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| To:      | Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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# 2026 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

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### AMENDMENTS BY BUDGET LINE

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#### SECTION III — COMMISSION

(INTEGRATION OF AGREED AMENDMENTS ON DB OR COUNCIL'S POSITION)



**Item 01 01 01 03 — Other management expenditure for Horizon Europe — Indirect research**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 77 387 182        | 71 976 616              | 77 387 182         | 77 387 182                | 77 387 182        |

**Item 01 01 01 13 — Other management expenditure for Horizon Europe — Direct research**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 51 950 000        | 51 615 000              | 51 950 000         | 51 950 000                | 51 950 000        |

**Item 01 01 02 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Indirect research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 01 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 8 313 893         |
| Reserve     | 8 313 893         | 8 313 893               | 8 313 893          | 8 313 893                 |                   |
| Total       | 8 313 893         | 8 313 893               | 8 313 893          | 8 313 893                 | 8 313 893         |

**Item 01 01 02 02 — External personnel implementing the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Indirect research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 02 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 366 237           |
| Reserve     | 366 237           | 366 237                 | 366 237            | 366 237                   |                   |
| Total       | 366 237           | 366 237                 | 366 237            | 366 237                   | 366 237           |

**Item 01 01 02 03 — Other management expenditure for the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Indirect research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 03 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 1 548 198         |
| Reserve     | 1 548 198         | 1 548 198               | 1 548 198          | 1 548 198                 |                   |
| Total       | 1 548 198         | 1 548 198               | 1 548 198          | 1 548 198                 | 1 548 198         |

**Item 01 01 02 11 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Direct research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 11 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 56 277 000        |
| Reserve     | 56 277 000        | 56 277 000              | 56 277 000         | 56 277 000                |                   |
| Total       | 56 277 000        | 56 277 000              | 56 277 000         | 56 277 000                | 56 277 000        |

**Item 01 01 02 12 — External personnel implementing the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Direct research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 12 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 10 455 000        |
| Reserve     | 10 455 000        | 10 455 000              | 10 455 000         | 10 455 000                |                   |
| Total       | 10 455 000        | 10 455 000              | 10 455 000         | 10 455 000                | 10 455 000        |

**Item 01 01 02 13 — Other management expenditure for the Euratom Research and Training Programme — Direct research**

|             | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 01 02 13 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | 35 314 314        |
| Reserve     | 35 314 314        | 31 550 000              | 35 314 314         | 35 314 314                |                   |
| Total       | 35 314 314        | 31 550 000              | 35 314 314         | 35 314 314                | 35 314 314        |

**Item 01 01 03 03 — Other management expenditure for ITER**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 795 194         | 1 654 102               | 1 795 194          | 1 795 194                 | 1 795 194         |

**Item 01 02 01 01 — European Research Council**

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 2 232 386 052     | 2 210 747 440 | 2 212 386 052           | 2 204 147 440 | 2 232 386 052      | 2 210 747 440 | 2 232 386 052             | 2 210 747 440 | 2 232 386 052     | 2 210 747 440 |

**Item 01 02 01 03 — Research infrastructures**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 338 178 341       | 355 983 822 | 333 678 341             | 354 483 822 | 338 178 341        | 355 983 822 | 338 178 341               | 355 983 822 | 338 178 341       | 355 983 822 |

**Item 01 02 02 10 — Cluster ‘Health’**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 633 612 599       | 657 984 229 | 623 612 599             | 654 684 229 | 653 612 599        | 667 984 229 | 633 612 599               | 657 984 229 | 643 612 599       | 660 484 229 |

**Item 01 02 02 20 — Cluster ‘Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society’**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 321 003 359       | 249 754 819 | 314 003 359             | 247 454 819 | 336 003 359        | 257 254 819 | 321 003 359               | 249 754 819 | 331 003 359       | 252 254 819 |

**Item 01 02 02 41 — Cluster ‘Digital, Industry and Space’ — European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC)**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 128 082 000       | 336 203 468 | 126 082 000             | 335 553 468 | 128 082 000        | 336 203 468 | 128 082 000               | 336 203 468 | 128 082 000       | 336 203 468 |

**Item 01 02 02 50 — Cluster ‘Climate, Energy and Mobility’**

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 1 532 696 974     | 1 404 051 164 | 1 442 696 974           | 1 374 051 164 | 1 557 696 974      | 1 416 551 164 | 1 532 696 974             | 1 404 051 164 | 1 532 696 974     | 1 404 051 164 |

**Item 01 02 02 54 — Cluster ‘Climate, Energy and Mobility’ — Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 123 588 321       | 132 982 836 | 103 588 321             | 126 382 836 | 123 588 321        | 132 982 836 | 123 588 321               | 132 982 836 | 123 588 321       | 132 982 836 |

**Item 01 02 02 60 — Cluster ‘Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment’**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 1 085 037 231     | 979 953 518 | 1 071 037 231           | 975 653 518 | 1 085 037 231      | 979 953 518 | 1 085 037 231             | 979 953 518 | 1 085 037 231     | 979 953 518 |

**Item 01 02 02 61 — Cluster ‘Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment’ — Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 138 111 922       | 130 683 536 | 126 111 922             | 126 683 536 | 138 111 922        | 130 683 536 | 138 111 922               | 130 683 536 | 138 111 922       | 130 683 536 |

**Item 01 02 03 01 — European Innovation Council**

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 1 160 770 928     | 1 310 395 418 | 1 154 770 928           | 1 308 395 418 | 1 160 770 928      | 1 310 395 418 | 1 160 770 928             | 1 310 395 418 | 1 160 770 928     | 1 310 395 418 |

**Item 01 02 03 03 — European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 422 864 440       | 417 424 258 | 417 864 440             | 415 824 258 | 422 864 440        | 417 424 258 | 422 864 440               | 417 424 258 | 422 864 440       | 417 424 258 |

