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Council position of 4 September 2017

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I. INTRODUCTION

On 4 September 2017, the Council adopted its position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, details of which are set out in the present explanatory memorandum.

A first technical annex, set out in Addenda 1 to 4 to this explanatory memorandum, contains a breakdown by heading of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2014-2020, as well as corresponding detailed figures for each institution and by title.

II. MAIN FEATURES OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION ON THE DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018

A. The Council adopted its position on the draft budget (DB) for 2018.

The main features of this position are as follows:

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURE¹ AS A RESULT OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION

(EUR million - in rounded figures)

Commitment appropriations (c/a)	158 917.30
Payment appropriations (p/a)	144 429.56

B. Under the Council's position on the DB for 2018, commitment appropriations increase by +0.63 % compared to the 2017 budget² and payment appropriations increase by +7.39 %.

The total amount of payment appropriations provided for in the Council's position on the DB for 2018 corresponds to 0.92 % of the EU gross national income (GNI).³

¹ Amounts include appropriations foreseen for special instruments.

² Amending budgets (ABs) No 1 and No 2/2017 included.

³ Based on the May 2017 forecast of GNI.

C. A summary of the Council's position on the DB for 2018, by heading of the MFF, is given in the following tables:

BREAKDOWN BY HEADING FOR "TOTAL EXPENDITURE" IN THE MFF HEADINGS

	Description	1		2		3		2/1	
		Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)		Council's position on DB 2018		Difference from DB 2018 (amount)		Difference from budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.) (%)	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
1	Smart and inclusive growth <i>global margin for commitments</i> <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i>	74 898 754 456	56 521 763 545	76 499 180 217 891 685 985 76 420 000 000 812 505 768	66 415 867 101	-750 000 000 750 000 000	-430 000 000	+2.14%	+17.50%
1.a	Competitiveness for growth and jobs <i>global margin for commitments</i> <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i>	21 312 155 821	19 320 944 503	21 091 301 956 658 352 652 21 239 000 000 806 050 696	19 892 398 844	-750 000 000 750 000 000	-190 000 000	-1.04%	+2.96%
1.b	Economic, social and territorial cohesion <i>global margin for commitments</i> <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i>	53 586 598 635	37 200 819 042	55 407 878 261 233 333 333 55 181 000 000 6 455 072	46 523 468 257	 	-240 000 000	+3.40%	+25.06%
2	Sustainable growth: natural resources <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i> Of which: European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Market related expenditure and direct payments <i>sub-ceiling</i> <i>excluded when calculating the sub- margin</i> ¹	58 584 443 884 42 612 572 079	54 913 969 537 42 562 967 974	59 278 517 122 60 267 000 000 988 482 878 43 248 952 699 44 163 000 000 - 650 000	56 088 787 633 43 207 113 266	-275 006 000 275 006 000 -269 364 200	-271 006 000 -265 364 200	+1.18% +1.49%	+2.14% +1.51%
3	Security and citizenship <i>flexibility instrument</i> <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i>	4 284 030 960	3 786 957 287	3 442 236 871 786 236 871 2 656 000 000 0	2 944 287 515	-30 819 328 -30 819 328 0	-19 559 660	-19.65%	-22.25%
4	Global Europe <i>ceiling</i> <i>margin</i>	10 162 120 000	9 483 081 178	9 503 045 411 9 825 000 000 321 954 589	8 931 045 154	-90 000 000 90 000 000	-20 000 000	-6.49%	-5.82%
5	Administration <i>ceiling</i> <i>offset of the contingency margin</i> <i>margin</i> Of which: Administrative expenditure of the institutions <i>sub-ceiling</i> <i>offset of the contingency margin</i> <i>sub-margin</i>	9 394 513 816 7 418 902 660	9 394 599 816 7 418 988 660	9 627 417 023 10 346 000 000 - 570 000 000 148 582 977 7 536 247 823 8 360 000 000 - 570 000 000 253 752 177	9 629 972 023 7 538 802 823	-54 981 463 54 981 463 -54 981 463	-54 981 463 -54 981 463	+2.48% +1.58%	+2.51% +1.61%
	Negative reserve	p.m.	- 70 402 434	p.m.	p.m.				-100.00%
	MFF Headings <i>flexibility instrument</i> <i>global margin for commitments</i> <i>ceiling</i> <i>offset of the contingency margin</i> <i>Margin</i> ²	157 323 863 116	134 029 968 929	158 350 396 644 786 236 871 891 685 985 159 514 000 000 - 570 000 000 2 271 526 212	144 009 959 426 0 154 565 000 000 10 555 040 574	-1 200 806 791 -30 819 328 1 169 987 463	-795 547 123 -667 152 692 128 394 431	+0.65%	+7.45%
	Appropriations as % of GNI ^{3,4}	1.05%	0.89%	1.01%	0.91%	-0.01%	-0.01%		

¹ This amount, resulting from the rounding for the calculations of the sub-ceiling and the net transfer, is excluded when calculating the sub-margin.

² These amounts are calculated not taking into account appropriations for special instruments (EAR, EGF, EUSF).

³ The GNI for 2017 is based on the forecast of GNI issued after the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR) meeting held on 18 May 2016.

⁴ The GNI for 2018 is based on the forecast of GNI issued after the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR) meeting held on 19 May 2017.

BREAKDOWN FOR "SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS"

Description	1		2		3		2/1	
	Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)		Council's position on DB 2018		Difference from DB 2018 (amount)		Difference from budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.) (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR)	315 000 000	315 000 000	344 600 000	344 600 000			+9.40%	+9.40%
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)	168 924 000	25 000 000	172 302 000	25 000 000			+2.00%	
European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)	120 402 434	120 402 434	50 000 000	50 000 000	-524 000 000	-200 000 000	-58.47%	-58.47%
Special Instruments	604 326 434	460 402 434	566 902 000	419 600 000	-524 000 000	-200 000 000	-6.19%	-8.86%

GLOBAL AMOUNTS FOR "TOTAL EXPENDITURE" IN THE MFF HEADINGS AND "SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS"

Description	1		2		3		2/1	
	Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)		Council's position on DB 2018		Difference from DB 2018 (amount)		Difference from budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.) (%)	
	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
MFF Headings	157 323 863 116	134 029 968 929	158 350 396 644	144 009 959 426	-1 200 806 791	-795 547 123	+0.65%	+7.45%
Special Instruments	604 326 434	460 402 434	566 902 000	419 600 000	-524 000 000	-200 000 000	-6.19%	-8.86%
Grand total	157 928 189 550	134 490 371 363	158 917 298 644	144 429 559 426	-1 724 806 791	-995 547 123	+0.63%	+7.39%
Appropriations as % of GNI ^{1,2}	1.05%	0.89%	1.01%	0.92%	-0.01%	-0.01%		

¹ The GNI for 2017 is based on the forecast of GNI issued after the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR) meeting held on 18 May 2016.

² The GNI for 2018 is based on the forecast of GNI issued after the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR) meeting held on 19 May 2017.

The detailed results are set out in the parts of this explanatory memorandum relating to the various sections and titles of the budget.¹

¹ See also ADD 1 to ADD 4 to this explanatory memorandum.

D. When adopting its position on the DB for 2018, the Council took into account the following principles:

1. GENERALLY

The Budget Committee examined the DB 2018 during the months of June and July 2017 on the basis of the following principles:

- to work within the framework of the budget guidelines established for the 2018 budget in the Council conclusions adopted on 21 February 2017¹;
- to follow an approach leading to a budget complying with budgetary discipline and sound financial management, as well as taking duly into account the ongoing economic and budgetary constraints in Member States;
- to provide adequate funding for the Union's various priorities, determining appropriations on the basis of past and current budget implementation and realistic absorption capacities;
- to foresee the necessary appropriations enabling the smooth implementation of the different programmes in the fifth year of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020;
- to provide the appropriations necessary to support the political priorities of the Union, notably enhancing jobs and growth and responding to the challenges in the areas of security and migration;
- to leave adequate margins in commitment appropriations under the ceilings of the headings and sub-headings of the multiannual financial framework, with the exception of (sub-)headings 1b and 3, in order to be able to cope with unforeseen situations;

¹ Doc. 6522/17.

- to keep payment appropriations under control, resulting in a reduction in payment appropriations in particular under headings 1 and 2.

