interactive activities (such as mock trials/moot courts) that allow secondary school students to understand their rights, with some degree of customisation for each participating country to take account of the national context. Projects should enable children to experience the phases of mock criminal, civil or administrative cases, and improve their understanding of the various roles and responsibilities (e.g. child subject to proceedings, witness, guardian, parent, lawyer, prosecutor, judge, social worker, police officer, etc.) as well as their own rights.

In order to ensure optimal implementation of the projects, they should be prepared with and involve children, teachers and staff in a participatory and empowering manner and have the prior commitment of participating schools to facilitate the activities.

TITLE 34 — CLIMATE ACTION

CHAPTER 34 01 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE IN THE ‘CLIMATE ACTION’ POLICY AREA

Article 34 01 04 — Support expenditure for operations and programmes in the ‘Climate action’ policy area

Item 34 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for Climate action

Remarks

This appropriation under the climate sub-programme of the LIFE programme is intended to cover expenditure on studies, meetings of experts, workshops, conferences, evaluations, information technology, information, communication material and Eurobarometer surveys, and publications and any other technical or administrative assistance expenditure not involving public authority tasks outsourced by the Commission and service contracts in support of identification, selection, preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, audit and supervision of programmes and projects. It is also intended to provide support to international climate events and to activities to which the Union is party and to preparatory work for future international agreements involving the Union. The financial allocation for the LIFE Programme may cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, inspection, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives; in particular, studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union in so far as they are related to the general objectives of the LIFE programme, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the

Commission for the management of the programme. Cooperation with relevant international organisations, their institutions and bodies, will be possible where needed for the purpose of achieving the climate action objectives.

In particular, it is intended to cover:

- hosting, maintenance, security, quality assurance, operation and support (hardware, software and services) of information technology (IT) systems supporting the climate policy objectives, such as the EU Single Registry, EU Transaction Log and IT systems related to the implementation of legislation on the protection of the ozone layer such as the Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) database and the Regulation on Fluorinated Gases,
- publications and activities to disseminate results and best practices arising from LIFE projects, thereby supporting their sustainability, and meetings of experts and project beneficiaries (advice on management of projects, networking, sharing results and best practices),
- development, maintenance, operation and support of adequate information technology (IT) systems for communication, selecting, evaluating, monitoring, reporting on projects and disseminating results of projects,
- the engagement of IT experts intra-muros to support the development, quality assurance, testing and security of critical policy supporting IT systems.

This appropriation is also intended to cover:

- ~~hosting, maintenance, security, quality assurance, operation and support (hardware, software and services) of information technology (IT) systems directly linked to the achievement of the policy objectives of the sub-programme for climate action under the LIFE programme, in particular the EU Single Registry, EU Transaction Log and IT systems related to the implementation of legislation on the protection of the ozone layer, such as the Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) database,~~
- ~~expenditure on workshops and conferences directly linked to the achievement of the objectives of the LIFE programme or measures coming under this item in the area of climate action.~~

In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes:

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this item. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget,~~
- ~~candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries to the Union: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries, and potential candidates, for participating in Union programmes, and entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation,~~
- ~~countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies,~~
- ~~countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1). Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation’s contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may cover activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1), provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the financed through action grant projects provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.

CHAPTER 34 02 — CLIMATE ACTION AT UNION AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Article 34 02 01 — Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions

Remarks

Under the climate action sub-programme of the LIFE programme, this appropriation is intended to finance measures to support the Commission's role in developing and implementation and enforcement of policy and legislation and monitor its implementation in the area of climate action, including the monitoring of mainstreaming across policy areas by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practises, solutions for the climate, to improve the knowledge base (development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation) of effective climate mitigation and enhance its capacity to apply in practise, to facilitate development and implementation of integrated approaches and action plans at local, regional or national level and to contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative low carbon technologies, systems, methods and instruments for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.

The following priorities will be taken into account: Under the LIFE programme, this appropriation is intended to cover measures to support the Commission's role in developing policy and legislation and monitor its implementation in the area of climate action, taking into account the following priorities:

- ensuring the implementation of the European Union commitments under the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),
- ~~developing new policies and further implementation of the 'Climate and Energy' package,~~
- ensuring developing of new policies and further implementation of the 'Climate and Energy 2009' package~~the implementation~~ and use of market-based instruments, in particular greenhouse gas emission trading, in order to ~~achieve~~achieve, via a cost-efficient emission reduction, the '20/20/20' climate/energy targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy and those of the 2030 Framework on climate and energy ~~policies, and the Roadmap 2050~~ supporting the transition towards a low-carbon economy/society.

The measures financed~~This appropriation is intended to cover in particular expenditure incurred by LIFE may be implemented through grants, financial instruments (to be entrusted via indirect management to the European Investment Bank (EIB) or European Investment Facility (EIF) in accordance with art 17 and 25 of the Life Regulation and article 58 of the Financial Regulation) or procurement procedures (studies, service contracts, administrative arrangements, evaluations, economic analyses and modelling of scenarios, meetings, events, networks, databases, information systems, information, publication and dissemination activities) or any other interventions needed including:~~the Commission through:

- ~~action grants to integrated, technical assistance, 'best practice', information, awareness and dissemination, preparatory, pilot and/or integrated and/or demonstration projects via an annual call for proposals, including the development or dissemination of best practice techniques, know how and technologies in the domain of mitigating climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions,~~
- ~~studies and evaluations, economic analyses and modelling of scenarios,~~
- ~~administrative arrangements with DG JRC,~~
- cooperation with Eurocontrol on ~~the~~ implementation of aviation and ETS,
- ~~designing innovative and integrated support mechanisms to develop innovative low carbon policies and strategies, including possible new financial instruments to fully exploit the potential of new technologies or leverage more funding for implementation of Union climate policy,~~
- ~~supporting the development of 'climate proofing' tools, risk-based assessments of programmes and measures to enhance adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change support and of 'climate tracking' methodologies to monitor climate related expenditure under the mainstreaming objective in the next multiannual financial framework 'to increase the proportion of climate mainstreaming to at least 20 % of the future total budget of the Union', with contributions from different policies,~~
- ~~services for ensuring the implementation of environmental policy and legislation in the area of climate action,~~
- ~~services for monitoring the mainstreaming/integration of climate action in other policy areas/programmes,~~
- ~~conferences, seminars and workshops with experts and stakeholders,~~
- ~~developing and maintaining networks, databases and information and computer systems directly linked to the implementation of Union climate policy and legislation, in particular when improving public access to environmental information. The expenditure covered will include~~ the costs of development, maintenance, operation and support (hardware, software and services) of policy support systems, in particular but not exclusively the EU Single ~~Registry~~Registry, the EU Transaction Log and the Ozone

Depleting Monitoring System (ODS). It will also cover the cost of project management, documentation and training linked to the implementation of these systems.

Cooperation with relevant international organisations, their institutions and bodies, shall be possible where needed for the purpose of achieving the climate action objectives, objectives

~~The measures financed by LIFE may be implemented through grants, financial instruments or procurement procedures. The LIFE programme shall finance measures and projects with European added value.~~

~~In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes:-~~

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget;~~
- ~~candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries to the Union: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries, and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes, and entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation;~~
- ~~countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies;~~
- ~~countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1). Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

~~In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may cover activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1) provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the projects financed through action grants provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.~~

Article 34 02 02 — Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change

Remarks

Under the climate action sub-programme of the LIFE programme, this appropriation is intended to finance measures to support the Commission's role in developing and implementation and enforcement of policy and legislation and monitor its implementation in the area of climate action, including the monitoring of mainstreaming across policy areas, by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practises, solutions for climate change adaptation including, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches, to improve the knowledge base (development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation) of effective climate change adaptation and enhance its capacity to apply in practise, to facilitate development and implementation of integrated approaches of strategies and action plans to adapt to the impact of climate change at local, regional or national level and to contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative technologies, systems, methods and instruments for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, taking into account the following priorities:

- ~~developing new policies and further implementation of the existing 'Climate and Energy' package, the and future '2030 Framework for climate and energy' and the EU Adaptation Strategy packages;~~
- ~~implementing the Union Strategy on adaptation ensuring the adaptation of the Union economy and society to the adverse impacts of climate change impact of climate change, and mitigating such impacts, that impact, and developing the Union's capacity for disaster prevention and response to natural and man-made disasters;~~
- ~~supporting the transition towards a low-carbon, resource efficient resource-efficient and climate resilient climate-resilient economy/society, requiring to harness which requires making use of the contribution of many Union policies (in particular~~

cohesion, ~~agricultural, agriculture~~, rural development, research and innovation, transport and energy programmes, external action, etc.) to climate action, in particular through mainstreaming and adaptation measures.

- developing innovative support mechanisms to fully exploit the potential of new technologies to reduce losses caused by climate-change-related events, such as severe drought and flooding and extreme climate events, as well as to develop the Union's capacity for disaster prevention and response,
- supporting the development of 'climate proofing' tools, risk based assessments of programmes and measures to enhance adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change support and 'climate tracking' methodologies to monitor climate related expenditure under the mainstreaming objective 'to increase the proportion of climate mainstreaming to at least 20 % of the future EU total budget in 2014-20', with contribution from different policies.