## Item 01 02 04 02 — Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 57 165 013        | 62 467 935 | 54 165 013              | 61 467 935 | 57 165 013         | 62 467 935 | 57 165 013                | 62 467 935 | 57 165 013        | 62 467 935 |

## Article 01 02 05 — Horizontal operational activities

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 155 131 834       | 108 912 739 | 143 131 834             | 104 912 739 | 155 131 834        | 108 912 739 | 155 131 834               | 108 912 739 | 155 131 834       | 108 912 739 |

## Article 01 03 01 — Fusion research and development

|          | Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   | Commitment<br>s         | Payments   | Commitment<br>s    | Payments   | Commitment<br>s           | Payments   | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   |
| 01 03 01 | p.m.              | 25 277 378 | p.m.                    | 25 277 378 | p.m.               | 25 277 378 | p.m.                      | 25 277 378 | 116 036 689       | 48 484 716 |
| Reserve  | 116 036 689       | 23 207 338 | 116 036 689             | 23 207 338 | 116 036 689        | 23 207 338 | 116 036 689               | 23 207 338 |                   |            |
| Total    | 116 036 689       | 48 484 716 | 116 036 689             | 48 484 716 | 116 036 689        | 48 484 716 | 116 036 689               | 48 484 716 | 116 036 689       | 48 484 716 |

## Article 01 03 02 — Nuclear fission, safety and radiation protection (indirect actions)

|          | Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   | Commitment<br>s         | Payments   | Commitment<br>s    | Payments   | Commitment<br>s           | Payments   | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   |
| 01 03 02 | p.m.              | 36 972 094 | p.m.                    | 36 972 094 | p.m.               | 36 972 094 | p.m.                      | 36 972 094 | 52 997 581        | 47 571 610 |
| Reserve  | 52 997 581        | 10 599 516 | 52 997 581              | 10 599 516 | 52 997 581         | 10 599 516 | 52 997 581                | 10 599 516 |                   |            |
| Total    | 52 997 581        | 47 571 610 | 52 997 581              | 47 571 610 | 52 997 581         | 47 571 610 | 52 997 581                | 47 571 610 | 52 997 581        | 47 571 610 |

## Article 01 03 03 — Nuclear direct actions of the Joint Research Centre

|          | Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments  | Commitment<br>s         | Payments  | Commitment<br>s    | Payments  | Commitment<br>s           | Payments  | Commitment<br>s   | Payments  |
| 01 03 03 | p.m.              | 4 500 000 | p.m.                    | 4 500 000 | p.m.               | 4 500 000 | p.m.                      | 4 500 000 | 12 500 000        | 8 000 000 |
| Reserve  | 12 500 000        | 3 500 000 | 12 500 000              | 3 500 000 | 12 500 000         | 3 500 000 | 12 500 000                | 3 500 000 |                   |           |
| Total    | 12 500 000        | 8 000 000 | 12 500 000              | 8 000 000 | 12 500 000         | 8 000 000 | 12 500 000                | 8 000 000 | 12 500 000        | 8 000 000 |

## Article 01 04 01 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — and the Development of Fusion Energy

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 843 959 592       | 923 079 608 | 691 159 592             | 872 179 608 | 843 959 592        | 923 079 608 | 843 959 592               | 923 079 608 | 843 959 592       | 923 079 608 |

## Article 01 20 01 — Pilot projects

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 8 153 698 | p.m.                    | 8 153 698 | 1 250 000          | 8 778 698 | p.m.                      | 8 153 698 | 1 250 000         | 8 466 198 |

## Article 01 20 02 — Preparatory actions

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| p.m.              | 12 123 043 | p.m.                    | 12 123 043 | 3 150 000          | 13 698 043 | p.m.                      | 12 123 043 | 3 150 000         | 12 910 543 |

## Article 02 03 01 — Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Transport

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 1 669 776 945     | 890 000 000 | 1 669 776 945           | 890 000 000 | 1 699 776 945      | 905 000 000 | 1 669 776 945             | 890 000 000 | 1 678 276 945     | 892 125 000 |

## Article 02 03 02 — Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Energy

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 1 007 840 756     | 400 000 000 | 1 007 840 756           | 400 000 000 | 1 057 840 756      | 425 000 000 | 1 007 840 756             | 400 000 000 | 1 022 840 756     | 403 750 000 |

**Item 02 03 03 01 — Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Digital**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 286 386 424       | 334 050 212 | 213 286 424             | 309 650 212 | 286 386 424        | 334 050 212 | 286 386 424               | 334 050 212 | 286 386 424       | 334 050 212 |

**Item 02 03 03 02 — European High-Performance Computing joint undertaking (EuroHPC)**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 30 000 000        | 30 000 000 | 17 000 000              | 25 000 000 | 30 000 000         | 30 000 000 | 30 000 000                | 30 000 000 | 30 000 000        | 30 000 000 |

**Item 02 04 01 11 — European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 122 676 720       | 158 672 439 | 122 176 720             | 158 492 439 | 122 676 720        | 158 672 439 | 122 676 720               | 158 672 439 | 122 838 720       | 158 834 439 |

**Remarks:**

The European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre contributes to the implementation of the cybersecurity part of the Digital Europe Programme and of Horizon Europe. The objective of the Centre is to enhance cybersecurity capabilities, knowledge and infrastructures at the service of industries, the public sector and research communities.

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

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3 238 665 6 600

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU) 2021/694 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing the Digital Europe Programme and repealing Decision (EU) 2015/2240 (OJ L 166, 11.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/694/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2021/887 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres (OJ L 202, 8.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/887/oj>).