As regards *administrative expenditure*, the Budget Committee examined the budgets of the institutions on the following basis:

- to keep under strict control the volume of administrative expenditure of the institutions, in line with the approach followed by the Member States for their national civil services;
- to set the administrative budget of each institution at the appropriate level, taking into account their specificities and real and justified needs;
- to carry out targeted reductions and increase the standard flat rate abatement on salaries for almost all institutions and offices, taking into account their past and current budget implementation and vacancy rates;

This approach would result in an appropriate level of administrative expenditure ensuring a proper functioning of the institutions.

The Budget Committee also focused on administrative support expenditure linked to operational programmes and on appropriations for *executive agencies*. In this respect, it is suggested to carry out targeted reductions on the basis of the same principles as those followed for administrative expenditure of the institutions.

As regards *decentralised agencies*, it is suggested to reduce the overall level of contributions from the Union budget by -EUR 5 million in commitment and payment appropriations. Agencies which did not fully implement the contributions received from the Union budget in the past and/or for which the absorption capacities could be lower than the forecasts made by the Commission would be affected by those reductions.

The Council approved the following *statement on payment appropriations*:

"The Council will carefully examine the letter of amendment for agriculture (including information on assigned revenue) in order to appropriately assess the level of resources under heading 2 (Sustainable growth: natural resources) in the 2018 budget.

The Council calls on the Commission to continue closely scrutinising the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes. To that end, it invites the Commission to present in a timely manner updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2018 payment appropriations with a view to allowing the budgetary authority to take any necessary decisions in due time for justified needs."

The Council also approved the following *statement on 5 % staff reduction*:

"The Council recalls that the target year for implementing the 5 % reduction of staff, to be applied to all institutions, bodies and agencies, is 2017 as stipulated in Point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management.

The Council acknowledges the efforts made to reach this target, as illustrated in the table provided by the Commission and included in Appendix 1. It considers that the level of staff in all institutions, bodies and agencies needs to be kept under continuous monitoring to ensure that the savings achieved in administrative expenditure are lasting. The Council also underlines the importance of monitoring closely the appropriations for all categories of external staff. It therefore welcomes the Commission's overview of consolidated data on all external staff employed by the institutions, presented in Appendix 2, in line with point (b) of Article 38(3) of the Financial Regulation. It invites the Commission to continue providing this information to the budgetary authority when presenting its draft budgets for future years.

The Council insists that a proper assessment of the outcome of the 5 % staff reduction exercise be carried out, and in that context looks forward to receiving the independent evaluation of the results from the European Court of Auditors."

Appendix 1 to the Council statement on 5 % staff reduction

Establishment plan posts – All institutions												
Evolution to date vis-à-vis the -5 % reduction target over 5 years 2013-2017												
Institutions	2012 budget ¹	2013-2017 reduction target -5 %	Annual reference target ² -1 %	Posts reduction implementation ³							Remaining distance to -5 %	
				2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	DB2018	Total	Posts	% points
European Parliament ⁴	5 603	-281	-56	-	-37	-47	-17 ⁵	-60 ⁶	-60	-187	94	1.7%
European Council and Council	3 136	-157	-31	-46	-42	-22	-32	-15	-	-157	-	0.0%
Commission	25 073	-1 254	-251	-250	-250	-263	-252	-239	-	-1 254	-	0.0%
Court of Justice of the European Union	1 952	-98	-20	-20	-20	-7 ⁵	-13 ⁵	-19	-	-79	19	1.0%
European Court of Auditors	885	-44	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-	-45	-	0.0%
European Economic and Social Committee	685	-34	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-6	-	-34	-	0.0%
Committee of the Regions	500	-25	-5	-	-5	-5	-7	-9	-	-26	-	0.0%
European Ombudsman	64	-3	-1	-	-	-1	-1	-1	-	-3	-	0.0%
European Data-Protection Supervisor	43	-2	-	-	-	-1	-1	-	-	-2	-	0.0%
European External Action Service	1 679	-84	-17	-	-17	-17	-17	-17	-16	-84	-	0.0%
Total institutions	39 620	-1 982	-397	-332	-387	-379	-322	-375	-76	-1 871	113	0.3%

- ¹ Authorised 2012 posts excluding Croatia enlargement (140 posts) and EP political groups (1 015 posts) with the following adjustments:
- 60 posts were added to the EP and deducted from the EESC (-36) and from the CoR (-24) in order to reflect the impact of the cooperation agreement signed on 5 February 2014 between those institutions;
 - 10 posts were transferred from the Council to the EEAS in 2014;
 - 2 posts were transferred from the EEAS to the Commission (PMO) in 2014;
 - 1 post was transferred from the Court of Auditors to the Commission (PMO) in 2015;
 - 1 post was transferred from the Council to the EEAS in 2015;
 - 6 posts were transferred from the Council to the Commission (PMO) in 2015;
 - 2 posts were transferred from the EP to the Commission in 2016;
 - 1 post was transferred from the Court of Auditors to the Commission in 2016;
 - 2 posts will be transferred from the Council to the Commission in 2018.
- ² Linear projection over 5 years at 1 % per year, rounded figures.
- ³ Sources: authorised budgets 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (including amending and/or draft amending budgets), and 2018 draft budget.
- ⁴ The reduction target for the EP is based on the 2014 budget (excluding posts relating to political groups); as stipulated in the EP's statement on the application of Point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement (*see budget 2016 Joint Conclusions*). The EP is committed to continue the reduction of the total number of posts in its establishment plan and to complete it by 2019.
- ⁵ Posts granted to the institution by the budgetary authority during the period 2013-2017 thus consciously deviating from the trajectory proposed by the Commission to reach the overall reduction target.
- ⁶ 76 posts have been reduced in the establishment plan of the EP's administration as a compensatory decrease to fully offset an increase of 76 posts for political groups.

Appendix 2 to the Council statement on 5 % staff reduction

EVOLUTION OF EXTERNAL STAFF IN ALL INSTITUTIONS 2013 - 2018																
Institution	B2013		B2014		B2015		B2016 (incl. DAB3/2016)		B2017		DB2018		Evolution 2018/2017		Evolution 2018/2013	
	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE	€ (mn)	FTE
European Parliament	217.7	6 854	231	7 515	237.3	7 253	257.6	7 672	273.8	7 579	276.5	7 750	2.7	171	58.8	896
European Council and Council	10.7	240	9.9	234	10.2	234	10.2	234	11.1	246	11.6	246	0.5	0	0.9	6
Commission	455.5	8 412	448.9	8 313	449.2	8 162	454.1	8 040	464	7 928	473	7 889	9.0	-39	17.5	-523
Court of Justice of the European Union	6.1	158	6.2	163	6.4	156	6.7	162	7.7	176	8.4	184	0.7	8	2.3	26
Court of Auditors	3.5	74	3.4	69	3.5	71	3.9	77	4.3	80	4.9	86	0.6	6	1.4	12
European Economic and Social Committee	2.7	50	2.5	47	2.6	47	2.6	45	2.7	53	2.8	53	0.1	0	0.1	3
Committee of the Regions	2.6	88	2.5	88	2.5	55	2.7	59	2.9	63	3.2	64	0.3	1	0.6	-24
European Ombudsman	0.3	6	0.4	9	0.5	10	0.5	12	0.7	15	0.7	15	0.0	0	0.4	9
European Data-Protection Supervisor	0.4	8	0.4	8	0.4	9	0.6	12	0.9	16	0.9	16	0.0	0	0.5	8
European External Action Service	83.1	1 853	80.6	1 894	81.3	1 828	86.3	1 764	92.3	1 826	100.1	1 884	7.8	58	17.0	31
Total institutions	782.6	17 743	785.7	18 338	793.8	17 825	825.3	18 077	860.3	17 981	882.1	18 186	21.8	205	99.5	443

2. *IN OTHER GENERAL RESPECTS*

(a) Budget remarks

The budget remarks contained in the DB 2018 are to be aligned with the changes made to expenditure in the Council's position and in particular the Union contributions to the financing of the different EU bodies, as well as the standard flat rate abatements of EU institutions and offices.

(b) Nomenclature

As regards nomenclature, the Council accepted the DB for 2018.

(c) Legal bases

Special care was taken to comply with the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement as regards legal bases.

(d) Programme statements

Particular attention was given to the programme statements presented by the Commission.