The measures financed by LIFE may be implemented through action grants, financial instruments (to be entrusted via indirect management to the European Investment bank (EIB) or European Investment Facility (EIF) in accordance with art 17 and 25 of the Life Regulation and article 58 of the Financial Regulation) or procurement procedures (studies, service contracts, administrative arrangements, evaluations, meetings, events, networks, databases, information systems, information, publication and dissemination activities) or any other intervention needed.

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred by the Commission through:

- ~~action grants to integrated, technical assistance, 'best practice', information, awareness and dissemination, preparatory, pilot and/or integrated and/or demonstration projects via an annual call for proposals, including the development or dissemination of best practice techniques, know-how and technologies in the area of adaptation and resilience to climate change,~~
- ~~studies and evaluations, economic analyses and modelling of scenarios,~~
- ~~administrative arrangements with DG JRC,~~
- ~~services aimed at ensuring the implementation of environmental policy and legislation in the area of adaptation and resilience to climate change,~~
- ~~services aimed at monitoring the mainstreaming/integration of climate action in other policy areas/programmes,~~
- ~~identifying actions, strategies and legal instruments to be undertaken at Union, national, regional and local levels to adapt to the impact of climate change,~~
- ~~developing innovative support mechanisms to develop low carbon and adaptation policies and strategies, including possible new financial instruments to fully exploit the potential of new technologies, to reduce losses caused by climate change related events, such as severe drought and flooding and extreme climate events, as well as to develop the Union's capacity for disaster prevention and response,~~
- ~~supporting the development of 'climate proofing' tools, risk based assessments of programmes and measures to enhance adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change and of support and 'climate tracking' methodologies to monitor climate related expenditure under the mainstreaming objective in the next multiannual financial framework 'to increase the proportion of climate mainstreaming to at least 20 % of the future total budget of the Union', with contributions from different policies,~~
- ~~conferences, seminars and workshops with experts and stakeholders,~~
- ~~developing and maintaining networks, databases and information and computer systems directly linked to the implementation of Union climate policy and legislation in the area of adaptation to and mainstreaming of climate action. The expenditure covered will include the costs of development, maintenance, operation and support (hardware, software and services) of such policy support systems. It will also cover the cost of project management, documentation and training linked to the implementation of these systems.~~

Cooperation with relevant international organisations, their institutions and bodies, shall be possible where needed for the purpose of achieving the climate action objectives.

~~The measures financed by LIFE may be implemented through grants, financial instruments or procurement procedures. The LIFE programme shall finance measures and projects with European added value.~~

~~In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes:-~~

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of~~

corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget;

- candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries to the Union: Any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation;
- countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies;
- countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1). Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.

In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may cover activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1), provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the projects financed through action grants provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.

Article 34 02 03 — Better climate governance and information at all levels

Remarks

Under the climate action sub-programme of the LIFE programme, this appropriation is intended to finance measures to support the Commission's role in enhancing climate governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGO's in development/implementation of policy, building capacity and raising awareness and promote policies and legislation in the area of climate action, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of climate and to promote knowledge on sustainable development, to support communication, management and dissemination of information in the field of climate, to facilitate knowledge sharing of successful climate solutions and practises including developing platforms among stakeholders via cooperation platforms, to promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practises and policy approaches ("success stories").

Under the LIFE programme, this appropriation is intended to finance measures to support the Commission's role in enhancing climate governance, building capacity, raising awareness and promoting policies and legislation in the area of climate action, taking into account the following priorities:

- further implementing the 'Climate and Energy 2009' package;
- developing new policies under the 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy;
- ensuring the adaptation of the Union economy and society to the adverse impact of climate change and mitigating that impact;
- ensuring the implementation and use of market-based instruments, in order to achieve via a cost-efficient emission reduction, the '20/20/20' climate/energy targets of the Europe 2020 strategy supporting the transition towards a low-carbon economy/society;
- promoting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) primarily active in the field of climate action at a European level and involved in the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation aiming to strengthen the participation of NGOs in the dialogue process of climate action policy making and in its implementation and in the European standardisation process to ensure balanced stakeholder representation and the systematic integration of climate-related aspects.

The following priorities will be taken into account: This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred by the Commission through:

- further implementation of the 'Climate and Energy 2009' package;
- ensuring the implementation and use of market-based instruments, in order to achieve via a cost-efficient emission reduction, the '20/20/20' climate/energy targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy supporting the transition towards a low-carbon economy/society;
- developing new policies under the 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy
- action grants to technical assistance, 'best practice', information, awareness and dissemination, preparatory, pilot and/or innovative projects via an annual call for proposals, including to promote the development or dissemination of best practices and

policy approaches, support the communication, management and dissemination of climate relevant information, solutions and practices, including developing cooperation platforms, and promote awareness and education on climate matters in the area of climate mitigation and adaptation and resilience to climate change,

- operating grants to support the operational activities/work programme of non governmental organisations (NGOs) that are primarily active in the field of climate action at European level and involved in the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation;
- conferences, seminars and workshops with experts and stakeholders;
- ensuring the adaptation of the Union economy and society to the adverse impacts of climate change and mitigating such impacts, developing and maintaining networks, databases and information and computer systems directly linked to the promotion and awareness raising of development and implementation of Union climate policy and legislation. The expenditure covered will include the costs of development, maintenance, operation and support (hardware, software and services) of such policy support systems. It will also cover the cost of project management, documentation and training linked to the implementation of these systems;
- promotion of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) primarily active in the field of climate action at a European level and involved in the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation aiming to strengthen the participation of NGOs in the dialogue process of climate action policy making and in its implementation and in the European standardisation process to ensure balanced stakeholder representation and the systematic integration of climate-related aspects, information, publication and dissemination activities, including events, exhibitions, audio-visual productions and similar awareness raising measures to promote climate action objectives, the transition towards a low carbon economy/society.

The measures financed by LIFE may be implemented through action grants to projects and operating grants to NGO's or procurement procedures (studies, service contracts, administrative arrangements, evaluations, meetings, events, networks, databases, information systems, information, publication and dissemination activities) or any other interventions needed. ~~The LIFE programme shall finance measures and projects with European added value.~~

Cooperation with relevant international organisations, their institutions and bodies, shall be possible where needed for the purpose of achieving the climate action objectives.

~~In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the LIFE programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes:~~

- ~~European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA): the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget;~~
- ~~candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries to the Union: any revenue from the contributions from candidate countries, and potential candidates, for participating in Union programmes, and entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation;~~
- ~~countries to which the European Neighbourhood Policy applies;~~
- ~~countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 933/1999 of 29 April 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environmental Agency and the European environment information and observation network (OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 1). Any revenue from the Swiss Confederation's contribution to participation in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 3 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation.~~

~~In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, this appropriation may cover activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1) provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the projects financed through action grants provided the beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union and the activity to be carried out outside the Union is necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States.~~

Article 34 02 04 — Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover obligatory and voluntary contributions to a number of international conventions, protocols and agreements to which the Union is ~~partyparty~~, and preparatory work for future international agreements involving the Union.

In some cases, contributions to subsequent protocols are included in contributions to their basic convention.

Article 34 02 51 — Completion of former climate action programmes

Remarks

This ~~articleappropriation~~ is intended to cover payments in respect of commitments remaining to be settled from previous years and resulting from the general objectives of the LIFE+ programme particularly concerning measures to support the Commission's role in initiating policy and legislation development and implementation in the area of climate action.~~years.~~

~~The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(e) to (g) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the 'European Economic Area' Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.~~

Article 34 02 77 — Pilot projects and preparatory actions

Item 34 02 77 02 — Pilot project — Making efficient use of EU climate finance: using roads as an early performance indicator for REDD+ projects

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.

The Union has committed significant resources, providing positive incentives to developing countries to reduce emissions from global deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+). The Union, if the contributions of its Member States are also taken into account, is the biggest funding partner for this programme.

Early evaluations suggest that the lack of common methodologies and sufficient resources (human, technical and financial) to forecast, measure, report, verify and compare (FMRVC) forest emissions over time and between countries are a major weak point of REDD+.

This pilot project will use existing roads and expansion of accessibility, through the opening of new roads, as an early performance indicator for projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and to strengthen Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT). At the same time the pilot project will incorporate information on accessibility (e.g. road networks) into harmonised FMRVC methodologies as a way of improving the efficiency and reliability of REDD+ reporting, thus laying the groundwork for the post-2020 climate regime to be agreed at UNFCCC COP-21 in Paris in December 2015.

In tropical areas, satellite and land-based data indicate that the opening of a new road through a forest is generally followed by the building of secondary roads (paved or unpaved) that will then trigger more degradation and deforestation (conversion to agriculture or ranching). Scientific reports agree that most deforestation, fragmentation and forest degradation occurs in a 'risk zone' around infrastructure and access networks.

Therefore, building new roads is not only a major driver of deforestation and forest degradation; it can also be a cost-efficient indicator of likely forest emissions and biodiversity loss. Maps of roadless areas can be created from spatial information on infrastructure, including roads, and then overlapped with up-to-date forest maps to make an early assessment of the impact of Union sectoral policies and the efficiency of the REDD+ activities supported. This could also help meet a strategic Union target stemming from the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, namely that, by 2020, the rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, should be at least halved and, where feasible, brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation significantly reduced.

Assessing the impact of accessibility expansion can help in measuring performance in the five activities encompassed by REDD+ (deforestation, forest degradation, conservation, management, and enhancement of forest carbon stock). Additionally, road planning is an easily understandable strategic tool that can be used by both donors and beneficiaries of the REDD+ scheme, and it ties in with the international drivers of deforestation (including imports in the Union).