**Item 02 04 02 11 — High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC)**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 338 622 000       | 471 564 292 | 319 722 000             | 465 364 292 | 338 622 000        | 471 564 292 | 338 622 000               | 471 564 292 | 338 622 000       | 471 564 292 |

**Article 02 04 04 — Skills**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 18 677 245        | 67 620 057 | 18 677 245              | 67 620 057 | 22 677 245         | 69 620 057 | 18 677 245                | 67 620 057 | 18 677 245        | 67 620 057 |

**Article 02 10 03 — European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 30 778 434        | 30 778 434 | 30 214 482              | 30 214 482 | 30 778 434         | 30 778 434 | 30 778 434                | 30 778 434 | 30 778 434        | 30 778 434 |

## Remarks:

ERA contributes to the further development and effective functioning of a single European railway area without frontiers, by guaranteeing a high level of railway safety and interoperability, while improving the competitive position of the railway sector. In particular, the ERA contributes, on technical matters, to the implementation of Union legislation by developing a common approach to safety on the Union rail system and by enhancing the level of interoperability on the Union rail system. Further objectives of the ERA are to follow the reduction of national railway rules in order to support the performance of national authorities acting in the fields of railway safety and interoperability, to promote the optimisation of procedures, to monitor national safety authorities and conformity assessment bodies and to manage and keep up-to-date a number of registers, which is vital for the smooth operation of the European railway area.

The entry into force of the technical pillar of the Fourth Railway Package designated ERA as the Union authority responsible for issuing authorisations for placing railway vehicles on the market, single safety certificates for railway undertakings and track-side approvals of the European Rail Traffic Management System.

|                                                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                               | 30 821 162 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus<br/>(revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 42 728     |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                           | 30 778 434 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

EFTA-EEA

812 551 6 600

## Legal basis:

Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community (OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 51, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2007/59/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 (OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/796/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 44, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/797/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on railway safety (OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 102, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/798/oj>).

## Reference acts:

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/764 of 2 May 2018 on the fees and charges payable to the European Union Agency for Railways and their conditions of payment (OJ L 129, 25.5.2018, p. 68, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2018/764/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/764/oj)).

## Article 02 10 05 — Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| 8 263 001         | 8 263 001 | 8 263 001               | 8 263 001 | 8 935 001          | 8 935 001 | 8 263 001                 | 8 263 001 | 8 263 001         | 8 263 001 |

## Remarks:

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) acts as a specialised and independent expert advisory body assisting the Commission and the national regulatory

authorities in the implementation of the Union regulatory framework for electronic communications in order to promote a consistent regulatory approach across the Union. BEREC is neither a Union body nor does it have legal personality.

The Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office) is established as a Union body with legal personality, providing BEREC with professional and administrative support in carrying out the tasks conferred on it by Regulation (EU) 2018/1971.

|                                                                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Union contribution                                                               | 8 288 088 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus<br/>(revenue article 6 6 2)</i> | 25 087    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                           | 8 263 001 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

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218 143 6 600

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2018/1971 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office), amending Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1211/2009 (OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1971/oj>).

### Article 02 20 01 — Pilot projects

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 4 881 616 | p.m.                    | 4 881 616 | 6 020 000          | 7 891 616 | p.m.                      | 4 881 616 | 6 020 000         | 6 386 616 |

### Article 02 20 02 — Preparatory actions

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 5 807 740 | p.m.                    | 5 807 740 | 4 000 000          | 7 807 740 | p.m.                      | 5 807 740 | 4 000 000         | 6 807 740 |

### Item 02 20 04 01 — Support activities to the European transport policy, transport security and passenger rights including communication activities

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 15 766 415        | 14 000 000 | 15 016 093              | 13 750 000 | 15 766 415         | 14 000 000 | 15 766 415                | 14 000 000 | 15 766 415        | 14 000 000 |

### Item 02 20 04 02 — Support activities for the European energy policy and internal energy market

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| 7 535 809         | 9 000 000 | 6 897 852               | 8 790 000 | 7 535 809          | 9 000 000 | 7 535 809                 | 9 000 000 | 7 535 809         | 9 000 000 |

### Item 03 01 01 01 — Support expenditure for the Single Market Programme

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 14 294 000        |  | 13 975 000              |  | 14 294 000         |  | 14 294 000                |  | 14 294 000        |  |

### Item 03 02 01 01 — Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 26 192 000        | 24 627 343 | 25 792 000              | 24 497 343 | 26 192 000         | 24 627 343 | 26 192 000                | 24 627 343 | 26 192 000        | 24 627 343 |

**Article 03 02 02** — Improving the competitiveness of enterprises, particularly SMEs, and supporting their access to markets

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 134 197 119       | 109 338 871 | 131 525 663             | 108 448 871 | 138 222 033        | 111 351 328 | 134 197 119               | 109 338 871 | 136 197 119       | 109 838 871 |

**Item 03 10 01 01** — European Chemicals Agency — Chemicals legislation

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 77 474 769        | 77 474 769 | 76 421 025              | 76 421 025 | 77 474 769         | 77 474 769 | 77 474 769                | 77 474 769 | 77 474 769        | 77 474 769 |

**Remarks:**

In accordance with Article 96 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, the revenues of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) shall consist of a subsidy from the Union, entered in the general budget of the Union (Commission Section), the fees paid by undertakings, and any voluntary contribution from the Member States.

The ECHA's revenue from fees and charges and the surplus carried over from the previous year will not be sufficient to cover the expected expenditure of the ECHA. A balancing Union contribution is required.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 78 403 179 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 928 410    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 77 474 769 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue):

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2 045 334 6 6 0 0

**Legal basis:**

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

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (OJ L 353, 31.12.2008, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1272/oj>).