3. *EXPENDITURE BY HEADING OF THE MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK*

As to expenditure under the different headings and sub-headings of the MFF, the Council's position is to:

- (a) in the case of expenditure for **smart and inclusive growth (heading 1 of the MFF)**

(i) as regards **competitiveness for growth and jobs** expenditure
(**sub-heading 1a of the MFF**)

- establish the level of commitment appropriations, targeting a total reduction of -EUR 750.00 million in the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 on a number of specific budget lines including administrative support expenditure and technical assistance, namely related to *Large Infrastructure Projects* (-EUR 98.64 million, of which -EUR 45.91 million on the *European satellite and navigation systems (EGNOS and Galileo)*, -EUR 32.71 million on the *International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)* and -EUR 20.03 million on the *European Earth Observation Programme (Copernicus)*), the *Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation* (-EUR 504.43 million, of which -EUR 12.96 million on the *Euratom Research and Training Programme* and -EUR 491.47 million on *Horizon 2020*), *Employment and Social Innovation* (-EUR 9.82 million), *Customs 2020 and Fiscalis 2020* (-EUR 4.25 million), the *Connecting Europe Facility* (-EUR 111.56 million, of which -EUR 58.57 million on *Energy*, -EUR 19.99 million on *Transport* and -EUR 33.00 million on *Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*), *actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission* (-EUR 13.31 million) and *other actions and programmes* (-EUR 7.49 million);
- this includes the use of the global margin for commitments for an amount of EUR 658.35 million under this sub heading;

- set the level of payment appropriations, reducing the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 by a total amount of -EUR 190.00 million, of which -EUR 30.88 million in *Large Infrastructure Projects* (of which -EUR 8.80 million on the *European satellite and navigation systems (EGNOS and Galileo)*, -EUR 14.02 million on the *International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)* and -EUR 8.06 million on the *European Earth Observation Programme (Copernicus)*), -EUR 120.37 million in the *Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation* (of which -EUR 3.46 million in the *Euratom Research and Training Programme* and -EUR 116.91 million in *Horizon 2020*), -EUR 0.1 million in *Employment and Social Innovation*, -EUR 2.07 million in *Customs 2020 and Fiscalis 2020*, -EUR 23.05 million in the *Connecting Europe Facility* (of which -EUR 8.12 million on *Energy*, -EUR 9.91 million on *Transport* and -EUR 5.02 million on *Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*), -EUR 8.00 million in *actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission* and -EUR 5.02 million in *other actions and programmes*;
- the amounts mentioned above also take into account reductions in contributions to decentralised agencies for a total amount of -EUR 0.52 million in commitment and payment appropriations under this sub-heading;
- the margin available under sub-heading 1a would be EUR 806.05 million.

(ii) concerning **economic, social and territorial cohesion** expenditure
(**sub-heading 1b of the MFF**)

- maintain the level of commitment appropriations as requested in the DB 2018;
- set the level of payment appropriations, reducing the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 by a total amount of -EUR 240.00 million, in particular for 2014-2020 programmes, notably: *Transition regions* (-EUR 55.00 million), *Competitiveness (More developed regions)* (-EUR 85.00 million), *Outermost and sparsely populated regions* (-EUR 5 million), *European territorial cooperation* (-EUR 90.50 million) and *Technical assistance and innovative actions* (-EUR 4.50 million);
- the margin available under sub-heading 1b would be EUR 6.45 million.

(b) regarding expenditure for **sustainable growth: natural resources**
(heading 2 of the MFF)¹

- reduce the level of commitment appropriations requested in the DB 2018 by -EUR 275.01 million on administrative support lines, on operational technical assistance lines and on operational lines under the *European Agricultural Guarantee Fund* (-EUR 269.36 million), the *European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development* (-EUR 0.76 million), the *European Maritime and Fisheries Fund*, *Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements and compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and to other international organisations* (-EUR 4.32 million) and the *LIFE programme* (-EUR 0.15 million);
- set the level of payment appropriations, reducing the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 by a total amount of -EUR 271.01 million, of which -EUR 265.36 million in the *European Agricultural Guarantee Fund*, -EUR 0.76 million in the *European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development*, -EUR 4.32 million in the *European Maritime and Fisheries Fund*, *Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements and compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and to other international organisations* and -EUR 0.15 million in the *LIFE programme*;

¹ A further examination of the proposal will take place in the context of the annual letter of amendment updating the estimated needs and appropriations for agricultural expenditure.

- the amounts mentioned above also take into account reductions in contributions to decentralised agencies for an amount of -EUR 0.41 million in commitment and payment appropriations under this heading;
 - the margin available under heading 2 would be EUR 988.48 million.
- (c) in the case of expenditure relating to **security and citizenship (heading 3 of the MFF)**
- establish the level of commitment appropriations with a total reduction of -EUR 30.82 million of the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 on a number of budget lines concerning administrative support expenditure (-EUR 0.80 million) and operational expenditure for new programmes (-EUR 25.94 million);
 - set the level of payment appropriations, including a total reduction of -EUR 19.56 million of the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 on a number of budget lines concerning administrative support expenditure (-EUR 0.80 million) and operational expenditure (-EUR 14.68 million);
 - the amounts mentioned above also take into account reductions in contributions to decentralised agencies for a total amount of -EUR 4.08 million in commitment and payment appropriations under this heading;
 - the margin available under heading 3 would be equal to zero;
 - the Flexibility Instrument is mobilised for an amount of EUR 786.24 million in commitment appropriations.

- (d) in the context of expenditure relating to **global Europe (heading 4 of the MFF)**
- establish the level of commitment appropriations, targeting a total reduction by -EUR 90 million in the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 on a number of specific budget lines related to the *Instrument for Pre-accession assistance* (-EUR 36.24 million), the *European Neighbourhood Instrument* (-EUR 1.91 million), the *Development Cooperation Instrument* (-EUR 19.57 million), the *Partnership instrument for cooperation with third countries* (-EUR 10.17 million), the *European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights* (-EUR 0.22 million), the *Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace* (-EUR 15.10 million), the *EU Aid Volunteers initiative* (-EUR 0.05 million), *actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission* (-EUR 6.70 million) and *other actions and programmes* (-EUR 0.03 million);
 - set the level of payment appropriations, reducing the appropriations requested in the DB 2018 by a total amount of -EUR 20 million, of which -EUR 7.79 million in the *Instrument for Pre-accession assistance*, -EUR 1.91 million in the *European Neighbourhood Instrument*, -EUR 8.02 million in the *Development Cooperation Instrument*, -EUR 0.27 million in the *Partnership instrument for cooperation with third countries*, -EUR 0.22 million in the *European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights*, -EUR 1.70 million in the *Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace*, -EUR 0.05 million in the *EU Aid Volunteers initiative* and -EUR 0.03 million in *other actions and programmes*;
 - the margin available under heading 4 would be EUR 321.95 million.

(e) regarding **administration (heading 5 of the MFF)**

– the position of the Council is summarised in the following table:

Description	1	2	3	2/1
	Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference from DB 2018 (amount)	Difference from budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.) (%)
	p/a	p/a	p/a	p/a
Pensions and European Schools	1 975 611 156	2 091 169 200		+5.85%
Pensions	1 789 856 000	1 898 402 000		+6.06%
<i>Staff Pensions</i>	<i>1 764 769 000</i>	<i>1 872 671 000</i>		<i>+6.11%</i>
<i>Pensions of former Members</i>	<i>25 087 000</i>	<i>25 731 000</i>		<i>+2.57%</i>
European Schools	185 755 156	192 767 200		+3.77%
Administrative expenditure of the institutions	7 418 988 660	7 538 802 823	-54 981 463	+1.61%
Section III - Commission	3 498 497 200	3 540 885 536	-34 886 964	+1.21%
<i>Commission, excluding Offices</i>	<i>3 197 903 000</i>	<i>3 221 010 326</i>	<i>-31 391 174</i>	<i>+0.72%</i>
<i>Annex 2 - Publications Office</i>	<i>82 761 200</i>	<i>95 412 770</i>	<i>-546 230</i>	<i>+15.29%</i>
<i>Annex 3 - European Anti-Fraud Office</i>	<i>59 945 500</i>	<i>58 640 146</i>	<i>-563 854</i>	<i>-2.18%</i>
<i>Annex 4 - European Personnel Selection Office</i>	<i>26 667 000</i>	<i>26 123 326</i>	<i>-83 674</i>	<i>-2.04%</i>
<i>Annex 5 - Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements</i>	<i>38 698 500</i>	<i>38 369 872</i>	<i>-376 128</i>	<i>-0.85%</i>
<i>Annex 6 - Office for Infrastructure and Logistics — Brussels</i>	<i>68 153 000</i>	<i>76 743 558</i>	<i>-1 712 442</i>	<i>+12.60%</i>
<i>Annex 7 - Office for Infrastructure and Logistics — Luxembourg</i>	<i>24 369 000</i>	<i>24 585 538</i>	<i>-213 462</i>	<i>+0.89%</i>
Other institutions	3 920 491 460	3 997 917 287	-20 094 499	+1.97%
<i>Section I - European Parliament</i>	<i>1 909 295 000</i>	<i>1 953 037 773</i>		<i>+2.29%</i>
<i>Section II - European Council and Council</i>	<i>561 576 000</i>	<i>574 221 000</i>	<i>- 1 000 000</i>	<i>+2.25%</i>
<i>Section IV - Court of Justice of the European Union</i>	<i>399 323 000</i>	<i>406 862 250</i>	<i>- 4 262 250</i>	<i>+1.89%</i>
<i>Section V - Court of Auditors</i>	<i>141 240 000</i>	<i>144 374 000</i>	<i>- 2 095 000</i>	<i>+2.22%</i>
<i>Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee</i>	<i>133 807 338</i>	<i>135 048 961</i>	<i>- 864 405</i>	<i>+0.93%</i>
<i>Section VII - Committee of the Regions</i>	<i>93 294 946</i>	<i>94 470 541</i>	<i>- 1 839 392</i>	<i>+1.26%</i>
<i>Section VIII - European Ombudsman</i>	<i>10 650 441</i>	<i>10 659 161</i>		<i>+0.08%</i>
<i>Section IX - European Data Protection Supervisor</i>	<i>11 324 735</i>	<i>13 428 697</i>	<i>-1 043 356</i>	<i>+18.58%</i>
<i>Section X - European External Action Service</i>	<i>659 980 000</i>	<i>665 814 904</i>	<i>-8 990 096</i>	<i>+0.88%</i>
5 — Administration	9 394 599 816	9 629 972 023	-54 981 463	+2.51%