This appropriation should help deliver and cover the cost of:

- producing an up-to-date global map of roadless areas in forested regions, focusing on tropical forests (based on best available spatial data and satellite images); these maps should be made publicly available on a dedicated website,
- developing a prediction model for deforestation and forest degradation on the basis of existing roads and road-building forecasts in priority areas,
- compiling a brochure on the impact of Union sectoral policies (e.g. infrastructure, agriculture and mining) on tropical deforestation and forest degradation,
- presenting the above deliverables in workshops and symposiums (in particular as side events during the UNFCCC and CBD COPs) and disseminating the relevant material.

TITLE 40 — RESERVES

CHAPTER 40 02 — RESERVES FOR FINANCIAL INTERVENTIONS

Article 40 02 42 — Emergency aid reserve

Remarks

The Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) is intended~~aim of this reserve, in accordance with point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, is~~ to allow for a rapid response to ~~the~~ specific aid requirements of third countries following events which could not be foreseen when the budget was established, first and foremost for humanitarian operations, but also for civil crisis management and protection, and situations of particular pressure resulting from migratory flows at the Union's external borders~~protection~~ where circumstances so require.~~The annual amount of this reserve is fixed at EUR 280 000 000 for the duration of the multiannual financial framework, in constant prices.~~

~~This reserve is entered in the general budget of the Union as a provision. The corresponding commitment appropriations will be entered in the budget, if necessary, over and above the ceilings.~~

~~When the Commission considers that this reserve needs to be called on, it will present to the European Parliament and the Council a proposal for a transfer from this reserve to the relevant budget lines.~~

The annual amount of the Reserve is fixed at EUR 280 million (2011 prices) and may be used up to year n+1 in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The Reserve shall be entered in the general budget of the Union as a provision. The portion of the annual amount stemming from the previous year shall be drawn on first. That portion of the annual amount from year n which is not used in year n+1 shall lapse. At the same time as it presents its proposal for a transfer, the Commission will initiate a dialogue procedure, if necessary in a simplified form, to secure agreement of the European Parliament and the Council on the need to use this reserve and on the amount required.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.884)

Reference acts

Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

Article 40 02 43 — Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Remarks

The aim of this reserve is to cover the EGF so as to enable the Union to demonstrate solidarity towards, and to support provide additional support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of the continuation of the global financial and economic crisis addressed in Regulation (EC) No 546/2009, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis and to provide financial support for and to assist them with their rapid reintegration into sustainable employment the labour market.

The methods for entering the appropriations in this reserve and for mobilising the Fund are laid down in point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 and in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 for applications submitted before 31 December 2013 and by point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1) for applications submitted after 1 January 2014.

Reference acts

Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1).

Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

S — STAFF

S 01 — Commission

S 01 01 — Administration

Function group and grade ⁸⁹	Administration			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16	24		24	
AD 15	190	22	190	22
AD 14	583 615	31	615	31
AD 13	1 925 2 095		2 095	
AD 12	1 130 992	44	992	44
AD 11	743 655	62	655	62
AD 10	931 907	21	907	21
AD 9	990 861	9	861	9
AD 8	1 261 1 121	26 16	1 121	16
AD 7	1 526 1 253	20 10	1 253	10
AD 6	1 174 1 321	10	1 321	
AD 5	901 1 460	6	1 460	6
<i>AD total</i>	11 378 11 494	251 221	11 494	221
AST 11	193 185		185	
AST 10	171 194	10	194	10
AST 9	567 577		577	
AST 8	616 608	12	608	12
AST 7	1 116 1 091	18	1 091	18
AST 6	699 645	19	645	19
AST 5	1 015 1 032	42	1 032	42
AST 4	907 920	10	920	10
AST 3	969 1 027	9	1 027	9
AST 2	403 473	13	473	13
AST 1	291 441		441	
<i>AST total</i>	6 947 7 193	133	7 193	133
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4		10		10
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2	70 20		20	
AST/SC 1	250 150		150	
<i>AST/SC total</i>	320 170	10	170	10
Grand total	18 645 18 857	394 364	18 857	364

⁸ The establishment plan includes, pursuant to Article 53 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, the following permanent posts for the Supply Agency: one *ad personam* AD 15 for the Director-General of the Agency, two AD 14 (of which one for the Deputy Director-General of the Agency), three AD 12, one AD 11, two AD 10, one AST 10, two AST 8, one AST 7, nine AST 6, one AST 5 and two AST 3.

⁹ The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointments: up to 25 AD 15 may become AD 16; up to 21 AD 14 may become AD 15; up to 13 AD 11 may become AD 14 and one AST 8 may become AST 10.

Total staff	19 03919 221	19 221
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S 01 02 — Research and innovation — Joint Research Centre

Function group and grade	Research and technological development — Joint Research Centre			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16 ¹⁰	2		2	
AD 15	10		10	
AD 14	76		76	
AD 13	225240		240	
AD 12	174167		167	
AD 11	44		44	
AD 10	4750		50	
AD 9	7065		65	
AD 8	7973		73	
AD 7	76		76	
AD 6	7479		79	
AD 5	1523		23	
<i>AD total</i>	892905		905	
AST 11	4950		50	
AST 10	66		66	
AST 9	153143		143	
AST 8	9297		97	
AST 7	115120		120	
AST 6	9198		98	
AST 5	122		122	
AST 4	114109		109	
AST 3	9598		98	
AST 2	4550		50	
AST 1	520		20	
<i>AST total</i>	947973		973	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1	10			
<i>AST/SC total</i>	10			
Grand total	1 8491 878		1 878	
Total staff	1 8491 878		1 878	

S 01 03 — Research and innovation — Indirect action

Function group and grade	Research and technological development — Indirect action			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16	1		1	
AD 15	19		19	

¹⁰ ~~Of which one official benefiting from the advantages provided for in Article 93 of the Staff Regulations.~~

AD 14	<u>8794</u>		91	
AD 13	<u>276289</u>		289	
AD 12	<u>120425</u>		125	
AD 11	<u>5454</u>		51	
AD 10	<u>5759</u>		59	
AD 9	<u>10079</u>		79	
AD 8	<u>9088</u>		88	
AD 7	<u>9073</u>		73	
AD 6	<u>87405</u>		105	
AD 5	<u>71440</u>		110	
<i>AD total</i>	<u><i>1 0524090</i></u>		<i>1 090</i>	
AST 11	17		17	
AST 10	<u>1143</u>		13	
AST 9	<u>4532</u>		32	
AST 8	<u>4867</u>		67	
AST 7	<u>7176</u>		76	
AST 6	<u>9575</u>		75	
AST 5	<u>105444</u>		111	
AST 4	<u>91400</u>		100	
AST 3	<u>85443</u>		113	
AST 2	<u>3537</u>		37	
AST 1	<u>5064</u>		64	
<i>AST total</i>	<u><i>653705</i></u>		<i>705</i>	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1	<u>164</u>		4	
<i>AST/SC total</i>	<u><i>164</i></u>		<i>4</i>	
Grand total	<u>1 7214799</u>		1 799	
Total staff ¹¹	<u>1 7214799</u>		1 799	

S 02 — Offices

S 02 01 — Publications Office (OP)

Function group and grade	Publications Office (OP)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16	1		1	
AD 15	3		3	
AD 14	8		8	
AD 13	10		10	
AD 12	15		15	
AD 11	11		11	
AD 10	9		9	
AD 9	<u>1843</u>		13	
AD 8	13		13	
AD 7	13		13	
AD 6	11		11	

¹¹The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointments: two AD 15 become AD 16; one AD 14 becomes AD 15.

Function group and grade	Publications Office (OP)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 5	<u>1614</u>		14	
<i>AD total</i>	<u>128121</u>		121	
AST 11	21		21	
AST 10	23		23	
AST 9	51		51	
AST 8	41		41	
AST 7	<u>4243</u>		43	
AST 6	<u>6779</u>		79	
AST 5	<u>121114</u>		114	
AST 4	<u>8189</u>		89	
AST 3	<u>5057</u>		57	
AST 2	<u>314</u>		14	
AST 1				
<i>AST total</i>	<u>500532</u>		532	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1	<u>52</u>		2	
<i>AST/SC total</i>	<u>52</u>		2	
Grand total	<u>633655</u>		655	
Total staff	<u>633655</u>		655	

S 02 02 — European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

Function group and grade	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16	1		1	
AD 15	2	1	2	1
AD 14	<u>87</u>		7	
AD 13	<u>1920</u>	<u>3</u>	20	
AD 12	<u>2019</u>	<u>1418</u>	19	18
AD 11	<u>1918</u>		18	
AD 10	<u>2122</u>	1	22	1
AD 9	<u>1715</u>	<u>1516</u>	15	16
AD 8	17	1	17	1
AD 7	<u>1314</u>		14	
AD 6	<u>1513</u>		13	
AD 5	<u>1817</u>		17	
<i>AD total</i>	<u>170165</u>	<u>3437</u>	165	37
AST 11	5	<u>85</u>	5	5
AST 10	<u>98</u>	<u>610</u>	8	10
AST 9	<u>1615</u>	<u>23</u>	15	3
AST 8	<u>1412</u>	<u>1214</u>	12	14
AST 7	13	1	13	1
AST 6	<u>1012</u>	1	12	1
AST 5	<u>1918</u>		18	
AST 4	23		23	
AST 3	<u>1923</u>		23	
AST 2	<u>912</u>		12	
AST 1	<u>2</u>		2	