**Article 03 20 01** — Pilot projects

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments   |
| p.m.              | 9 179 122 | p.m.                    | 9 179 122 | 5 500 000          | 11 929 122 | p.m.                      | 9 179 122 | 5 500 000         | 10 554 122 |

**Article 04 02 02** — Copernicus

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 829 850 000       | 670 000 000 | 824 850 000             | 668 500 000 | 829 850 000        | 670 000 000 | 829 850 000               | 670 000 000 | 829 850 000       | 670 000 000 |

**Article 04 02 03 — GOVSATCOM/SSA**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 80 300 000        | 30 000 000 | 76 900 000              | 28 900 000 | 80 300 000         | 30 000 000 | 80 300 000                | 30 000 000 | 80 300 000        | 30 000 000 |

**Article 04 20 01 — Pilot projects**

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 1 310 000 | p.m.                    | 1 310 000 | 6 000 000          | 4 310 000 | p.m.                      | 1 310 000 | 6 000 000         | 2 810 000 |

**Article 04 20 02 — Preparatory actions**

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments   |
| p.m.              | 4 100 000 | p.m.                    | 4 100 000 | 37 000 000         | 22 600 000 | p.m.                      | 4 100 000 | 37 000 000        | 13 350 000 |

**Article 05 02 01 — ERDF — Operational expenditure**

| Draft budget 2026 |                   | Council's position 2026 |                   | EP's position 2026 |                   | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |                   | Conciliation 2026 |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Commitments       | Payments          | Commitments             | Payments          | Commitments        | Payments          | Commitments               | Payments          | Commitments       | Payments          |
| 34 070 850<br>917 | 36 019 377<br>238 | 34 070 850<br>917       | 36 019 377<br>238 | 34 070 850<br>917  | 36 019 377<br>238 | 34 070 850<br>917         | 34 719 377<br>238 | 34 070 850<br>917 | 34 719 377<br>238 |

**Item 05 02 05 03 — European Territorial Cooperation — Operational expenditure — Financing under REACT-EU**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | p.m.     | p.m.                    | p.m.     | p.m.               | p.m.     | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

**Article 05 04 01 — Financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 33 479 713        | 33 000 000 | 33 479 713              | 33 000 000 | 34 479 713         | 33 500 000 | 33 479 713                | 33 000 000 | 33 979 713        | 33 125 000 |

**Article 06 02 02 — Technical Support Instrument**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 107 327 580       | 122 423 515 | 92 327 580              | 107 423 515 | 107 327 580        | 122 423 515 | 107 327 580               | 122 423 515 | 50 327 580        | 112 423 515 |

**Article 06 04 01 — European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) – Payment of periodic coupon and redemption at maturity**

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 8 021 000 000     |  | 7 718 000 000           |  | 7 721 000 000      |  | 7 970 000 000             |  | 7 970 000 000     |  |

**Article 06 04 02 — European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) — Additional liquidity management costs**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 300 000 000        | 300 000 000 |                           |          | —                 | —        |

**Article 06 05 01 — Union Civil Protection Mechanism**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 167 657 430       | 189 000 000 | 167 657 430             | 189 000 000 | 197 657 430        | 204 000 000 | 167 657 430               | 189 000 000 | 177 657 430       | 191 500 000 |

**Article 06 06 01 — EU4Health Programme**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 658 265 985       | 545 000 000 | 560 965 985             | 513 400 000 | 663 265 985        | 547 500 000 | 658 265 985               | 545 000 000 | 661 265 985       | 545 750 000 |

**Article 06 10 01 — European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 90 939 554        | 90 939 554 | 81 228 091              | 81 228 091 | 90 939 554         | 90 939 554 | 90 939 554                | 90 939 554 | 90 939 554        | 90 939 554 |

**Remarks:**

Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 provides that the mission of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control is the following:

- In order to enhance the capacity of the Union and the Member States to protect human health through the prevention and control of communicable diseases in humans and related special health issues, the mission of the Centre is to identify and assess current and emerging threats to human health from communicable diseases and related special health issues, to report thereon and, where appropriate, to ensure that information thereon is presented in an easily accessible way. The Centre acts in collaboration with competent bodies of the Member States or on its own initiative, through a dedicated network. The mission of the Centre is also to provide science-based recommendations and support in coordinating the response at Union and national levels, as well as at cross-border interregional and regional level, to such threats, where appropriate. In providing such recommendations, the Centre, where necessary, cooperates with Member States and takes into account existing national crisis management plans and the respective circumstances of each Member State.
- In the event of other outbreaks of diseases of unknown origin that may spread within or to the Union, the Centre acts on its own initiative until the source of the outbreak is known. In the case of an outbreak that is clearly not of a communicable disease, the Centre acts only in cooperation with the coordinating competent bodies and upon their request, and provides a risk assessment.
- In pursuing its mission, the Centre respects the responsibilities of the Member States, the Commission and other Union bodies or agencies, and the responsibilities of third countries and international organisations active within the field of public health, in particular the World Health Organisation (WHO), in order to ensure that there is comprehensiveness, coherence and complementarity of action and that actions are coordinated.
- The Centre supports the work of the Health Security Committee (HSC), established by Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU (OJ L 314, 6.12.2022, p. 26, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2371/oj>), the Council, the Member States and, where relevant, other Union structures, in order to promote effective coherence between their respective activities and to coordinate responses to serious cross-border threats to health, within its mandate.

|                                                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                               | 92 034 281 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus<br/>(revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 1 094 727  |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                           | 90 939 554 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue):

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2 400 804 6 6 0 0

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control (OJ L 142, 30.4.2004, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2004/851/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2022/2370 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European centre for disease prevention and control (OJ L 314, 6.12.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2370/oj>).

## Reference acts:

Commission staff working document - Accompanying document to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control activities on Communicable diseases: the positive outcomes since the Centre's establishment and the planned activities and resource needs (COM(2008) 741 / SEC(2008) 2792).