- following Decision (EU) 2017/344 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017¹, EUR 570 million are offset against the margin of heading 5;
- the margin available under heading 5 would be EUR 148.58 million;
- as regards staff levels, the Council accepted the establishment plans as proposed by the Commission in the DB for 2018.

¹ OJ L 50, 28.2.2017, p. 57.

4. *SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS*

The Council maintained the appropriations entered in the DB for 2018 for the Emergency Aid Reserve and the European Union Globalisation Adjustment Fund.

Moreover, it did not include any amount in the reserve for the European Union Solidarity Fund (-EUR 524.0 million in commitment appropriations, -EUR 200.0 million in payment appropriations).

III. ESTIMATED REVENUE

1. According to the Council's position on the DB for 2018, the European Union's total budget revenue amounts to EUR 144 429 559 426, equivalent to 0.92 % of the EU gross national income (GNI)¹.

The own resources needed to finance the European Union's DB for 2018, as resulting from the Council's position, represent 0.91 % of EU GNI, less than the ceiling of 1.20 % of GNI, as arrived at by the method of calculation in Article 3(1) of Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2014 on the system of own resources of the European Union² and adapted following the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council of 21 December 2016³.

The revenue to finance the Council's position on the DB for 2018 is shown in the table below.

2. Net traditional own resources (customs duties) amount to EUR 22 884.0 million.

¹ Based on the May 2017 forecast of GNI.

² OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 107-108.

³ COM(2016) 829 final.

3. The Union VAT base amounts to EUR 67 114.1 million for 2018 (at the rate of 1 %), taking into account the general capping of Member States' GNI base at 50 %, which has actually had to be applied in the case of the VAT bases of five Member States (Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Luxembourg and Malta). The uniform rate of VAT own resources is 0.30 %, except for three Member States (Germany, Netherlands and Sweden) for which the rate for the period 2014-2020 was fixed at 0.15 %. The own resources accruing from VAT amount to EUR 17 249.6 million.
4. In Title 4 (Miscellaneous Community taxes, levies and dues), Articles 4 0 0, 4 0 4 and 4 1 0 have been adjusted on the basis of the decisions taken regarding appropriations and staff.
5. Revenue other than own resources (Titles 4 to 9) amounts to EUR 1 847.05 million.
6. The rate to be applied to each Member State's GNI base to finance the part of the budget not covered by the other resources from the Council's position on the DB for 2018 is 0.6508 %.

A. FINANCING OF THE GENERAL BUDGET

Appropriations to be covered during the financial year 2018 pursuant to Council Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom of 26 May 2016 on the system of the own resources of the European Union

EXPENDITURE

Description	Council position on DB 2018	Budget 2017 ¹	Change (%)
1. Smart and inclusive growth	66 415 867 101	56 521 763 545	+ 17.50
2. Sustainable growth: natural resources	56 088 787 633	54 913 969 537	+ 2.14
3. Security and citizenship	2 944 287 515	3 786 957 287	- 22.25
4. Global Europe	8 931 045 154	9 483 081 178	- 5.82
5. Administration	9 629 972 023	9 394 599 816	+ 2.51
Special instruments	419 600 000	460 402 434	- 8.86
Total expenditure²	144 429 559 426	134 490 371 363	+ 7.39

REVENUE

Description	Council position on DB 2018	Budget 2017 ¹	Change (%)
Miscellaneous revenue (Titles 4 to 9)	1 847 047 361	2 772 392 898	-33.38
Surplus available from the preceding financial year (Chapter 3 0, Article 3 0 0)	p.m.	6 404 529 791	—
Surplus of own resources resulting from the repayment of the surplus of the Guarantee Fund for external actions (Chapter 3 0, Article 3 0 2)	p.m.	p.m.	—
Balance of own resources accruing from VAT and GNP/GNI-based own resources for earlier years (Chapters 3 1 and 3 2)	p.m.	p.m.	—
Total revenue for Titles 3 to 9	1 847 047 361	9 176 922 689	- 79.87
Net amount of customs duties and sugar levies (Chapters 1 1 and 1 2)	22 844 000 000	21 467 000 000	+ 6.41
VAT-based own resource at the uniform rate (Chapter 1 3)	17 249 560 050	16 598 937 750	+ 3.92
Remainder to be financed by the additional resource (GNI-based own resource, Chapter 1 4)	102 488 952 015	87 247 510 924	+17.47
Appropriations to be covered by the own resources referred to in Article 2 of Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom ³	142 582 512 065	125 313 448 674	+13.78
Total revenue²	144 429 559 426	134 490 371 363	+ 7.39

¹ The figures in this column correspond to those in the 2017 budget (OJ L 51, 28.2.2017, p. 1) plus amending budgets No 1 and No 2/2017.

² The third subparagraph of Article 310(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union reads: "*The revenue and expenditure shown in the budget shall be in balance*".

³ The own resources for the 2017 budget are determined on the basis of the budget forecasts adopted at the 169th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Own Resources on 19 May 2017.

IV. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

A. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE FOR EACH INSTITUTION¹

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - Section I²

The Council did not modify the European Parliament's draft budget in its position on the DB for 2018.

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
1 909 590 000	1 953 483 373	1 953 483 373	0	+2.30%

EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND COUNCIL - Section II

The Council modified the European Council's and Council's draft budget in its position on the DB for 2018 as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
561 576 000	575 221 000	574 221 000	-1 000 000	+2.25%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to maintain the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 5 % as proposed in the DB 2018.

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *general interpretation costs* (-EUR 500 000) and the *contingency reserve* (-EUR 500 000).

¹ See also ADD 2 and ADD 3 to this explanatory memorandum.

² The amounts take into account the institution's contribution to accredited European Schools (Type II) of EUR 295 000 in 2017 and EUR 445 600 in 2018.

COMMISSION – Section III

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

The Council's position regarding the Commission's administrative budget for 2018 is as follows:

Description	Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
	1	2	3	3-2	3/1
	p/a	p/a	p/a	p/a	p/a
Commission, excluding Offices	3 193 167 000	3 249 846 500	3 218 455 326	-31 391 174	+0.79%
Annex 2 - Publications Office	82 761 200	95 959 000	95 412 770	-546 230	+15.29%
Annex 3 - European Anti-Fraud Office	59 945 500	59 204 000	58 640 146	-563 854	-2.18%
Annex 4 - European Personnel Selection Office	26 667 000	26 207 000	26 123 326	-83 674	-2.04%
Annex 5 - Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements	38 698 500	38 746 000	38 369 872	-376 128	-0.85%
Annex 6 - Office for Infrastructure and Logistics — Brussels	68 153 000	78 456 000	76 743 558	-1 712 442	+12.60%
Annex 7 - Office for Infrastructure and Logistics — Luxembourg	24 369 000	24 799 000	24 585 538	-213 462	+0.89%
Pilot projects and preparatory actions	4 736 000	2 555 000	2 555 000		-46.05%
Decentralised agencies	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.		
Section III - Commission	3 498 497 200	3 575 772 500	3 540 885 536	-34 886 964	+1.21%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries for the Commission's headquarters at 3.3 % (-EUR 16 614 174). The standard flat rate abatement for delegations is maintained at 5.5 % as proposed in the DB 2018.