Function group and grade	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
<i>AST total</i>	<u>137</u> 143	<u>28</u> 34	<i>143</i>	<i>34</i>
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1	<u>82</u>		2	
<i>AST/SC total</i>	<u>82</u>		2	
Grand total	<u>315</u>310	<u>62</u>71	310	71
Total staff	<u>377</u>381		381	

S 02 03 — European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)

Function group and grade	European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16				
AD 15		1		1
AD 14	1		1	
AD 13	<u>65</u>	1	5	1
AD 12	<u>35</u>		5	
AD 11	<u>43</u>		3	
AD 10	<u>32</u>		2	
AD 9	<u>32</u>		2	
AD 8	3	<u>4</u>	3	1
AD 7	<u>13</u>		3	
AD 6	<u>1</u>			
AD 5	<u>24</u>		4	
<i>AD total</i>	<u>272</u> 8	<u>23</u>	28	3
AST 11	<u>43</u>		3	
AST 10	3		3	
AST 9	7		7	
AST 8	<u>67</u>		7	
AST 7	<u>79</u>		9	
AST 6	<u>1344</u>		14	
AST 5	<u>1546</u>		16	
AST 4	<u>79</u>		9	
AST 3	<u>1012</u>		12	
AST 2	7		7	
AST 1	<u>46</u>		6	
<i>AST total</i>	<u>839</u> 3		93	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1				
<i>AST/SC total</i>				
Grand total	<u>1101</u>21	<u>23</u>	121	3

Function group and grade	European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
Total staff ¹²	<u>112</u>124		124	

S 02 04 — Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO)

Function group and grade	Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16				
AD 15	1		1	
AD 14	<u>3</u> 4		4	
AD 13	<u>11</u> 10		10	
AD 12	<u>5</u> 4		4	
AD 11	1		1	
AD 10	2		2	
AD 9	<u>3</u> 4		4	
AD 8	3		3	
AD 7	2		2	
AD 6	2		2	
AD 5	<u>1</u>			
<i>AD total</i>	<u>34</u> 33		33	
AST 11	<u>7</u> 6		6	
AST 10	<u>10</u> 9		9	
AST 9	<u>12</u> 14		14	
AST 8	18		18	
AST 7	35		35	
AST 6	<u>29</u> 30		30	
AST 5	<u>23</u> 22		22	
AST 4	<u>5</u> 7		7	
AST 3	<u>5</u>		5	
AST 2	<u>1</u>		1	
AST 1				
<i>AST total</i>	<u>139</u> 147		147	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1				
<i>AST/SC total</i>				
Grand total	<u>173</u>180		180	
Total staff	<u>173</u>180		180	

¹² Of which permanent posts in the [European School of Administration \(EUSA\)](#): ~~EUSA~~ three AD 12, one AD 11, two AD 8, one AST 10, two AST 9, one AST 8, one AST 7, one AST 5, one AST 4 and two AST 3.

S 02 05 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB)

Function group and grade	Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16				
AD 15	1		1	
AD 14	8		8	
AD 13	14		14	
AD 12	<u>78</u>		8	
AD 11	<u>43</u>		3	
AD 10	<u>64</u>		4	
AD 9	<u>108</u>		8	
AD 8	<u>75</u>		5	
AD 7	<u>32</u>		2	
AD 6	<u>912</u>		12	
AD 5	<u>1246</u>		16	
<i>AD total</i>	<i>81</i>		<i>81</i>	
AST 11	8		8	
AST 10	8		8	
AST 9	<u>1445</u>		15	
AST 8	<u>1921</u>		21	
AST 7	<u>4849</u>		49	
AST 6	<u>4547</u>		47	
AST 5	<u>7884</u>		84	
AST 4	<u>5359</u>		59	
AST 3	<u>2428</u>		28	
AST 2				
AST 1				
<i>AST total</i>	<i><u>297349</u></i>		<i>319</i>	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1				
<i>AST/SC total</i>				
Grand total	<u>378400</u>		400	
Total staff	<u>378400</u>		400	

S 02 06 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg (OIL)

Function group and grade	Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg (OIL)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16				
AD 15	1		1	
AD 14	3		3	
AD 13	<u>54</u>		4	
AD 12	<u>23</u>		3	
AD 11	2		2	
AD 10	2		2	
AD 9	<u>42</u>		2	
AD 8	<u>46</u>		6	
AD 7	2		2	
AD 6	3		3	

Function group and grade	Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg (OIL)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 5	2		2	
<i>AD total</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>30</i>	
AST 11	2		2	
AST 10	2		2	
AST 9	6 7		7	
AST 8	7 8		8	
AST 7	14		14	
AST 6	18 16		16	
AST 5	25 26		26	
AST 4	19 23		23	
AST 3	12 10		10	
AST 2	1		1	
AST 1	4		1	
<i>AST total</i>	<i>106110</i>		<i>110</i>	
AST/SC 6				
AST/SC 5				
AST/SC 4				
AST/SC 3				
AST/SC 2				
AST/SC 1	4 3		3	
<i>AST/SC total</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>3</i>	
Grand total	140143		143	
Total staff	140143		143	

S 03 — Bodies set up by the European Union and having legal personality

S 03 01 — Decentralised agencies

S 03 01 02 — Decentralised agencies — Enterprise and industry

S 03 01 02 01 — European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Function group and grade	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		4 3		1		3
AD 13		15 14		6		14
AD 12		25		16		25
AD 11		32 31		19 19		31
AD 10		35 32		26 24		32
AD 9		55 52		46 35		52
AD 8		61 62		43 36		62
AD 7		54 48		58 61		48

AD 6		<u>5771</u>		<u>6546</u>		71
AD 5		<u>911</u>		<u>6165</u>		11
<i>AD total</i>		<u>348350</u>		<u>342310</u>		350
AST 11						
AST 10		1				1
AST 9		7		2		7
AST 8		<u>810</u>		<u>13</u>		10
AST 7		<u>1546</u>		6		16
AST 6		<u>1648</u>		<u>109</u>		18
AST 5		<u>3227</u>		<u>1918</u>		27
AST 4		<u>1825</u>		<u>2728</u>		25
AST 3		<u>2423</u>		<u>4639</u>		23
AST 2		<u>1043</u>		<u>1514</u>		13
AST 1		5		<u>1522</u>		5
<i>AST total</i>		<u>136145</u>		<u>141</u>		145
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>484495</u>		483		495
Total staff		<u>484495</u>		483		495

S 03 01 02 02 — European GNSS Agency (GSA)

Function group and grade	European GNSS Agency (GSA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		<u>1</u>				
AD 12		<u>43</u>		<u>21</u>		3
AD 11		<u>53</u>		<u>23</u>		3
AD 10		<u>115</u>		<u>52</u>		5
AD 9		10		<u>74</u>		10
AD 8		<u>2523</u>		<u>147</u>		23
AD 7		<u>3237</u>		<u>2915</u>		37
AD 6		<u>67</u>		<u>74</u>		7
AD 5		2		<u>32</u>		2
<i>AD total</i>		<u>9791</u>		<u>70</u> <u>39</u>		<i>91</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		<u>1</u>				
AST 5		2		<u>21</u>		2
AST 4		1		<u>1</u>		1
AST 3		<u>1</u>		<u>42</u>		1

AST 2		1		1		1
AST 1				1		
<i>AST total</i>		5		75		5
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		10296		7744		96
Total staff		10296		7744		96

S 03 01 04 — Decentralised agencies — Employment, social affairs and inclusion

S 03 01 04 01 — European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

Function group and grade	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				
AD 14		12		1		2
AD 13		43		3		3
AD 12	2	73	1	24	2	3
AD 11	1	5	24	6	1	5
AD 10	1	4	4	12	1	4
AD 9	1	3	1	3	1	3
AD 8	1	76	4	42	1	6
AD 7	24	56	34	67	1	6
AD 6	4	6	4	5	1	6
AD 5		5	1	1140		5
<i>AD total</i>	8	43	8	4240	8	43
AST 11						
AST 10		2		2		2
AST 9		65		3		5
AST 8		76		43		6
AST 7		98		65		8
AST 6	2	24	1	640	2	4
AST 5	34	6	12	43	4	6
AST 4	2	13	23	53	2	3
AST 3	1	12	1	46	1	2
AST 2	1	1		3		1
AST 1	1	1	5	24	1	1
<i>AST total</i>	10	3638	1044	39	10	38
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						

<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	18	7981	1819	8179	18	81
Total staff		9799		9998		99

S 03 01 04 02 — European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

Function group and grade	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12		1		1		1
AD 11		<u>21</u>		1		1
AD 10		<u>23</u>		2		3
AD 9		<u>21</u>		2		1
AD 8		6		<u>43</u>		6
AD 7		5		<u>56</u>		5
AD 6		<u>45</u>		7		5
AD 5						
<i>AD total</i>		24		24		24
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8						
AST 7		1				1
AST 6		<u>21</u>				1
AST 5		<u>42</u>		<u>42</u>		2
AST 4		<u>58</u>		<u>76</u>		8
AST 3		<u>23</u>		<u>35</u>		3
AST 2		<u>32</u>		<u>12</u>		2
AST 1		<u>1</u>		2		1
<i>AST total</i>		1819		18		19
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		4243		42		43
Total staff		4243		42		43