**Article 06 20 04** — Actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific powers conferred on the Commission

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 13 586 521        | 13 300 000 | 12 339 727              | 12 885 000 | 13 586 521         | 13 300 000 | 13 586 521                | 15 634 500 | 13 586 521        | 15 634 500 |

**Item 06 20 04 01** — Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 13 586 521        | 13 300 000 | 12 339 727              | 12 885 000 | 13 586 521         | 13 300 000 | 13 586 521                | 15 634 500 | 13 586 521        | 15 634 500 |

**Item 07 01 02 01** — Support expenditure for Erasmus+

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 29 957 299        |  | 27 229 773              |  | 29 957 299         |  | 29 957 299                |  | 29 957 299        |  |

**Item 07 01 03 01** — Support expenditure for the European Solidarity Corps

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 5 813 468         |  | 5 641 573               |  | 5 813 468          |  | 5 813 468                 |  | 5 813 468         |  |

**Item 07 01 04 01** — Support expenditure for Creative Europe

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 7 445 414         |  | 6 287 469               |  | 7 445 414          |  | 7 445 414                 |  | 7 445 414         |  |

**Article 07 02 01** — ESF+ shared management strand — Operational expenditure

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 14 424 864        | 15 510 000 | 14 424 864              | 15 510 000 | 14 424 864         | 15 510 000 | 14 424 864                | 15 410 000 | 14 424 864        | 15 410 000 |
| 209               | 000        | 209                     | 000        | 209                | 000        | 209                       | 000        | 209               | 000        |

**Article 07 02 04** — ESF+ — Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 105 410 821       | 102 000 000 | 105 410 821             | 102 000 000 | 107 910 821        | 103 250 000 | 105 410 821               | 102 000 000 | 106 410 821       | 102 250 000 |

**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

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 3 042 584 266     | 2 985 720 000 | 2 935 584 266           | 2 950 120 000 | 3 047 584 266      | 2 989 470 000 | 3 042 584 266             | 2 985 720 000 | 3 045 584 266     | 2 986 470 000 |

## Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the field of education and training of the Erasmus+ programme under indirect management. It shall support the three key actions.

### Key action 1: Learning mobility

In the field of education and training, the Erasmus+ programme is to support the following actions: (a) the learning mobility of higher education students and staff; (b) the learning mobility of vocational education and training learners and staff; (c) the learning mobility of school pupils and staff; and (d) the learning mobility of adult education learners and staff.

Learning mobility may be accompanied by virtual learning and measures, such as language support, preparatory visits, training and virtual cooperation. Learning mobility may be replaced by virtual learning for those persons who are unable to participate in learning mobility.

### Key action 2: Cooperation among organisations and institutions

In the field of education and training, the Erasmus+ programme is to support partnerships for cooperation and exchanges of practices, including small-scale partnerships to foster wider and more inclusive access to the programme.

### Key action 3: Support to policy development and cooperation

In the field of education and training, the Erasmus+ programme is to support the following actions: (a) the preparation and implementation of the Union general and sectoral policy agendas in education and training, including with the support of the Eurydice network or activities of other relevant organisations; (b) Union tools and measures that foster the quality, transparency and recognition of competences, skills and qualifications; (c) policy dialogue and cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including Union-wide networks, European organisations and international organisations in the field of education and training; (d) measures that contribute to the high-quality and inclusive implementation of the Erasmus+ programme; (e) cooperation with other Union instruments and support to other Union policies; and (f) dissemination and awareness-raising activities about European policy outcomes and priorities and about the Erasmus+ programme.

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

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80 324 225 6 6 0 0

Other assigned revenue

112 134 160 6 0 1 0

**Item 07 03 01 02** — 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 — Direct management

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 644 133 179       | 708 100 000 | 519 133 179             | 666 500 000 | 644 133 179        | 708 100 000 | 644 133 179               | 708 100 000 | 644 133 179       | 708 100 000 |

**Article 07 03 02** — Promoting non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 440 307 038       | 411 000 000 | 420 307 038             | 404 400 000 | 440 307 038        | 411 000 000 | 440 307 038               | 411 000 000 | 440 307 038       | 411 000 000 |

**Article 07 03 03** — Promoting learning mobility of sport staff, and cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of sport organisations and sport policies

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 81 483 341        | 78 000 000 | 78 483 341              | 77 000 000 | 81 483 341         | 78 000 000 | 81 483 341                | 78 000 000 | 81 483 341        | 78 000 000 |

**Article 07 05 01 — Culture strand**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 121 721 256       | 111 165 876 | 112 221 256             | 108 065 876 | 121 721 256        | 111 165 876 | 121 721 256               | 111 165 876 | 121 721 256       | 111 165 876 |

**Article 07 05 02 — Media strand**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 213 758 213       | 192 254 518 | 199 258 213             | 187 404 518 | 213 758 213        | 192 254 518 | 213 758 213               | 192 254 518 | 213 758 213       | 192 254 518 |

**Article 07 05 03 — Cross-sectoral strand**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 33 030 185        | 27 295 140 | 30 630 185              | 26 545 140 | 35 530 185         | 28 545 140 | 33 030 185                | 27 295 140 | 34 030 185        | 27 545 140 |

**Article 07 06 01 — Equality and rights**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 50 013 550        | 33 643 288 | 41 413 550              | 30 843 288 | 50 013 550         | 33 643 288 | 50 013 550                | 33 643 288 | 50 013 550        | 33 643 288 |

**Article 07 06 03 — Daphne**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 35 129 939        | 20 745 778 | 28 129 939              | 18 345 778 | 35 129 939         | 20 745 778 | 35 129 939                | 20 745 778 | 35 129 939        | 20 745 778 |

**Article 07 06 04 — Union values**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 120 762 466       | 89 176 175 | 81 762 466              | 76 276 175 | 123 262 466        | 90 426 175 | 120 762 466               | 89 176 175 | 121 762 466       | 89 426 175 |

**Article 07 10 02 — European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 17 417 398        | 17 417 398 | 17 162 356              | 17 162 356 | 17 417 398         | 17 417 398 | 17 417 398                | 17 417 398 | 17 417 398        | 17 417 398 |

**Remarks:**

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) is committed to making Europe a safer, healthier and more productive place to work. EU-OSHA identifies and assesses new and emerging risks at work, and mainstreams occupational safety and health into other policy areas, such as education, public health and research. EU-OSHA raises awareness and disseminates information on the importance of workers' health and safety to governments, employers' and employees' organisations, Union institutions, bodies and networks, and private companies.