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *external staff (CEOS, SNE, Agency staff, Social)* (-EUR 5 174 000), *Members (salaries and allowances)* (-EUR 360 000), *recruitment costs* (-EUR 1 000 000), *termination of service* (-EUR 2 143 000), *linguistic external services* (-EUR 1 000 000), *fitting-out of premises* (-EUR 250 000), *security* (-EUR 500 000), *mission and representation* (-EUR 500 000), *meetings, committees and conferences* (-EUR 1 950 000), *studies and investigations* (-EUR 500 000), *general equipment, vehicle, furniture* (-EUR 200 000) and *other administrative expenditure* (-EUR 1 200 000).

An overall amount of EUR 2 091 169 200 is suggested for pensions and European Schools, representing an increase of +5.85 % compared to the 2017 budget.

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE (OP)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
82 761 200	95 959 000	95 412 770	-546 230	+15.29%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 1.2 % (-EUR 546 230).

EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
59 945 500	59 204 000	58 640 146	-563 854	-2.18%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 2.6 % (-EUR 328 854).

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *other management expenditure* (-EUR 35 000) and *buildings and related expenditure* (-EUR 200 000).

EUROPEAN PERSONNEL SELECTION OFFICE (EPSO)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
26 667 000	26 207 000	26 123 326	-83 674	-2.04%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 2.2 % (-EUR 83 674).

OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL
ENTITLEMENTS (PMO)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
38 698 500	38 746 000	38 369 872	-376 128	-0.85%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 2.9 % (-EUR 136 794).

A targeted reduction is suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *external personnel* (-EUR 239 334).

OFFICE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS IN BRUSSELS (OIB)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
68 153 000	78 456 000	76 743 558	-1 712 442	+12.60%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 2.0 % (-EUR 396 442).

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *external personnel* (-EUR 966 000) and *buildings and related expenditure* (-EUR 350 000).

OFFICE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS IN LUXEMBOURG (OIL)

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
24 369 000	24 799 000	24 585 538	-213 462	+0.89%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 1.7 % (-EUR 96 962).

A targeted reduction is suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *external personnel* (-EUR 116 500).

COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – Section IV¹

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
399 344 000	411 164 500	406 902 250	-4 262 250	+1.89%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 3.5 % (-EUR 2 540 000).

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *other staff* (-EUR 306 000), *in-service training and staff exchanges* (-EUR 88 500), *missions* (-EUR 53 500), *social contacts between members of staff and other welfare expenditure* (-EUR 42 750), *PMO expenditure for the administration of matters concerning the Court's staff* (-EUR 11 500), *fitting-out of premises* (-EUR 150 000), *studies and technical assistance in connection with building projects* (-EUR 100 000), *cleaning and maintenance* (-EUR 300 000), *purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software* (-EUR 50 000), *external services for the operation, creation and maintenance of software and systems* (-EUR 260 000), *legal expenses and damages* (-EUR 30 000) and *documentation, library and archiving expenditure* (-EUR 330 000).

EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS - Section V

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
141 240 000	146 469 000	144 374 000	-2 095 000	+2.22%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 4.0 % (-EUR 627 000).

¹ The amounts take into account the institution's contribution to accredited European Schools (Type II) of EUR 21 000 in 2017 and EUR 40 000 in 2018.

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *members' missions* (-EUR 110 000), *members' training* (-EUR 50 000), *other staff* (-EUR 166 000), *in-service training and staff exchanges* (-EUR 26 000), *other external services* (-EUR 10 000), *further training for staff* (-EUR 50 000), *staff missions* (-EUR 300 000), *PMO expenditure on management of matters concerning Court of Auditors staff* (-EUR 130 000), *fitting-out of premises* (-EUR 20 000), *external services for the operation, implementation and maintenance of software and systems* (-EUR 90 000), *furniture* (-EUR 176 000), *technical equipment and installations* (-EUR 80 000), *legal expenses and damages* (-EUR 100 000), *other administrative expenditure* (-EUR 30 000), *meetings, congresses and conferences* (-EUR 30 000) and *publications of a general nature* (-EUR 100 000).

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Section VI

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
133 807 338	135 913 366	135 048 961	-864 405	+0.93%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to maintain the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 4.5 % as proposed in the DB 2018.

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *further training* (-EUR 23 800), *purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work* (-EUR 32 304), *furniture* (-EUR 32 304), *miscellaneous expenditure on internal meetings* (-EUR 20 000), *expenditure on the organisation of and participation in hearings and other events* (-EUR 160 627), *representation expenses* (-EUR 20 000), *interpreting* (-EUR 341 686), *communication* (-EUR 159 636), *studies, research and hearings* (-EUR 45 000) and *documentation and library expenditure* (-EUR 29 048).

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – Section VII

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
93 294 946	96 309 933	94 470 541	-1 839 392	+1.26%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to maintain the standard flat rate abatement on salaries at 6.0 % as proposed in the DB 2018.

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *remuneration and allowances* (-EUR 1 406 870), *other staff* (-EUR 128 919), *interpreting services* (-EUR 97 303), *cleaning and maintenance* (-EUR 150 000) and *external expertise and studies* (-EUR 56 300).

EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN – Section VIII¹

The Council did not modify the European Ombudsman's draft budget in its position on the DB for 2018:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
10 905 441	10 869 161	10 869 161	0	-0.33%

¹ The amounts take into account the institution's contribution to accredited European Schools (Type II) of EUR 255 000 in 2017 and EUR 210 000 in 2018.

EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR – Section IX

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
11 324 735	14 472 053	13 428 697	-1 043 356	+18.58%

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement at 1.0 % on *remuneration and allowances of the staff of the institution* (-EUR 54 370), as well as on *remuneration and allowances of the Board* (-EUR 11 986).

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to *cost of traineeships and staff exchanges* (-EUR 26 000), *rents, charges and buildings expenditure* (-EUR 200 000), *other operating expenditure* (-EUR 85 000), *expenditure on publishing and information* (-EUR 46 000), *other activities related to external stakeholders* (-EUR 100 000), *meetings of the Board* (-EUR 120 000), *translation and interpretation costs of the Board* (-EUR 160 000), *information technology equipment and services of the Board* (-EUR 100 000), *external consultancy and studies of the Board* (-EUR 100 000) and *expenditure in connection with the activities of the European Data Protection Board* (-EUR 40 000).

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE – Section X

The Council's position is as follows:

Budget 2017 (ABs No 1/2017 and 2/2017 incl.)	DB 2018	Council's position on DB 2018	Difference (amount)	Difference (%)
1	2	3	3-2	3/1
659 980 000	674 805 000	665 814 904	-8 990 096	+0.88%

A correction in line 1200 (*contract staff*) is included corresponding to an error in the total number of posts for contract staff in Group Function IV (-EUR 71 000).

Taking into account the current vacancy rate, it is suggested to set the standard flat rate abatement on salaries in headquarters at 2.3 % (-EUR 1 375 432), in delegations at 3.8 % (-EUR 705 480) and for Military seconded national experts at 3.4 % (-EUR 292 868).

Targeted reductions are suggested by applying a specific decrease to the appropriations related to:

- at headquarters: contract staff (-EUR 1 205 316), recruitment (-EUR 50 000), entitlements on entering the service, transfers and leaving the service (-EUR 160 000), medical service (-EUR 150 000), information and communication technology (-EUR 1 000 000), cryptography and highly classified information and communications technology (-EUR 1 000 000), security of information and communication technology up to the level EU restricted (-EUR 500 000), technical security countermeasures (-EUR 210 000), technical equipment and installations (-EUR 50 000), documentation and library expenditure (-EUR 150 000), public information and public events (-EUR 150 000), legal expenses and costs, damages and compensation (-EUR 50 000), other operating expenditure (-EUR 50 000) and conflict prevention and mediation support services (-EUR 50 000); and
- in delegations: *buildings and associated costs* (-EUR 1 770 000).

B. COMMISSION EXPENDITURE BY TITLE¹

TITLE 01 – ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following reduction.