S 03 01 06 — Decentralised Agencies — Mobility and transport

S 03 01 06 01 — European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

Function group and grade	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	
	Posts	
	2015	2014

	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013 ¹³		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		2		<u>12</u>		2
AD 14		<u>2314</u>		<u>65</u>		14
AD 13		<u>3121</u>		<u>149</u>		21
AD 12		<u>4837</u>		<u>1521</u>		37
AD 11		<u>7260</u>		<u>1815</u>		60
AD 10		<u>9584</u>		<u>7367</u>		84
AD 9		<u>118107</u>		<u>8376</u>		107
AD 8		<u>81100</u>		<u>9485</u>		100
AD 7		<u>5575</u>		<u>124105</u>		75
AD 6		<u>2446</u>		<u>7678</u>		46
AD 5		<u>25</u>		<u>1217</u>		5
<i>AD total</i>		<i>551</i>		<i><u>516480</u></i>		<i>551</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1				
AST 8		4				4
AST 7		<u>1211</u>				11
AST 6		<u>2223</u>		<u>42</u>		23
AST 5		32		10		32
AST 4		<u>2628</u>		<u>2823</u>		28
AST 3		18		<u>5351</u>		18
AST 2		<u>1115</u>		<u>2732</u>		15
AST 1		2		<u>1514</u>		2
<i>AST total</i>		<i><u>128134</u></i>		<i><u>137132</u></i>		<i>134</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>679685</u>		<u>653612</u>		685
Total staff		<u>679685</u>		<u>653612</u>		685

S 03 01 06 02 — European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

Function group and grade	European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013 ¹⁴		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		1		1		1

¹³ [Offer letters sent should be counted as posts filled in with a clear reference in a footnote with a number how many posts/positions it concerns.](#)

¹⁴ [Offer letters sent should be counted as posts filled in with a clear reference in a footnote with a number how many posts/positions it concerns.](#)

AD 13	1	3		2	1	3
AD 12	1	9		6	1	9
AD 11		<u>13</u> 11	2	1		11
AD 10	1	17		<u>17</u> 14	1	17
AD 9		28	1	<u>22</u> 20		28
AD 8	1	24		<u>33</u> 32	1	24
AD 7		24		<u>18</u> 25		24
AD 6		<u>18</u> 20		<u>19</u> 15		20
AD 5		<u>2</u> 4	<u>1</u> 3	<u>16</u> 21		4
<i>AD total</i>	4	<u>140</u> 142	<u>4</u> 3	<u>135</u> 137	4	142
AST 11						
AST 10		1				1
AST 9				1		
AST 8		1				1
AST 7		<u>2</u> 1				1
AST 6		<u>7</u> 5		<u>3</u> 2		5
AST 5		17	4	<u>13</u> 12		17
AST 4		19		<u>14</u> 17		19
AST 3		<u>16</u> 17		<u>25</u> 21		17
AST 2		3		<u>7</u> 8		3
AST 1				<u>1</u> 3		
<i>AST total</i>		<u>63</u> 64	<u>4</u> 3	64		64
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	4	<u>203</u> 206	4	199	4	206
Total staff		<u>207</u> 210		<u>203</u> 205		210

S 03 01 06 03 — European Railway Agency (ERA)

Function group and grade	European Railway Agency (ERA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013 ¹⁵		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12						
AD 11		<u>5</u> 4				4
AD 10		11		8 ¹⁶		11
AD 9		29		<u>24</u> 26		29
AD 8		21		<u>24</u> 23		21
AD 7		<u>13</u> 12		<u>2</u> 1		12

¹⁵ [Offer letters sent should be counted as posts filled in with a clear reference in a footnote with a number how many posts/positions it concerns.](#)

¹⁶ [2 offer letters were sent in 2013 for 2 staff members who shall start early 2014](#)

AD 6		24		36		24
AD 5				<u>12</u>		
<i>AD total</i>		<u>104</u> 102		<u>96</u> 97		<i>102</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		2				2
AST 8		3		2		3
AST 7		3		1		3
AST 6		2		<u>4</u> 3		2
AST 5		5		<u>5</u> 6		5
AST 4		<u>6</u> 7		<u>5</u> 4		7
AST 3		<u>7</u> 8		<u>6</u> 8		8
AST 2		<u>5</u> 8		<u>12</u> 11		8
AST 1				<u>5</u> 7		
<i>AST total</i>		<u>33</u> 38		<u>40</u> 42		38
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>137</u> 140		<u>136</u> 139		140
Total staff		<u>137</u> 140		<u>136</u> 139		140

S 03 01 07 — Decentralised Agencies — Environment

S 03 01 07 01 — European Environment Agency (EEA)

Function group and grade	European Environment Agency (EEA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		<u>1</u>		1
AD 14		2		<u>2</u>		2
AD 13		2		<u>1</u>		2
AD 12	1	10	1	<u>8</u>	1	10
AD 11		10		<u>9</u>		10
AD 10		10		<u>6</u>		10
AD 9		<u>10</u>		<u>6</u>		8
AD 8		<u>10</u>		<u>9</u>		8
AD 7		8		9		8
AD 6		<u>2</u>		12		6
AD 5						
<i>AD total</i>	<i>1</i>	65	<i>1</i>	<u>62</u> 61	<i>1</i>	65
AST 11		3		<u>1</u>		3
AST 10		3		2		3
AST 9	2	<u>8</u>		3	2	3
AST 8	1	10	3	5	1	10
AST 7		10		9		10
AST 6		10		8		10

AST 5		<u>910</u>		<u>97</u>		10
AST 4		8		<u>740</u>		8
AST 3		<u>27</u>		<u>1413</u>		7
AST 2		<u>12</u>		<u>42</u>		2
AST 1				<u>57</u>		
<i>AST total</i>	3	<u>6466</u>	3	<u>6667</u>	3	66
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	4	<u>129131</u>	4	128	4	131
Total staff	<u>133135</u>		132		135	

S 03 01 07 02 — European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) — Activities in the field of biocides legislation

See establishment plan staff S 03 01 02 — European Chemicals Agency.

S 03 01 07 03 — Activities in the field of legislation on import and export of dangerous chemicals

See establishment plan staff S 03 01 02 — European Chemicals Agency.

S 03 01 09 — Decentralised agencies — Communications networks, content and technology

S 03 01 09 01 — European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

Function group and grade	European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14				1		
AD 13						
AD 12		3		<u>21</u>		3
AD 11				<u>12</u>		
AD 10		5		<u>42</u>		5
AD 9		9		<u>36</u>		9
AD 8		7		<u>13</u>		7
AD 7		6		8		6
AD 6				<u>85</u>		
AD 5		<u>13</u>		1		3
<i>AD total</i>		<u>3234</u>		29		34
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		2				2

AST 5		6		<u>13</u>		6
AST 4		<u>34</u>		3		1
AST 3		<u>32</u>		<u>34</u>		2
AST 2		<u>23</u>		<u>54</u>		3
AST 1				<u>41</u>		
<i>AST total</i>		<u>1644</u>		<u>1615</u>		14
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		48		<u>4544</u>		48
Total staff	48		<u>4544</u>		48	

S 03 01 09 02 — Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) — Office

Function group and grade	Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) — Office					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12						
AD 11						
AD 10						
AD 9		2		2		2
AD 8						
AD 7		3		3		3
AD 6						
AD 5		5		5		5
<i>AD total</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>11</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5						
AST 4						
AST 3		4		4		4
AST 2						
AST 1		4		1		1
<i>AST total</i>		4 5		5		5
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						

Grand total		<u>1516</u>		16		16
Total staff		<u>1516</u>		16		16

S 03 01 11 — Decentralised agencies — Maritime affairs and fisheries

S 03 01 11 01 — European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

Function group and grade	European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14						
AD 13		2		2		2
AD 12		2		2		2
AD 11						
AD 10		3		3		3
AD 9		6		<u>65</u>		6
AD 8		5		5		5
AD 7		1		1		1
AD 6		2		<u>24</u>		2
AD 5						
<i>AD total</i>		22		<u>2220</u>		22
AST 11						
AST 10		7		7		7
AST 9		3		3		3
AST 8		3		3		3
AST 7		8		8		8
AST 6		2		<u>23</u>		2
AST 5		6		<u>63</u>		6
AST 4						
AST 3		<u>12</u>		<u>12</u>		2
AST 2				4		
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>3034</u>		<u>3030</u>		31
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>5253</u>		<u>5250</u>		53
Total staff		<u>5253</u>		<u>5250</u>		53

S 03 01 12 — Decentralised agencies — Internal market and services

S 03 01 12 01 — European Banking Authority (EBA)

Function group and grade	European Banking Authority (EBA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		3		32		3
AD 12		6		64		6
AD 11		10		106		10
AD 10		10		108		10
AD 9		14		138		14
AD 8		19		1640		19
AD 7		16		127		16
AD 6		12		7		12
AD 5		10		57		10
<i>AD total</i>		<i>102</i>		8464		<i>102</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		1		1		1
AST 4		3		32		3
AST 3		2		2		2
AST 2		3		32		3
AST 1				4		
<i>AST total</i>		<i>9</i>		97		<i>9</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		111		9368		111
Total staff	111		9368		111	

