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BRUSSELS,

GENERAL BUDGET - 2022

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 16, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 20/2022**

FROM

CHAPTER - 3004 Solidarity mechanisms (special instruments)

ARTICLE - 30 04 01 Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)

Commitments	-668 482 761,00
Payments	-668 482 761,00

TO

CHAPTER - 1602 Mobilisation of solidarity mechanisms (Special instruments)

ITEM - 16 02 01 01 Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

Commitments	668 482 761,00
Payments	668 482 761,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

30 04 01 - Solidarity and emergency aid reserve (SEAR)

b) Figures at 26/09/2022

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 248 919 000,00	1 248 919 000,00
2 Transfers	-185 388 646,44	-185 388 646,44
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 063 530 353,56	1 063 530 353,56
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	1 063 530 353,56	1 063 530 353,56
6 Decrease proposed	668 482 761,00	668 482 761,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	395 047 592,56	395 047 592,56
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	53,52 %	53,52 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 26/09/2022	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027 allows the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) to finance the assistance under the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Point 10 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation on budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (IIA), lays down the modalities for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) in the context of the SEAR.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

16 02 01 01 - Assistance to Member States in relation to events eligible under the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

b) Figures at 26/09/2022

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	50 000 000,00	50 000 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	6 288 171,00	6 288 171,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	43 711 829,00	43 711 829,00
6 Increase requested	668 482 761,00	668 482 761,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	712 194 590,00	712 194 590,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	1 336,97 %	1 336,97 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 26/09/2022	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The transfer of EUR 668,5 million is necessary in order to cover the commitment and payment needs arising from the Commission proposal to make a financial contribution from the EUSF available for the applications in response to natural disasters occurred in 2021 and presented by Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria and Luxembourg (floods), as well as Spain (volcano eruption in La Palma) and Greece (Crete earthquake).

The total amount of the EUSF support for the above mentioned Member States is EUR 718,5 million, of which EUR 668,5 million will be covered by the proposed transfer. An amount of EUR 50 million will be covered by using the appropriations inscribed in the general budget in accordance with Article 4a of Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the EUSF (including EUR 6,3 million already paid to Spain and Greece as advances).

The transfer also takes account of the agreement reached in the Conciliation on the 2022 budget to make an amount of EUR 211 million under the external strand of the SEAR available for the EUSF in 2022, which was compensated by a reinforcement of humanitarian aid by the same amount in the voted budget.

ANNEX

COMMISSION TRANSFER PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE SOLIDARITY AND EMERGENCY AID RESERVE IN 2022

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2022, which relate to the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR), and the remaining amount under the SEAR reserve following the approval of these proposals.

Commitment Appropriations 2022 Reserve (EUR)

Transfer Ref	Content	TOTAL	carried over	voted budget	Internal (excluding EUSF)	EUSF	External*	End-of-Year Cushion (25%)
	General Budget 2022 - Initial appropriations	1 339 695 273	40 776 273	1 298 919 000	152 244 828	507 482 761	355 237 934	324 729 750
	General Budget 2022 - EUSF advances (Article 4a EUSF Regulation)	-50 000 000		-50 000 000		-50 000 000		
DEC 09	Mobilisation of the SEAR for humanitarian aid for the crisis in Ukraine and neighbouring countries	38 933 440	38 933 440				38 933 440	
DEC 11	Mobilisation of the SEAR for financing reception costs of Ukrainian refugees	52 231 479	1 842 833	50 388 646	52 231 479			
DEC 14	Mobilisation of the SEAR for humanitarian aid for the crisis in Ukraine	105 000 000		105 000 000			105 000 000	
DEC 15	Mobilisation of the SEAR to reinforce UCPM for the crisis in Ukraine	30 000 000		30 000 000	30 000 000			
DEC 18	Mobilisation of the SEAR for an urgent humanitarian initiative for Ukraine, the linked global	395 047 593		395 047 593	70 013 349		304 494	324 729 750
DEC 20	Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) under the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve	668 482 761		668 482 761		457 482 761	211 000 000	
	Total DEC transfer proposals	1 289 695 273	40 776 273	1 248 919 000	152 244 828	457 482 761	355 237 934	324 729 750
	Remainder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* of which EUR 211 million earmarked for natural disasters