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
01 02 01	Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro	9 700 000	9 775 000	-2 300 000	-1 725 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.²

TITLE 02 - INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMEs

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following reduction.

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
02 03 02 01	Support to standardisation activities performed by CEN, Cenelec and ETSI	15 544 500	14 875 000	-3 363 500	-2 125 000
02 05 01	Developing and providing global satellite-based radio navigation infrastructures and services (Galileo) by 2020	582 758 072	524 255 000	-41 190 928	-5 745 000
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)	180 375 000	177 030 000	-4 625 000	-2 970 000
02 06 01	Delivering operational services relying on space-borne observations and in-situ data (Copernicus)	123 397 400	128 838 500	-7 266 600	-2 161 500
02 06 02	Building an autonomous Union's Earth Observation capacity (Copernicus)	494 614 575	468 179 000	-12 682 425	-5 821 000

¹ See also ADD 4 to this explanatory memorandum.

² Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
02 01 04 02	Support expenditure for Standardisation and approximation of legislation	140 000	140 000	-20 000	-20 000
02 01 04 03	Support expenditure for European satellite navigation programmes	2 910 000	2 910 000	-90 000	-90 000
02 01 04 04	Support expenditure for European Earth observation programme (Copernicus)	2 522 000	2 522 000	-78 000	-78 000
02 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	8 077 120	8 077 120	-249 808	-249 808
02 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	2 590 350	2 590 350	-80 114	-80 114
02 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 843 000	1 843 000	-57 000	-57 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 03 – COMPETITION

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 04 – EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
04 02 61	European Social Fund — Transition regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal	1 944 596 298	1 305 000 000		-40 000 000
04 02 62	European Social Fund — More developed regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal	3 700 562 470	2 847 000 000		-35 000 000
04 03 01 01	Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives	450 000	233 750		-41 250
04 03 01 04	Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demographics and the family	3 990 000	3 450 000	-300 000	
04 03 01 06	Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings	6 106 000	3 825 000	-1 000 000	-675 000
04 03 01 08	Industrial relations and social dialogue	12 972 300	10 540 000	-3 465 700	-1 860 000
04 03 02 01	Progress — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and working conditions legislation	67 873 851	55 000 000	-9 715 632	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure and decentralised agency

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
04 01 04 02	Support expenditure for the programme Employment and Social Innovation	3 298 000	3 298 000	-102 000	-102 000
04 03 12	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	14 693 157	14 693 157	-190 511	-190 511

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 05 – AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
05 02 06 05	Quality improvement measures	43 000 000	43 000 000	-3 000 000	-3 000 000
05 02 08 03	Operational funds for producer organisations	422 000 000	422 000 000	-38 000 000	-38 000 000
05 03 01 10	Basic payment scheme (BPS)	16 643 000 000	16 643 000 000	-188 000 000	-188 000 000
05 03 02 60	Voluntary coupled support scheme	3 969 000 000	3 969 000 000	-20 000 000	-20 000 000
05 04 60 02	Operational technical assistance	20 146 900	20 413 993	-623 100	-623 100
05 05 04 02	Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	131 000 000	113 300 000	-17 000 000	-6 700 000
05 07 01 02	Monitoring and preventive measures — Direct payments by the Union	7 130 000	9 879 183	-2 000 000	
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	8 000 000	8 000 000	-12 000 000	-12 000 000
05 07 02	Settlement of disputes	20 300 000	20 300 000	-2 000 000	-2 000 000
05 08 01	Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)	11 900 087	13 109 446	-3 000 000	-1 000 000
05 08 06	Enhancing public awareness of the common agricultural policy	13 560 000	13 560 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
05 08 09	European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Operational technical assistance	4 015 800	4 015 800	-124 200	-124 200
05 09 03 01	Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products	220 755 857	154 885 244	-15 000 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
05 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Non-operational technical assistance	7 760 000	7 760 000	-240 000	-240 000
05 01 04 04	Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) — Non-operational technical assistance	4 548 330	4 548 330	-140 670	-140 670
05 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 541 462	1 541 462	-47 674	-47 674
05 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	428 950	428 950	-13 266	-13 266
05 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	388 000	388 000	-12 000	-12 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 06 – MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
06 02 01 01	Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections	1 387 640 764	785 468 520	-18 000 000	-4 805 480
06 02 01 02	Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems	68 544 512	35 498 650		-1 868 350
06 02 01 05	Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for transport infrastructure projects	p.m.	23 750 000		-1 250 000
06 02 05	Support activities to the European transport policy and passenger rights including communication activities	9 547 850	11 409 000	-2 273 150	
06 02 06	Transport security	1 525 750	1 492 816	-269 250	

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure, executive agency and joint technology initiatives

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
06 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Transport	1 940 000	1 940 000	-60 000	-60 000
06 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	4 612 298	4 612 298	-142 648	-142 648
06 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	2 356 365	2 356 365	-72 877	-72 877
06 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	589 760	589 760	-18 240	-18 240
06 01 06 01	Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	12 343 893	12 343 893	-1 928 162	-1 928 162
06 03 07 31	Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research (SESAR) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	3 153 163	3 153 163	-97 520	-97 520
06 03 07 32	Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research 2 (SESAR2) Joint Undertaking	88 614 331	73 436 786	-18 134 986	-5 580 343
06 03 07 33	Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	1 575 280	1 575 280	-48 720	-48 720
06 03 07 34	Shift2Rail (S2R) Joint Undertaking	64 284 000	58 632 531	-11 516 000	-15 482 297

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 07 – ENVIRONMENT

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
07 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for Environment	1 552 000	1 552 000	-48 000	-48 000

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 08 – RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
08 02 01 01	Strengthening frontier research in the European Research Council	1 805 122 604	1 356 020 405	-22 000 000	
08 02 01 03	Strengthening European research infrastructures, including e-infrastructures	214 169 555	123 645 916	-10 000 000	
08 02 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	512 802 183	439 393 124	-70 000 000	
08 02 03 02	Securing sufficient supplies of safe, healthy and high quality food and other bio-based products	178 374 001	189 964 342	-10 000 000	
08 02 03 06	Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies	118 102 267	125 202 494	-6 000 000	
08 02 05	Horizontal activities of Horizon 2020	93 640 000	109 554 259	-18 000 000	
08 02 08	SME instrument	410 209 870	432 882 120	-61 000 000	
08 03 01 02	Euratom — Nuclear fission and radiation protection	61 630 719	31 857 582	-6 000 000	

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure, executive agencies and joint technology initiatives

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
08 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	91 371 610	91 371 610	-2 825 926	-2 825 926
08 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	25 048 352	25 048 352	-774 691	-774 691
08 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	44 680 716	44 680 716	-1 381 878	-1 381 878
08 01 05 11	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	9 708 293	9 708 293	-300 257	-300 257
08 01 05 12	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	668 607	668 607	-20 679	-20 679
08 01 05 13	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	3 174 664	3 174 664	-98 186	-98 186
08 01 06 01	European Research Council Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020	45 280 570	45 280 570	-1 400 430	-1 400 430
08 01 06 02	Research Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020	62 652 713	62 652 713	-1 937 713	-1 937 713
08 01 06 03	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises — Contribution from Horizon 2020	25 537 815	25 537 815	-789 829	-789 829
08 01 06 04	Innovation and Networks Executive Agency — Contribution from Horizon 2020	6 648 971	6 648 971	-205 638	-205 638
08 02 07 31	Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	4 882 668	4 882 668	-151 010	-151 010
08 02 07 32	Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking	211 104 200	87 526 656	-48 185 800	-15 638 397
08 02 07 33	Bio-Based Industries (BBI) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	2 157 014	2 157 014	-66 712	-66 712
08 02 07 34	Bio-Based Industries (BBI) Joint Undertaking	77 058 046	94 736 437	-33 205 266	-14 178 295
08 02 07 35	Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	4 316 970	4 316 970	-133 515	-133 515
08 02 07 36	Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking	238 400 971	298 459 918	-40 579 612	-21 397 141
08 02 07 37	Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 (FCH 2) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	2 219 941	2 219 941	-68 658	-68 658
08 02 07 38	Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 (FCH 2) Joint Undertaking	66 921 922	86 263 778	-6 467 794	-6 862 526