S 03 01 12 02 — European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

Function group and grade	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1

AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		3		2		3
AD 12		5		4		5
AD 11		7		4		7
AD 10		8		6		8
AD 9		8		95		8
AD 8		11		116		11
AD 7		12		10		12
AD 6		8		107		8
AD 5		8		911		8
<i>AD total</i>		72		6757		72
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1				1
AST 8		1				1
AST 7		1				1
AST 6		3		3		3
AST 5		1		1		1
AST 4		3		32		3
AST 3		3		54		3
AST 2		2		12		2
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		15		1312		15
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		87		8069		87
Total staff	87		8069		87	

S 03 01 12 03 — European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

Function group and grade	European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12		3		2		3
AD 11		5		1		5
AD 10		6		43		6
AD 9		14		105		14
AD 8		27		1840		27
AD 7		27		2417		27
AD 6		20		1813		20
AD 5		14		2312		14
<i>AD total</i>		118		10265		118
AST 11						
AST 10						

AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8				1		
AST 7						
AST 6		1				1
AST 5		2		1		2
AST 4		6		<u>23</u>		6
AST 3		2		<u>62</u>		2
AST 2		3				3
AST 1				<u>43</u>		
<i>AST total</i>		<i>15</i>		<i><u>1410</u></i>		<i>15</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		133		<u>11675</u>		133
Total staff	133		<u>11675</u>		133	

S 03 01 12 04 — Single Resolution Board (SRB)

<u>Function group and grade</u>	<u>Single Resolution Board (SRB)</u>			
	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	<u>Permanent posts</u>	<u>Temporary posts</u>	<u>Permanent posts</u>	<u>Temporary posts</u>
<u>AD 16</u>				
<u>AD 15</u>				
<u>AD 14</u>				
<u>AD 13</u>				
<u>AD 12</u>		<u>7</u>		
<u>AD 11</u>		<u>3</u>		
<u>AD 10</u>		<u>9</u>		
<u>AD 9</u>		<u>9</u>		
<u>AD 8</u>		<u>22</u>		
<u>AD 7</u>		<u>5</u>		
<u>AD 6</u>		<u>21</u>		
<u>AD 5</u>		<u>7</u>		
<i><u>AD total</u></i>		<i><u>83</u></i>		
<u>AST 11</u>				
<u>AST 10</u>				
<u>AST 9</u>				
<u>AST 8</u>				
<u>AST 7</u>		<u>2</u>		
<u>AST 6</u>		<u>2</u>		
<u>AST 5</u>		<u>6</u>		
<u>AST 4</u>				
<u>AST 3</u>		<u>12</u>		
<u>AST 2</u>				
<u>AST 1</u>				
<i><u>AST total</u></i>		<i><u>22</u></i>		
<u>AST/SC 6</u>				
<u>AST/SC 5</u>				
<u>AST/SC 4</u>				
<u>AST/SC 3</u>		<u>9</u>		
<u>AST/SC 2</u>				
<u>AST/SC 1</u>		<u>8</u>		

Function group and grade	Single Resolution Board (SRB)			
	2015		2014	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
<i>AST/SC total</i>		<i>17</i>		
<i>Grand total</i>		<i>122</i>		
<i>Total staff</i>	<i>122</i>			

S 03 01 15 — Decentralised agencies — Education and culture

S 03 01 15 01 — European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

Function group and grade	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		1		21		1
AD 13		2				2
AD 12	56	3	2	3	6	3
AD 11	1	9	4	6	1	9
AD 10		8		43		8
AD 9		4		3		4
AD 8		5		57		5
AD 7		6		45		5
AD 6		5		67		6
AD 5			1	127		5
AD total	57	44	67	4542	7	44
AST 11						
AST 10	1	21	1	1	1	1
AST 9		2	1	1		2
AST 8	2	2	1	1	2	2
AST 7	1	6	2	42	1	6
AST 6	4	3	32	14	4	3
AST 5	4	65	3	23	4	5
AST 4	1	10	34	1311	1	10
AST 3		4	1	9		4
AST 2		1		4		1
AST 1						
AST total	1213	3534	1214	35	13	34
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC total						
Grand total	1720	7978	1821	8077	20	78
Total staff	9698		98		98	

S 03 01 15 02 — European Training Foundation (ETF)

Function group and grade	European Training Foundation (ETF)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		64				4
AD 12		1240		75		10
AD 11		8		1144		8
AD 10		4		34		4
AD 9		12		14^(*)40		12
AD 8		8		76		8
AD 7		944		1446		14
AD 6				4		
AD 5				24		
<i>AD total</i>		6064		5955		61
AST 11						
AST 10		43		2		3
AST 9		98		6		8
AST 8		6		34		6
AST 7		4		78		4
AST 6		4		3		4
AST 5		5		3		5
AST 4		2		43		2
AST 3		4		45		1
AST 2				13		
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		3233		3335		33
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>9294</u>		<u>9290</u>		94
Total staff	<u>9294</u>		<u>9290</u>		94	

(*): Explanations provided in the Agency Financial Statement

S 03 01 17 — Decentralised agencies — Health and consumer protection

S 03 01 17 01 — European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Function group and grade	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						

AD 15		1				1
AD 14		<u>65</u>		2		5
AD 13		<u>54</u>		<u>1</u>		4
AD 12		<u>87</u>		<u>34</u>		7
AD 11		<u>1412</u>		<u>32</u>		12
AD 10		<u>2220</u>		<u>104</u>		20
AD 9		<u>2526</u>		11		26
AD 8		18		<u>3937</u>		18
AD 7		18		1		18
AD 6		<u>1418</u>		<u>138</u>		18
AD 5		<u>8</u>		<u>4746</u>		4
<i>AD total</i>		<u><u>131</u></u> <u>133</u>		<u><u>130</u></u> <u>115</u>		<u>133</u>
AST 11		<u>32</u>				2
AST 10		1				1
AST 9		<u>21</u>				1
AST 8		<u>65</u>				5
AST 7		<u>109</u>		<u>21</u>		9
AST 6		<u>1514</u>		4		14
AST 5		<u>1719</u>		<u>118</u>		19
AST 4		<u>58</u>		<u>3032</u>		8
AST 3		<u>2</u>				2
AST 2				4		
AST 1				<u>1013</u>		
<i>AST total</i>		<u><u>5961</u></u>		<u><u>61</u></u>		<u>61</u>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u><u>190194</u></u>		<u><u>191177</u></u>		194
Total staff		<u><u>190194</u></u>		<u><u>191177</u></u>		194

S 03 01 17 02 — European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Function group and grade	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		2				2
AD 13		2		1		2
AD 12	1	15 4		3 4	1	14
AD 11		11		9 11		11
AD 10	1	16 5		8	1	15
AD 9	1	41 4		29 28	1	41
AD 8		53 49		51 45		49
AD 7	1	59 60	3	40	1	60
AD 6	1	21 23	2 1	50 40	1	23
AD 5		11 4	1	16 8		14
AD total	5	232	5	207 196	5	232

AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		3				3
AST 7		4		3		4
AST 6		8				8
AST 5		<u>2927</u>		<u>1140</u>		27
AST 4		<u>2931</u>		<u>3443</u>		31
AST 3		25		19		25
AST 2		<u>29</u>		<u>4247</u>		9
AST 1				<u>711</u>		
<i>AST total</i>		<u>100407</u>		<u>116</u>		107
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	5	<u>332339</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>323329</u>	5	339
Total staff		<u>337344</u>		<u>328334</u>		344

S 03 01 17 03 — European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Function group and grade	European Medicines Agency (EMA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16				<u>1</u>		
AD 15		4		4		4
AD 14		6		<u>65</u>		6
AD 13		<u>98</u>		7		8
AD 12		42		36		42
AD 11		<u>3738</u>		<u>3635</u>		38
AD 10		<u>4036</u>		<u>3330</u>		36
AD 9		<u>3637</u>		<u>3637</u>		37
AD 8		<u>5249</u>		<u>4643</u>		49
AD 7		<u>5251</u>		<u>4439</u>		51
AD 6		<u>3639</u>		<u>4135</u>		39
AD 5		<u>2630</u>		<u>3332</u>		30
<i>AD total</i>		<i>340</i>		<u><i>322304</i></u>		<i>340</i>
AST 11		2		2		2
AST 10		5		<u>54</u>		5
AST 9		7		<u>78</u>		7
AST 8		<u>1615</u>		13		15
AST 7		19		<u>2019</u>		19
AST 6		<u>3936</u>		<u>3134</u>		36
AST 5		<u>4237</u>		34		37
AST 4		<u>4955</u>		<u>5048</u>		55
AST 3		<u>4339</u>		<u>3932</u>		39
AST 2		37		<u>4037</u>		34
AST 1		<u>40</u>		<u>20</u>		10
<i>AST total</i>		<i>259</i>		<u><i>261</i></u>		<i>259</i>
AST/SC 6						

AST/SC 5					
AST/SC 4					
AST/SC 3					
AST/SC 2					
AST/SC 1					
<i>AST/SC total</i>					
Grand total		599		583551	599
Total staff	599		583551		599

S 03 01 18 — Decentralised agencies — Home affairs

S 03 01 18 01 — European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex)

Function group and grade	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		43		4		3
AD 12		118		910		8
AD 11		89		8		9
AD 10		69		5		9
AD 9		84		86		1
AD 8		4348		39		48
AD 7		8		52		8
AD 6		6		6		6
AD 5		23		24		3
<i>AD total</i>		9897		8883		97
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		5		56		5
AST 7		1142		1041		12
AST 6		1340		14		10
AST 5		1620		1746		20
AST 4		45		4		5
AST 3		43		43		3
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		5355		54		55
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		151152		142137		152
Total staff	151152		142137		152	

