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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 19/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 19/2023.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2023
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 06, 07, 10, 11, 30

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 19/2023

FROM

CHAPTER - 0602 Recovery and Resilience Facility and Technical Support Instrument

ITEM - 06 02 99 01 Completion of the Structural Reform Support Programme -- Operational technical assistance transferred from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) (prior to 2021)	Payments	-5 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1110 Decentralised agencies

ARTICLE - 11 10 01 European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)	Commitments	-15 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 3002 Reserves for operational expenditure

ARTICLE - 30 02 02 Differentiated appropriations	Commitments	-842 000,00
	Payments	-842 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 0203 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ARTICLE - 02 03 02 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Energy	Commitments	842 000,00
	Payments	842 000,00

CHAPTER - 0703 Erasmus+

ITEM - 07 03 01 01 Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management	Payments	5 000 000,00
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CHAPTER - 1002 Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

ARTICLE - 10 02 01 Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	Commitments	15 000 000,00
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I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

06 02 99 01 - Completion of the Structural Reform Support Programme -- Operational technical assistance transferred from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) (prior to 2021)

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	12 200 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	12 200 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	5 168 586,61
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	7 031 413,39
6 Decrease proposed	5 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	2 031 413,39
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	40,98 %
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

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

	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	268 065,15
2 Appropriations available on 25/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Following the latest revision of the forecast for payments on grants, procurement contracts and contribution agreements, it is expected that an amount of EUR 5 million will not be used before the end of 2023 under the completion line of the Structural Reform Support programme and can be made available.

I.2

a) Heading

11 10 01 - European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	743 614 137,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	743 614 137,00
4 Appropriations already used	728 614 137,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	15 000 000,00
6 Decrease proposed	15 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,02 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	45 322 615,27
2 Appropriations available on 25/10/2023	0,27
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Frontex is returning EUR 15 million in commitment appropriations due to the delays in the recruitment of the Standing Corps, and the postponement of the entry of operations of the European Travel Information and Authorisation system (ETIAS) system to 2024.

The Agency's Basic Act sets out a steep growth path for the agency and the agency is continuously strengthening its efforts to improve its recruitment process and budget implementation. Frontex went from an executed budget of EUR 361 million and 1 218 staff in 2020, to an executed Budget of EUR 689 million and 2 051 staff in 2022 and an expected executed total budget of EUR 845 million and 2 499 staff by end 2023.

It is proposed to use these available appropriations to reinforce the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund - Thematic Facility

I.3

a) Heading

30 02 02 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	308 427 303,00	143 649 604,00
2 Transfers	-305 283 699,00	-140 506 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	3 143 604,00	3 143 604,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	3 143 604,00	3 143 604,00
6 Decrease proposed	842 000,00	842 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	2 301 604,00	2 301 604,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,27 %	0,59 %
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 25/10/2023	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The recast of the Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (Recast Regulation) required a reprogramming of the 2023 contribution to the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). The Legislative financial statement for the Recast Regulation included an amount of EUR 0,8 million to cover the costs for the additional human resources and IT investments required for the implementation of the Regulation. This amount was placed in the reserve for 2023 as long as the Regulation was not adopted. The reserve for ACER was covered by redeployment from CEF-Energy programme budget line 02 03 02.

The Regulation was initially expected to be adopted by the end of 2023 but the latest calendar shows that the adoption will take place in March/April 2024. It is therefore proposed to transfer the credits back to the contributing programme, CEF-Energy.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

02 03 02 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) -- Energy

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	851 372 269,00	253 228 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00	-13 150 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	851 372 269,00	240 078 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	848 839 723,40	234 017 726,58
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	2 532 545,60	6 060 273,42
6 Increase requested	842 000,00	842 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	3 374 545,60	6 902 273,42
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,10 %	0,33 %
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	206 543,50
2 Appropriations available on 25/10/2023	7 570 860,01	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen was initially planned to be adopted by the end of 2023.

CEF-Energy is the contributing programme covering the budgetary impact of the Regulation on ACER. The budget increase for ACER (placed in reserve) was financed by a reduction in the CEF Energy budget line. In absence of the adoption of the Regulation, the reserve can be freed and transferred back to the CEF Energy budget line.

II.2

a) Heading

07 03 01 01 - Promoting learning mobility of individuals and groups, and cooperation, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training -- Indirect management

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	2 296 250 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	2 296 250 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	2 041 784 973,76
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	254 465 026,24
6 Increase requested	5 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	259 465 026,24
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,22 %
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

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

	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	15 452 540,60
2 Appropriations available on 25/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Taking into account the reinforcement already requested in the Global transfer (DEC 13/2023) the additional payment appropriations of EUR 5 million will cover payments to National Agencies, who are now facing higher financial needs and prefinancing levels than initially forecasted, which indicates an acceleration of implementation for actions under indirect management.

II.3

a) Heading

10 02 01 - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

b) Figures at 25/10/2023

	Commitments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	1 451 324 860,00
2 Transfers	15 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	1 466 324 860,00
4 Appropriations already used	1 450 086 504,48
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	16 238 355,52
6 Increase requested	15 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	31 238 355,52
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	1,03 %
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

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	1 534 809,98
2 Appropriations available on 25/10/2023	0,59
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The reinforcement of EUR 15 million in commitment appropriations for the AMIF Thematic Facility is needed, inter alia, due to significant increases in irregular border crossings along the Central Mediterranean route, notably from Tunisia, and along the Western Balkans route.