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 09 – COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
09 03 02	Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for telecommunications infrastructure projects — CEF broadband	p.m.	17 100 000		-900 000
09 03 03	Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level	86 378 236	77 734 700	-32 967 276	-4 091 300
09 04 01 01	Strengthening research in future and emerging technologies	394 837 832	378 998 000	-32 000 000	
09 04 01 02	Strengthening European research infrastructure, including e-infrastructure	112 448 719	136 127 000	-7 000 000	
09 04 03 01	Improving lifelong health and well-being	126 434 051	144 191 000	-15 000 000	
09 04 03 02	Fostering inclusive, innovative and reflective European societies	39 982 827	46 634 000	-1 500 000	
09 04 03 03	Fostering secure European societies	48 598 276	49 783 000	-1 500 000	
09 05 01	MEDIA Sub-programme — Operating transnationally and internationally and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	107 645 000	98 750 000	-1 500 000	-250 000
09 05 05	Multimedia actions	18 960 000	14 602 226	-1 000 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure and joint technology initiative

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
09 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	978 730	978 730	-30 270	-30 270
09 01 04 02	Support expenditure for Creative Europe programme — media sub-programme	1 430 900	1 430 900	-100 000	-100 000
09 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	40 862 220	40 862 220	-1 263 780	-1 263 780
09 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	10 659 801	10 659 801	-329 685	-329 685
09 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	10 790 280	10 790 280	-333 720	-333 720
09 04 07 31	Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL) Joint Undertaking — Support expenditure	1 903 260	1 903 260	-58 864	-58 864
09 04 07 32	Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL) Joint Undertaking	169 440 000	168 371 800	-8 560 000	-8 538 200

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 10 – DIRECT RESEARCH

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
10 03 01	Euratom activities of Direct Research	7 381 000	10 000 000	-3 500 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
10 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	135 659 204	135 659 204	-4 195 645	-4 195 645
10 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	32 322 932	32 322 932	-999 678	-999 678
10 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	56 419 051	56 419 051	-1 744 919	-1 744 919
10 01 05 04	Other expenditure for new major research infrastructures — Horizon 2020	1 940 000	1 940 000	-60 000	-60 000
10 01 05 11	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	52 574 000	52 574 000	-1 626 000	-1 626 000
10 01 05 12	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	9 700 000	9 700 000	-300 000	-300 000
10 01 05 13	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Euratom programme	33 994 038	33 994 038	-1 051 362	-1 051 362
10 01 05 14	Other expenditure for new major research infrastructures — Euratom programme	1 940 000	1 940 000	-60 000	-60 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 11 – MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reduction:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
11 03 01	Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters	86 035 000	79 797 297	-3 000 000	-3 000 000
11 03 02	Promoting sustainable development for fisheries management and maritime governance in line with the CFP objectives (Compulsory contributions to international bodies)	4 280 498	4 280 498	-1 219 502	-1 219 502

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
11 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Maritime affairs and fisheries — Non-operational administrative and technical assistance	3 395 000	3 395 000	-105 000	-105 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 12 – FINANCIAL STABILITY, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL MARKETS UNION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
12 02 01	Implementation and development of the single market for financial services	3 100 000	3 400 000	-600 000	-600 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 13 – REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
13 03 61	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Transition regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal	3 794 007 606	2 735 463 362		-15 000 000
13 03 62	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — More developed regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal	4 726 229 339	3 447 060 077		-50 000 000
13 03 63	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Additional allocation for outermost and sparsely populated regions — Investment for growth and jobs goal	226 472 828	164 014 095		-5 000 000
13 03 64 01	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — European territorial cooperation	1 766 233 626	914 201 248		-90 500 000
13 03 65 01	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance	74 000 000	69 000 000		-3 000 000
13 03 66	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Innovative Actions in the field of Sustainable Urban Development	54 152 324	41 821 859		-1 500 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 14 – TAXATION AND CUSTOMS UNION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
14 02 01	Supporting the functioning and modernisation of the customs union	76 969 580	70 560 000	-3 101 420	-1 440 000
14 03 01	Improving the proper functioning of the taxation systems	30 902 140	30 380 000	-1 140 860	-620 000
14 04 01	Implementation and development of the internal market	2 800 000	2 800 000	-400 000	-400 000

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
14 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Customs	97 000	97 000	-3 000	-3 000
14 01 04 02	Support expenditure for Fiscalis	97 000	97 000	-3 000	-3 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 15 – EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
15 04 01	Strengthening the financial capacity of SMEs and small and very small organisations in the European cultural and creative sectors, and fostering policy development and new business models	33 028 000	12 582 727	-1 500 000	-295 000
15 04 02	Culture sub-programme — Supporting cross-border actions and promoting transnational circulation and mobility	64 106 000	50 500 000	-4 500 000	-1 500 000

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure and European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
15 01 04 02	Support expenditure for Creative Europe programme — Culture sub-programme	864 320	864 320	-34 780	-34 780
15 01 05 01	Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 825 295	1 825 295	-56 452	-56 452
15 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	868 039	868 039	-26 847	-26 847
15 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 218 342	1 218 342	-37 681	-37 681
15 03 05	European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) — integrating the knowledge triangle of higher education, research and innovation	363 270 246	357 383 538	-32 923 883	-9 334 358

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 16 – COMMUNICATION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
16 03 01 02	Information for the media and audiovisual productions	6 090 000	4 900 000	-100 000	-1 000 000
16 03 01 03	Information outlets	14 700 000	13 642 000	-800 000	-958 000
16 03 01 04	Communication of the Commission Representations, Citizens' Dialogues and Partnership actions	17 496 500	16 200 000	-860 500	-1 600 000
16 03 02 01	Visits to the Commission	3 900 000	3 824 000	-100 000	-154 000
16 03 02 05	Public opinion analysis	6 700 000	6 498 000	-200 000	-1 000 000

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
16 01 04 02	Support expenditure for communication actions	1 090 000	1 090 000	-56 000	-56 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 17 – HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
17 03 01	Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)	59 055 250	47 041 750	-1 411 750	-347 250
17 04 01	Ensuring a higher animal health status and high level of protection of animals in the Union	160 000 000	134 866 667	-1 500 000	-333 333
17 04 02	Ensuring timely detection of harmful organisms for plants and their eradication	22 000 000	12 450 000	-3 000 000	-750 000
17 04 03	Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls	55 483 000	51 280 000	-2 000 000	-2 000 000
17 04 04	Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health	35 000 000	38 500 000	-5 000 000	-1 500 000

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure, executive agency and decentralised agencies

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
17 01 04 02	Support expenditure for the Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)	1 400 000	1 400 000	-100 000	-100 000
17 01 04 03	Support expenditure in the field of Food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and Plant health	1 400 000	1 400 000	-100 000	-100 000
17 01 06 02	Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency — Contribution from the Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)	4 206 500	4 206 500	-200 000	-200 000
17 03 10	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	52 849 777	52 849 777	-1 277 401	-1 277 401
17 03 12 01	Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency	5 979 311	5 979 311	-2 800 230	-2 800 230
17 04 07	European Chemicals Agency — Activities in the field of biocides legislation	1 450 000	1 450 000	-407 068	-407 068

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 18 – MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
18 04 01 01	Europe for citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level	23 759 333	24 705 000	-666 667	-500 000
18 05 03 01	Fostering secure European societies	153 526 362	145 303 970	-3 000 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
18 01 04 03	Support expenditure for the programme Europe for citizens	167 000	167 000	-7 000	-7 000
18 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	2 117 272	2 117 272	-65 483	-65 483
18 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	542 858	542 858	-16 789	-16 789
18 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	518 136	518 136	-16 025	-16 025

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 19 – FOREIGN POLICY INSTRUMENTS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
19 02 01	Response to crisis and emerging crisis	218 828 177	200 510 000	-14 890 000	-1 490 000
19 05 01	Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests	116 363 000	70 610 000	-9 900 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
19 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace	6 982 000	6 982 000	-110 000	-110 000
19 01 04 04	Support expenditure for the Partnership Instrument	5 023 000	5 023 000	-275 000	-275 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 20 – TRADE

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 21 – INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
21 02 02	Cooperation with Asia	797 948 013	434 318 119	-11 900 000	-6 950 000
21 02 08 01	Civil society in development	199 354 810	150 800 000	-6 600 000	
21 08 01	Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures	26 526 000	25 665 000	-4 150 000	
21 08 02	Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues	10 486 000	10 250 013	-2 550 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
21 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)	84 994 960	84 994 960	-1 070 000	-1 070 000
21 01 04 03	Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)	10 112 861	10 112 861	-225 000	-225 000
21 01 04 04	Support expenditure for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)	2 200 000	2 200 000	-100 000	-100 000
21 01 04 06	Support expenditure for the European Union-Greenland partnership	255 000	255 000	-30 000	-30 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