S 03 01 18 02 — European Police Office (Europol)

Function group and grade	European Police Office (Europol)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		<u>1</u>		1
AD 14				<u>4</u>		
AD 13		3		3		3
AD 12		<u>73</u>		<u>34</u>		3
AD 11		<u>1523</u>		<u>1748</u>		23
AD 10		<u>16</u>		1		
AD 9		<u>6772</u>		<u>4953</u>		72
AD 8		<u>9480</u>		<u>8485</u>		80
AD 7		<u>103427</u>		<u>95405</u>		127
AD 6		<u>6954</u>		<u>10578</u>		51
AD 5		<u>2234</u>		<u>3946</u>		31
<i>AD total</i>		<u>397394</u>		<u>397394</u>		<i>391</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		<u>32</u>		1		2
AST 6		<u>814</u>		<u>742</u>		14
AST 5		<u>113</u>		2		3
AST 4		<u>2040</u>		<u>2632</u>		40
AST 3		<u>2</u>		1		
AST 2				<u>5</u>		
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>4459</u>		<u>4252</u>		<i>59</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4		<u>1</u>				
AST/SC 3		<u>1</u>				
AST/SC 2		<u>1</u>				
AST/SC 1		<u>1</u>				
<i>AST/SC total</i>		<u>4</u>				
Grand total		<u>445450</u>		<u>439446</u>		450
Total staff	<u>445450</u>		<u>439446</u>		450	

S 03 01 18 03 — European Police College (Cepol)

Function group and grade	European Police College (Cepol)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14						
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12						
AD 11						

AD 10		2		2		2
AD 9		3		3		3
AD 8						
AD 7		1		1		1
AD 6						
AD 5		9		98		9
<i>AD total</i>		16		1645		16
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		2		2		2
AST 4		2		2		2
AST 3		7		7		7
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		11		11		11
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		27		2726		27
Total staff		27		2726		27

S 03 01 18 04 — European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

Function group and grade	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1				1
AD 13	1	2		2	1	2
AD 12	4	10	43	76	4	10
AD 11	3	10	12	34	3	10
AD 10	4	1443		7	1	13
AD 9		76	1	1		6
AD 8		2	1	54		2
AD 7				10		
AD 6				79		
AD 5						
<i>AD total</i>	89	45	7	4344	9	45
AST 11	1				1	
AST 10		2		1		2
AST 9	1	75		23	1	5
AST 8	2	76	1	1	2	6
AST 7	1	6	12	2	1	6
AST 6	4	4	1	34	1	1

AST 5		<u>2</u>		<u>89</u>		2
AST 4			1	<u>45</u>		
AST 3				<u>12</u>		
AST 2						
AST 1			1			
<i>AST total</i>	<u>56</u>	22	5	<u>2223</u>	6	22
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	<u>1315</u>	67	12	<u>6567</u>	15	67
Total staff	<u>8082</u>		<u>7779</u>		82	

S 03 01 18 05 — European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)

Function group and grade	European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		2		<u>2</u>		2
AD 12		3		<u>32</u>		3
AD 11		1		<u>1</u>		1
AD 10		<u>54</u>		<u>45</u>		4
AD 9		<u>67</u>		<u>74</u>		7
AD 8		<u>104</u>				1
AD 7		<u>1624</u>		<u>2620</u>		24
AD 6		<u>112</u>				2
AD 5		<u>2030</u>		<u>3147</u>		30
<i>AD total</i>		75		<u>7549</u>		75
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		<u>1</u>				
AST 7		<u>12</u>		<u>2</u>		2
AST 6		<u>4</u>				
AST 5		<u>1245</u>		<u>159</u>		15
AST 4		<u>114</u>		4		4
AST 3		<u>1523</u>		<u>2344</u>		23
AST 2		1		<u>1</u>		1
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		45		45		45
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						

AST/SC 1					
<i>AST/SC total</i>					
Grand total		120		12073	120
Total staff		120		12073	120

S 03 01 18 06 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Function group and grade	European Asylum Support Office (EASO)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12						
AD 11		1				1
AD 10		4		<u>2</u>		4
AD 9		4		<u>6</u>		4
AD 8		8		5		8
AD 7		9		<u>89</u>		9
AD 6		3		<u>24</u>		3
AD 5		7		<u>78</u>		7
<i>AD total</i>		<i>37</i>		<i>3124</i>		<i>37</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5						
AST 4		2		<u>1</u>		2
AST 3		6		<u>67</u>		6
AST 2		1		1		1
AST 1		5		5		5
<i>AST total</i>		<i>14</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>14</i>
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		51		4438		51
Total staff		51		4438		51

S 03 01 31 — Decentralised agencies — Language services

S 03 01 31 01 — Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

Function group and grade	Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union					
	Posts					

	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14	1	1	1	1	1	
AD 13						
AD 12	1140	64	45	3	10	4
AD 11	109	78	940	8	9	8
AD 10	78	56	98	6	8	6
AD 9	23	1241	12	76	3	11
AD 8	98	108	64	48	8	8
AD 7	2	2124	68	20	2	24
AD 6	35	2518	51	1311	5	18
AD 5		341	23	27		11
<i>AD total</i>	4546	9091	4342	8890	46	91
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9	21	1		1	1	1
AST 8	4		5		4	
AST 7	2	3	21	3	2	3
AST 6	12	32	23	2	2	2
AST 5	2	1342	21	64	2	12
AST 4	35	1613	24	1211	5	13
AST 3		814	13	1821		14
AST 2		75		4		5
AST 1				34		
<i>AST total</i>	1416	5150	14	49	16	50
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	5962	141	5759	137140	62	141
Total staff	200203		194199		203	

S 03 01 32 — Decentralised agencies — Energy

S 03 01 32 01 — European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Function group and grade	European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12						
AD 11		4		4		4

AD 10						
AD 9		2		2		2
AD 8		6		6		6
AD 7		6		<u>64</u>		6
AD 6		<u>74</u>		<u>62</u>		4
AD 5		<u>1316</u>		<u>811</u>		16
<i>AD total</i>		39		<u>3330</u>		39
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		1		1		1
AST 4		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		
AST 3		<u>1314</u>		12		14
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		15		<u>1413</u>		15
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		54		<u>4743</u>		54
Total staff		54		<u>4743</u>		54

S 03 01 33 — Decentralised agencies — Justice

S 03 01 33 01 — European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1		<u>1</u>		1
AD 14		<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>		
AD 13		<u>23</u>		1		3
AD 12		<u>109</u>		1		9
AD 11				<u>64</u>		
AD 10		<u>1415</u>		<u>23</u>		15
AD 9		11		<u>56</u>		11
AD 8		1		<u>85</u>		1
AD 7		<u>45</u>		15		5
AD 6		<u>23</u>		<u>76</u>		3
AD 5				1		
AD total		<u>4648</u>		<u>4743</u>		48

AST 11						
AST 10		1				1
AST 9		<u>3</u>				
AST 8		3		3		3
AST 7		<u>78</u>		4		8
AST 6		<u>124</u>		<u>2</u>		4
AST 5		<u>4</u>		<u>78</u>		1
AST 4		<u>19</u>		<u>1044</u>		9
AST 3				<u>24</u>		
AST 2		<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>		1
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		27		28		27
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>7375</u>		<u>7571</u>		75
Total staff		<u>7375</u>		<u>7571</u>		75

S 03 01 33 02 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Function group and grade	European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14						
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12						
AD 11		1		4		1
AD 10		1		24		1
AD 9		24				1
AD 8		56		4		6
AD 7		4		5		4
AD 6		34		3		1
AD 5		68		8		8
AD total		23		23		23
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		2				
AST 6		2		2		2
AST 5		3				3
AST 4		1		5		1
AST 3						
AST 2						
AST 1						
AST total		6		7		6
AST/SC 6						

AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		29		30		29
Total staff		29		30		29

S 03 01 33 03 — The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Function group and grade	The European Union’s Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		1		<u>1</u>		1
AD 12						
AD 11						
AD 10		<u>76</u>		3		6
AD 9		<u>95</u>		<u>67</u>		5
AD 8		<u>2045</u>		<u>159</u>		15
AD 7		<u>2024</u>		<u>98</u>		21
AD 6		<u>1823</u>		<u>2725</u>		23
AD 5		<u>45</u>		<u>68</u>		5
<i>AD total</i>		<u>8077</u>		<u>6864</u>		77
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		<u>1</u>		1
AST 8				<u>4</u>		
AST 7						
AST 6		<u>1</u>				
AST 5		<u>175</u>		<u>2</u>		5
AST 4		<u>4847</u>		<u>1942</u>		47
AST 3		<u>4248</u>		<u>6259</u>		48
AST 2		<u>1634</u>		<u>4324</u>		31
AST 1				<u>834</u>		
<i>AST total</i>		<u>125432</u>		<u>135427</u>		132
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>205209</u>		<u>203188</u>		209
Total staff		205		203		209

S 03 02 — European Joint Undertakings

S 03 02 01 — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E)