EU-OSHA's objective is to provide the Union institutions and bodies, Member States and interested parties with technical, scientific and economic information and qualified expertise in the area of health and safety at work. Special attention will be paid to gender aspects in the area of health and safety at work.

This appropriation is intended to cover the measures necessary to accomplish EU-OSHA's tasks as defined in Regulation (EU) 2019/126, and in particular:

- awareness-building and risk anticipation measures, with special emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises,
- operation of the European Risk Observatory based on examples of good practice collected from firms or specific branches of activity,

- preparation and provision of relevant tools for smaller enterprises to manage health and safety at work,
- operation of the network comprising the main component elements of the national information networks, including the national employers' and employees' organisations, in accordance with national law or practice, as well as the national focal points,
- organising exchanges of experience, information and good practices, including in collaboration with the International Labour Organization and other international organisations,
- integrating candidate countries into these information networks and devising working tools which are geared to their specific situation,
- organising and running the European Campaign on Healthy Workplaces as well as the European Week on Health and Safety, focusing on specific risks and needs of users and final beneficiaries.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 17 663 030 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 245 632    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 17 417 398 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

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## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2019/126 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 (OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 58, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/126/oj>).

## Article 07 10 03 — European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 20 604 551        | 20 604 551 | 20 484 064              | 20 484 064 | 20 604 551         | 20 604 551 | 20 604 551                | 20 604 551 | 20 604 551        | 20 604 551 |

## Remarks:

The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) supports the promotion, development and implementation of Union policies in the field of vocational education and training as well as skills and qualification policies by working together with the Commission, the Member States and the social partners. To that end, Cedefop enhances and disseminates knowledge, provides evidence and services for the purpose of policy making, including research-based conclusions, and facilitates knowledge sharing among and between Union and national actors.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 20 850 288 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 245 737    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 20 604 551 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

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## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2019/128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) and

repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 (OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 90, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/128/oj>).

**Article 07 10 05 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 10 754 875        | 10 754 875 | 10 513 069              | 10 513 069 | 11 754 875         | 11 754 875 | 10 754 875                | 10 754 875 | 10 754 875        | 10 754 875 |

**Remarks:**

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) contributes to and strengthens the promotion of gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, and to raise Union citizens' awareness of gender equality by providing technical assistance to the Union institutions, in particular the Commission, and the authorities of the Member States.

EIGE carries out, *inter alia*, the following tasks:

- collect, analyse and disseminate relevant objective, comparable and reliable information as regards gender equality, including results from research and best practices,
- develop methods to improve the objectivity, comparability and reliability of data at European level by establishing criteria that will improve the consistency of information and take into account gender issues when collecting data,
- develop, analyse, evaluate and disseminate methodological tools in order to support the integration of gender equality into all Union policies and the resulting national policies and to support gender mainstreaming in all Union institutions and bodies,
- organise meetings of experts to support the institute's research work, encourage the exchange of information among researchers and promote the inclusion of a gender perspective in their research,
- raise Union citizens' awareness of gender equality, disseminate information regarding best practices and make documentation resources accessible to the public,
- provide information to the Union's institutions on gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the accession and candidate countries.

|                                                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                               | 10 871 427 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus<br/>(revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 116 552    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                           | 10 754 875 |

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 9, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1922/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ L, 2024/1385, 24.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1385/oj>).

**Article 07 10 07 — European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 72 983 685        | 72 358 685 | 72 983 685              | 72 358 685 | 78 983 685         | 78 358 685 | 72 983 685                | 72 358 685 | 72 983 685        | 72 358 685 |

## Remarks:

The purpose of the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) is to support and strengthen coordination and cooperation between national investigating and prosecuting authorities in relation to serious crime affecting two or more Member States. It acts at the request of the Member State authorities, on its own initiative or at the request of the EPPO within the limits of the EPPO's competence, and supports Member States through expediting requests for mutual legal assistance, organising coordinated approaches to operational actions, and providing both operational and financial support to joint investigation teams.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 73 468 403 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 484 718    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 72 983 685 |

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2002/187/JHA (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 138, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1727/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2022/838 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 as regards the preservation, analysis and storage at Eurojust of evidence relating to genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and related criminal offences (OJ L 148, 31.5.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/838/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2023/969 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a collaboration platform to support the functioning of joint investigation teams and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 (OJ L 132, 17.5.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/969/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2023/2131 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 October 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2005/671/JHA, as regards digital information exchange in terrorism cases (OJ L, 2023/2131, 11.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2131/oj>).

## Article 07 10 08 — European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 91 545 128        | 91 545 128 | 85 658 844              | 85 658 844 | 94 545 128         | 94 545 128 | 91 545 128                | 91 545 128 | 91 545 128        | 91 545 128 |

## Remarks:

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is responsible for investigating, prosecuting and bringing to judgment the perpetrators of, and accomplices to, criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union which are provided for in Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2017/1371/oj>) and determined by Regulation (EU) 2017/1939. In that respect, the EPPO undertakes investigations, carries out acts of prosecution and exercises the functions of prosecutor in the competent courts of the Member States, until the case has been finally disposed of.