TITLE 22 – NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
22 02 03 01	Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union acquis	199 250 000	86 000 000	-18 150 000	

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
22 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)	42 161 419	42 161 419	- 1 090 000	- 1 090 000
22 01 04 02	Support expenditure for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)	47 799 723	47 799 723	- 1 910 000	- 1 910 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 23 – HUMANITARIAN AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
23 03 01 01	Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union	29 579 333	30 870 000	-166 667	-500 000

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Executive agency

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
23 01 06 01	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from EU Aid Volunteers initiative	1 043 000	1 043 000	-50 000	-50 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 24 – FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 25 – COMMISSION'S POLICY COORDINATION AND LEGAL ADVICE

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 26 – COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATION

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
26 02 01	Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	6 937 500	7 175 000	-1 562 500	-1 025 000
26 03 01	Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA ²)	25 155 000	23 856 300	-645 000	-611 700

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
26 01 04 01	Support expenditure for interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA ²)	388 000	388 000	-12 000	-12 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 27 – BUDGET

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 28 – AUDIT

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 29 – STATISTICS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
29 02 01	Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System	57 988 125	43 875 000	-1 486 875	-1 125 000

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
29 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the European statistical programme	3 133 100	3 133 100	-96 900	-96 900

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 30 – PENSIONS AND RELATED EXPENDITURE

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 31 – LANGUAGE SERVICES

In this policy area, the Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission.¹

TITLE 32 - ENERGY

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
32 02 01 01	Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders	208 382 154	48 403 450	-18 020 113	-2 547 550
32 02 01 02	Enhancing Union security of energy supply	204 738 000	47 706 150	-21 302 000	-2 510 850
32 02 01 03	Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment	209 339 068	50 067 000	-16 700 000	
32 02 01 04	Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for energy projects	17 284 350	57 000 000	-2 488 650	-3 000 000
32 03 01	Nuclear safeguards	17 000 000	15 300 000	-3 000 000	-2 700 000

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 60).

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure, decentralised agency and joint undertaking

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
32 01 04 01	Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility — Energy	1 918 660	1 918 660	-59 340	-59 340
32 01 05 01	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 961 678	1 961 678	-60 670	-60 670
32 01 05 02	External personnel implementing Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	723 290	723 290	-22 370	-22 370
32 01 05 03	Other management expenditure for Research and Innovation programmes — Horizon 2020	1 098 040	1 098 040	-33 960	-33 960
32 01 05 21	Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — ITER	5 711 360	5 711 360	-176 640	-176 640
32 01 05 23	Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — ITER	1 076 700	1 076 700	-33 300	-33 300
32 02 10	Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)	12 707 289	12 707 289	-325 828	-325 828
32 05 01 01	Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E) — Support expenditure	46 576 472	46 576 472	-1 440 509	-1 440 509
32 05 01 02	Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E)	290 052 617	234 936 595	-31 055 401	-12 365 084

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 73).

TITLE 33 - JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS

Based on budget implementation in 2016, budget implementation forecasts for 2017 and realistic absorption capacities, the Council retained the following specific reductions:

Operational expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
33 02 01	Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens	26 201 000	18 575 000	-250 000	-125 000
33 02 02	Promoting non-discrimination and equality	35 331 000	24 850 000	-500 000	-250 000
33 02 03 02	Other activities in the area of fundamental rights	1 000 000	500 000	-300 000	-200 000
33 03 01	Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all	30 866 667	21 666 667	-333 333	-333 333
33 03 02	Facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters	12 000 000	7 550 000		-750 000
33 04 01	Safeguarding consumers' interest and improving their safety and information	24 925 000	19 866 667	-250 000	-333 333

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, and taking into account realistic absorption capacities, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget lines:

Support expenditure and decentralised agencies

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
33 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the Rights, equality and citizenship programme	1 000 000	1 000 000	-100 000	-100 000
33 01 04 02	Support expenditure for the Justice Programme	1 000 000	1 000 000	-100 000	-100 000
33 01 04 03	Support expenditure for the Consumer programme	1 044 600	1 044 600	-5 000	-5 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

¹ Except for appropriations on budget lines for administrative expenditure under heading 5 of the multiannual financial framework (see table on page 73).

TITLE 34 – CLIMATE ACTION

Applying a similar approach as for the administrative expenditure of institutions, the Council reduced the appropriations on the following budget line:

Support expenditure

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
34 01 04 01	Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) — Sub-programme for Climate action	3 183 540	3 183 540	-98 460	-98 460

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this policy area.¹

TITLE 40 – RESERVES

The Council did not accept the modification proposed by the Commission in the practice of budgeting appropriations for the following special instruments:

Special instruments

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
40 02 44	Reserve for the European Union Solidarity Fund	p.m.	p.m.	-524 000 000	-200 000 000

The Council accepted the appropriations requested by the Commission for the other budget lines in this title.

BUDGET LINES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE UNDER HEADING 5 OF THE MULTIANNUL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

The reductions retained by the Council are summarised in the following table:

Line	Description	Council's position on DB 2018		Council's changes on DB 2018	
		c/a	p/a	c/a	p/a
15 01 61	Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution	6 623 000	6 623 000	-124 000	-124 000
16 01 02 03	External personnel — Commission Representations	17 170 000	17 170 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
16 03 01 05	European Public Spaces	1 046 000	1 046 000	-200 000	-200 000
16 03 02 02	Operation of radio and television studios and audiovisual equipment	5 500 000	5 500 000	-100 000	-100 000
25 01 02 03	Special advisers	880 000	880 000	-100 000	-100 000
25 01 02 13	Other management expenditure of Members of the institution	3 690 000	3 690 000	-360 000	-360 000
25 01 08	Legal advice, litigation and infringements — Legal expenses	2 700 000	2 700 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
26 01 22 03	Expenditure related to buildings in Brussels	76 465 000	76 465 000	-250 000	-250 000
26 01 22 06	Guarding of buildings in Brussels	32 897 000	32 897 000	-500 000	-500 000
26 01 23 05	Services, supplies and other operating expenditure in Luxembourg	709 000	709 000	-200 000	-200 000
26 01 60 06	Institution officials temporarily assigned to national civil services, to international organisations or to public or private institutions or undertakings	200 000	200 000	-30 000	-30 000
30 01 14 01	Allowances for staff assigned non-active status, retired in the interests of the service or dismissed	4 043 000	4 043 000	-2 143 000	-2 143 000
31 01 08 01	Translation expenditure	14 000 000	14 000 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
26 01 09	Publications Office	95 412 770	95 412 770	-546 230	-546 230
24 01 07	European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF)	58 640 146	58 640 146	- 563 854	- 563 854
26 01 20	European Personnel Selection Office	26 123 326	26 123 326	- 83 674	- 83 674
26 01 21	Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements	38 369 872	38 369 872	- 376 128	- 376 128
26 01 22 01	Office for Infrastructure and Logistics - Brussels	76 743 558	76 743 558	- 1 712 442	- 1 712 442
26 01 23 01	Office for Infrastructure and Logistics - Luxembourg	24 585 538	24 585 538	- 213 462	- 213 462
XX 01 01 01 01	Remuneration and allowances	2 046 651 826	2 046 651 826	-16 584 174	-16 584 174
XX 01 01 01 02	Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service	10 239 000	10 239 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
XX 01 02 01 01	Contract staff	69 241 000	69 241 000	-500 000	-500 000
XX 01 02 01 02	Agency staff and technical and administrative assistance in support of different activities	20 022 000	20 022 000	-1 000 000	-1 000 000
XX 01 02 01 03	National civil servants temporarily assigned to the institution	37 496 000	37 496 000	-2 000 000	-2 000 000
XX 01 02 02 01	Remuneration of other staff	9 392 000	9 392 000	-250 000	-250 000
XX 01 02 02 02	Training of junior experts and seconded national experts	1 771 000	1 771 000	-200 000	-200 000
XX 01 02 11 01	Mission and representation expenses	56 469 000	56 469 000	-500 000	-500 000
XX 01 02 11 02	Conferences, meetings and expert groups' expenses	21 990 000	21 990 000	-1 500 000	-1 500 000
XX 01 02 11 03	Meetings of committees	10 265 000	10 265 000	-250 000	-250 000
XX 01 02 11 04	Studies and consultations	4 090 000	4 090 000	-500 000	-500 000
XX 01 03 02 02	Equipment, furniture, supplies and services	567 000	567 000	-100 000	-100 000