Function group and grade	European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E)					
	Posts					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14				1		
AD 13	<u>1311</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>2</u>	11	3
AD 12	<u>1718</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1215</u>	2	18	9
AD 11	<u>53</u>	12	<u>32</u>		3	12
AD 10	<u>37</u>	<u>3028</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>256</u>	7	28
AD 9	<u>23</u>	<u>1812</u>	2	<u>1637</u>	3	12
AD 8	<u>02</u>	<u>2018</u>	4	<u>91</u>	2	18
AD 7		<u>5765</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4015</u>		65
AD 6		<u>3024</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>63</u>		24
AD 5		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		2
<i>AD total</i>	<u>4044</u>	<u>180174</u>	<u>3731</u>	<u>158146</u>	44	174
AST 11	<u>34</u>		4		4	
AST 10	3		<u>1</u>		3	
AST 9	3		1		3	
AST 8	<u>1</u>		2			
AST 7	<u>1</u>		<u>13</u>			
AST 6	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		1	
AST 5	<u>36</u>	<u>97</u>	2		6	7
AST 4		<u>1418</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>71</u>		18
AST 3	4	1	<u>21</u>	<u>1723</u>	1	1
AST 2			<u>21</u>			
AST 1			<u>13</u>			
<i>AST total</i>	<u>1618</u>	26	<u>1517</u>	24	18	26
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total	<u>5662</u>	<u>206200</u>	<u>5248</u>	<u>182170</u>	62	200
Total staff	262		<u>234218</u>		262	

S 03 02 02 — Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2)

Function group and grade	Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 Joint Undertaking (SESAR2)	
	Posts	
	2015	2014

	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013 ¹⁷		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1				1
AD 13						
AD 12		4		4		4
AD 11						
AD 10		5		5		5
AD 9						
AD 8		5		5		5
AD 7		4		4		4
AD 6		4		4		4
AD 5		10		10		10
<i>AD total</i>		33		32		33
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		1		1		1
AST 6						
AST 5		1		1		1
AST 4						
AST 3		2		2		2
AST 2						
AST 1		2		2		2
<i>AST total</i>		6		6		6
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		39		38		39
Total staff	39		38		39	

S 03 03 — European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

Function group and grade	European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)					
	Posts					
	2015 ^(*)		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013 ^(*)		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12						
AD 11		1		2		1

¹⁷ Offer letters sent should be counted as posts filled in with a clear reference in a footnote with a number how many posts/positions it concerns.

AD 10						
AD 9		<u>54</u>		<u>23</u>		4
AD 8		<u>89</u>		<u>65</u>		9
AD 7		<u>53</u>		1		3
AD 6		<u>1415</u>		<u>13</u>		15
AD 5		<u>1</u>		1		1
<i>AD total</i>		34		<u>24^(**)</u> <u>23</u>		34
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		<u>1</u>				
AST 4		<u>23</u>		2		3
AST 3		2		3		2
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		5		5		5
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		39		<u>2928</u>		39
Total staff		39		<u>29^(***)</u><u>28</u>		39

(*) : Explanations are provided in the Agency Financial Statement.

(**): Including two AD posts where an offer letter has been sent and accepted, but the staff member will only start in 2014.

(***): Please see footnote (**).

S 03 04 — Executive Agencies

S 03 04 01 — Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)

Function group and grade	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)					
	Posts					
	2015 ¹⁸		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		4		1		4
AD 13		11				11
AD 12		<u>108</u>				8
AD 11		<u>54</u>		<u>61</u>		4

¹⁸ The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointments: seconded officials may occupy a post in the establishment plan of the executive agency at a higher grade provided that such higher grade corresponds to their own grade at the Commission. This exception applies only to seconded officials.

AD 10		<u>810</u>		<u>16</u>		10
AD 9		10		<u>21</u>		10
AD 8		<u>76</u>		<u>104</u>		6
AD 7		<u>74</u>		<u>311</u>		4
AD 6		<u>74</u>				4
AD 5		<u>124</u>		<u>76</u>		4
<i>AD total</i>		<u>8165</u>		30		65
AST 11		<u>1</u>				1
AST 10						
AST 9		<u>1</u>				1
AST 8						
AST 7		2				2
AST 6		<u>1</u>				1
AST 5		2		1		2
AST 4		<u>82</u>				2
AST 3		3		<u>41</u>		3
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>1512</u>		<u>53</u>		12
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>9677</u>		<u>3533</u>		77
Total staff		<u>9677</u>		<u>3533</u>		77

S 03 04 02 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

Function group and grade	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)					
Posts ¹⁹						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		42		1		2
AD 13		87		32		7
AD 12		34		45		4
AD 11		810		24		10
AD 10		1210		139		10
AD 9		1915		1114		15
AD 8		611		2219		11
AD 7		6		43		6
AD 6		10		43		10
AD 5		5		1012		5
AD total		8180		7372		80

¹⁹ The establishment plan accepts the following "ad personam" appointments: seconded officials may occupy a post in the establishment plan of the executive agency at a higher grade provided that such higher grade corresponds to their own grade at the Commission. This exception applies only to seconded officials.

AST 11		<u>1</u>				
AST 10		1		<u>+</u>		1
AST 9		<u>12</u>				2
AST 8		<u>12</u>		1		2
AST 7		<u>+</u>		<u>12</u>		1
AST 6		<u>24</u>		<u>12</u>		1
AST 5		<u>107</u>		<u>24</u>		7
AST 4		<u>98</u>		<u>1142</u>		8
AST 3		<u>46</u>		<u>1044</u>		6
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>2928</u>		<u>2630</u>		28
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		<u>110108</u>		<u>99102</u>		108
Total staff		<u>110108</u>		<u>99102</u>		108

S 03 04 03 — Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA)

Function group and grade	Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA)					
	Posts					
	2015 ²⁰		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2012		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		1				1
AD 12		1				1
AD 11		2		<u>24</u>		2
AD 10						
AD 9				<u>12</u>		
AD 8		1		<u>+</u>		1
AD 7		1		1		1
AD 6		2		<u>1</u>		2
AD 5		1		<u>32</u>		1
<i>AD total</i>		<i>10</i>		<u>98</u>		<i>10</i>
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		<u>1</u>		<u>+</u>		
AST 6		<u>+</u>		1		1
AST 5		<u>+</u>		<u>+</u>		
AST 4		<u>1</u>				1

²⁰ The establishment plan accepts the following "ad personam" appointments: seconded officials may occupy a post in the establishment plan of the executive agency at a higher grade provided that such higher grade corresponds to their own grade at the Commission. This exception applies only to seconded officials.

AST 3				<u>1</u>		
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>23</u>		<u>23</u>		2
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC total</i>						
Grand total		12		11		12
Total staff		12		11		12

S 03 04 04 — Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA)

Function group and grade	Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA)					
	Posts ²¹					
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		<u>5</u> ²² 4		1		4
AD 13		<u>9</u> 8				8
AD 12		3		<u>2</u>		3
AD 11		<u>4</u> 3		2		3
AD 10		<u>3</u> 2		<u>2</u> 4		2
AD 9		<u>4</u> 3		4		3
AD 8		<u>8</u> 5		<u>4</u> 2		5
AD 7		<u>1</u> 08		7		8
AD 6		<u>3</u> 5		<u>6</u> 9		5
AD 5		<u>2</u> 4		<u>2</u>		1
<i>AD total</i>		<u>51</u> ⁴²		28		42
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		1				1
AST 6						
AST 5		2		2		2
AST 4		2		1		2
AST 3		<u>3</u> 2		<u>1</u> 2		2
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST total</i>		<u>8</u> 7		<u>4</u> 5		7
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						

²¹ The establishment plan accepts the following "ad personam" appointments: seconded officials may occupy a post in the establishment plan of the executive agency at a higher grade provided that such higher grade corresponds to their own grade at the Commission. This exception applies only to seconded officials.

²² The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointments: one AD 14 official becomes AD 15.

AST/SC 4					
AST/SC 3					
AST/SC 2					
AST/SC 1					
<i>AST/SC total</i>					
Grand total		5949		3233	49
Total staff	5949		3233		49

S 03 04 05 — European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA)

Function group and grade	European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA)					
Posts						
	2015 ²³		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		72		1		2
AD 13		69		3		9
AD 12		43		45		3
AD 11		43		2		3
AD 10		2		3		
AD 9		2420		73		20
AD 8		37		4224		37
AD 7		1647		2739		17
AD 6		7		744		7
AD 5		1		37		2
AD total		108100		9997		100
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5						
AST 4						
AST 3						
AST 2						
AST 1						
AST total						
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC total						
Grand total		108100		9799		100
Total staff	108100		9799		100	

²³ The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointments: seconded officials may occupy a post in the establishment plan of the executive agency at a higher grade provided that such higher grade corresponds to their own grade at the Commission. This exception applies only to seconded officials.

S 03 04 06 — Research Executive Agency (REA)

Function group and grade	Research Executive Agency (REA)					
Posts						
	2015		2014			
	Authorised under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2013		Authorised under the Union budget	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		54 ²⁴		1		4
AD 13		1140		14		10
AD 12		6		1		6
AD 11		65		64		5
AD 10		6		944		6
AD 9		78		86		8
AD 8		20		153		20
AD 7		2421		2048		21
AD 6		2827		2820		27
AD 5		3428		3828		28
AD total		147435		12793		135
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1				1
AST 8		2				2
AST 7				24		
AST 6		43		4		3
AST 5		2		43		2
AST 4		1		2		1
AST 3		4		3		1
AST 2						
AST 1						
AST total		10		1140		10
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC total						
Grand total		157145		138103		145
Total staff		157145		138103		145

²⁴ The establishment plan accepts the following *ad personam* appointment: 1 AD 14 official becomes AD 15