This appropriation is intended to cover the EPPO's recruitment and staff-related expenditure, buildings (including building security), infrastructure and administrative information technology-related expenditures (Titles 1 and 2). It includes operational expenditure related to the costs related

to the EPPO's investigations in accordance with Article 91(5) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the EPPO case management system, the IT exchange platform between the EPPO Central Office, the European Delegated Prosecutors and other judicial and law enforcement authorities in the Member States, which is a key element for the good functioning of the EPPO, and provisions for close protection services for senior EPPO staff, payment of the European Delegated Prosecutors and substantial translation costs for the operational needs of the EPPO (Title 3).

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 93 049 484 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 1 504 356  |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 91 545 128 |

## Legal basis:

Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/1939/oj>).

## Article 07 20 01 — Pilot projects

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 6 348 843 | p.m.                    | 6 348 843 | 7 700 000          | 10 198 843 | p.m.                      | 6 348 843 | 7 700 000         | 8 273 843 |

### Item 07 20 01 01 — Pilot projects under sub-heading 2b

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 5 598 843 | p.m.                    | 5 598 843 | 6 200 000          | 8 698 843 | p.m.                      | 5 598 843 | 6 200 000         | 7 148 843 |

### Item 07 20 01 02 — Pilot projects under sub-heading 2a

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 750 000  | p.m.                    | 750 000  | 1 500 000          | 1 500 000 | p.m.                      | 750 000  | 1 500 000         | 1 125 000 |

## Article 07 20 02 — Preparatory actions

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| p.m.              | 12 703 658 | p.m.                    | 12 703 658 | 3 000 000          | 14 203 658 | p.m.                      | 12 703 658 | 3 000 000         | 13 453 658 |

### Item 07 20 04 01 — Multimedia actions

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 21 107 803        | 20 311 843 | 20 921 438              | 20 249 843 | 21 107 803         | 20 311 843 | 21 107 803                | 20 311 843 | 21 107 803        | 20 311 843 |

### Item 07 20 04 02 — Executive and corporate communication services

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 49 192 000        | 49 192 000 | 48 759 000              | 49 050 000 | 49 192 000         | 49 192 000 | 49 192 000                | 49 192 000 | 49 192 000        | 49 192 000 |

### Item 07 20 04 03 — Commission Representations

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 28 569 000        | 25 183 000 | 28 317 000              | 25 099 000 | 28 569 000         | 25 183 000 | 28 569 000                | 25 183 000 | 28 569 000        | 25 183 000 |

### Item 07 20 04 06 — Specific competences in the area of social policy, including social dialogue

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 23 838 086        | 19 300 000 | 23 627 616              | 19 230 000 | 23 838 086         | 19 300 000 | 23 838 086                | 19 300 000 | 23 838 086        | 19 300 000 |

**Item 07 20 04 07 — Other activities in the area of fundamental rights**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| 1 618 213         | 845 870  | 929 389                 | 611 870  | 1 618 213          | 845 870  | 1 618 213                 | 845 870  | 1 618 213         | 845 870  |

**Item 07 20 04 09 — Information and training measures for workers' organisations**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 23 133 016        | 25 000 000 | 23 133 016              | 25 000 000 | 25 133 016         | 26 000 000 | 23 133 016                | 25 000 000 | 24 633 016        | 25 375 000 |

**Item 08 01 01 72 — European Research Executive Agency — Contribution from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund**

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 872 104           |  | 872 104                 |  | 872 104            |  | 1 372 104                 |  | 1 372 104         |  |

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover the contribution for expenditure on staff and administration of the European Research Executive Agency incurred as a result of the Agency's role in the management of measures forming part of the promotion programme and the completion of its predecessor programmes.

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

**Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2003/58/oj>).

Regulation (EU) No 1144/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on information provision and promotion measures concerning agricultural products implemented in the internal market and in third countries and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 3/2008 (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 56, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/1144/oj>).

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/173 of 12 February 2021 establishing the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, the European Research Executive Agency, the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency, the European Research Council Executive Agency, and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and repealing Implementing Decisions 2013/801/EU, 2013/771/EU, 2013/778/EU, 2013/779/EU, 2013/776/EU and 2013/770/EU (OJ L 50, 15.2.2021, p. 9, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\\_impl/2021/173/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2021/173/oj)).

See Chapter 08 02.

**Reference acts:**

Commission Decision C(2021) 952 of 12 February 2021 delegating powers to the European Research Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of Research and Innovation, Research of the Fund for Coal and Steel and Information Provision and Promotion Measures concerning Agricultural Products comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

**Item 08 01 03 01 — Support expenditure for the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund**

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 3 735 128         |  | 3 337 323               |  | 3 735 128          |  | 3 735 128                 |  | 3 735 128         |  |

**Article 08 02 01 — Agricultural reserve**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 450 000 000       | 450 000 000             | 450 000 000        | 172 631 381               | 137 486 942       |

**Item 08 02 02 01 — Fruit and vegetables sector**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 035 000 000     | 1 035 000 000           | 1 035 000 000      | 1 025 000 000             | 1 025 000 000     |

**Item 08 02 02 02 — Apiculture products sector**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 58 000 000        | 58 000 000              | 58 000 000         | 57 000 000                | 57 000 000        |

**Item 08 02 02 03 — Wine sector**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 946 000 000       | 946 000 000             | 961 000 000        | 946 000 000               | 946 000 000       |

**Item 08 02 03 03 — Promotion of agricultural products — Multi-programmes and actions implemented by the Commission under direct management**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| p.m.              | 69 927 713 | p.m.                    | 69 927 713 | 30 000 000         | 84 927 713 | 105 000 000               | 69 927 713 | 105 000 000       | 69 927 713 |

**Item 08 02 03 06 — Fruit and vegetables**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 178 000 000       | 178 000 000             | 178 000 000        | 175 000 000               | 175 000 000       |

**Item 08 02 04 01 — Basic income support for sustainability**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 18 433 000 000    | 18 433 000 000          | 18 433 000 000     | 17 944 178 630            | 17 860 495 783    |

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure under the basic income support for sustainability provided for in Title III, Chapter II of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

Other assigned revenue 735 000 000 6 2 0 0

**Item 08 02 04 03 — Complementary income support for young farmers**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 697 000 000       | 697 000 000             | 720 000 000        | 697 000 000               | 697 000 000       |

**Item 08 02 04 04 — Schemes for the climate, the environment and animal welfare**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 8 783 000 000     | 8 783 000 000           | 8 783 000 000      | 9 014 000 000             | 9 014 000 000     |

**Item 08 02 04 05 — Coupled income support**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 4 470 000 000     | 4 470 000 000           | 4 470 000 000      | 4 480 000 000             | 4 480 000 000     |

**Item 08 02 06 01 — Financial corrections in favour of Member States following clearance of accounts and conformity clearance decisions**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 6 100 000         | 6 100 000               | 6 100 000          | 104 650 000               | 104 650 000       |

**Article 08 05 01** — Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters

|          | Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
|          | Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 08 05 01 | 37 636 857        | 42 511 857  | 37 636 857              | 42 511 857  | 37 636 857         | 42 511 857  | 39 661 857                | 44 536 857  | 39 661 857        | 44 536 857  |
| Reserve  | 116 215 000       | 87 915 000  | 116 215 000             | 87 915 000  | 116 215 000        | 87 915 000  | 114 190 000               | 85 890 000  | 114 190 000       | 85 890 000  |
| Total    | 153 851 857       | 130 426 857 | 153 851 857             | 130 426 857 | 153 851 857        | 130 426 857 | 153 851 857               | 130 426 857 | 153 851 857       | 130 426 857 |

**Article 08 10 01** — European Fisheries Control Agency

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 31 335 269        | 31 335 269 | 30 855 532              | 30 855 532 | 31 335 269         | 31 335 269 | 31 335 269                | 31 335 269 | 31 335 269        | 31 335 269 |

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure on staff, administration and operation of the European Fisheries Control Agency. The Agency's mission is to promote the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). Its primary role is to organise coordination and cooperation between national control and inspection activities so that the rules of the CFP are respected and applied effectively. The Agency also plays a role in the European cooperation on coast guard functions.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 31 753 526 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 418 257    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 31 335 269 |

**Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999 (OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1005/oj>).

Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1224/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/473 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the European Fisheries Control Agency (OJ L 83, 25.3.2019, p. 18, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/473/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2023/2842 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 November 2023 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006 and (EC) No 1005/2008 and Regulations (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2017/2403 and (EU) 2019/473 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control (OJ L, 2023/2842, 20.12.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2842/oj>).

## Reference acts:

Commission Decision 2009/988/EU of 18 December 2009 designating the Community Fisheries Control Agency as the body to carry out certain tasks under Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 (OJ L 338, 19.12.2009, p. 104, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/988/oj>).

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2019/715/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2019/715/oj)).

### Article 08 20 01 — Pilot projects

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 2 890 650 | p.m.                    | 2 890 650 | 1 500 000          | 3 640 650 | p.m.                      | 2 890 650 | 1 500 000         | 3 265 650 |

### Item 09 01 01 01 — Support expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 10 729 726        |  | 10 552 540              |  | 10 729 726         |  | 10 729 726                |  | 10 729 726        |  |

### Article 09 02 01 — Nature and biodiversity

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 323 555 118       | 199 000 000 | 312 555 118             | 195 300 000 | 338 555 118        | 206 500 000 | 323 258 983               | 198 703 865 | 328 258 983       | 199 953 865 |

### Article 09 02 02 — Circular economy and quality of life

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 185 280 901       | 138 000 000 | 184 580 901             | 137 770 000 | 185 280 901        | 138 000 000 | 186 280 901               | 139 000 000 | 186 280 901       | 139 000 000 |

### Article 09 02 03 — Climate change mitigation and adaptation

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 126 706 236       | 100 000 000 | 125 706 236             | 99 670 000 | 126 706 236        | 100 000 000 | 126 706 236               | 100 000 000 | 126 706 236       | 100 000 000 |

### Article 09 02 04 — Clean energy transition

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 137 443 577       | 118 000 000 | 137 143 577             | 117 900 000 | 152 443 577        | 125 500 000 | 137 443 577               | 118 000 000 | 142 443 577       | 119 250 000 |

### Article 09 05 02 — European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - Contribution from the Social Climate Fund (SCF)

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          |                    |          | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

## Remarks:

### *New article*

This appropriation is intended to complement the resources of ERDF following a request by Member State(s) in their Social Climate Plans to transfer up to 15% of their annual financial allocation to funds under shared management, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. These transfers require amendments to relevant operational programmes, excluding those under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg), pursuant to Article 26a of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Such transfers shall finance measures and investments as referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and are to be implemented in accordance

with the specific rules of the recipient funds for the benefit of the Member State(s) concerned, pursuant to Article 11(2) of this Regulation.

**Article 09 05 03 — European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) - Contribution from the Social Climate Fund (SCF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          |                    |          | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This appropriation is intended to complement the resources of ESF+ following a request by Member State(s) in their Social Climate Plans to transfer up to 15% of their annual financial allocation to funds under shared management, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Such transfers are to be implemented in accordance with the specific rules of the recipient funds for the benefit of the Member State(s) concerned, pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955.

**Article 09 05 04 — Cohesion Fund (CF) - Contribution from the Social Climate Fund (SCF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          |                    |          | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This appropriation is intended to complement the resources of the CF following a request by Member State(s) in their Social Climate Plans to transfer up to 15% of their annual financial allocation to funds under shared management, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. These transfers require amendments to relevant operational programmes, excluding those under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg), pursuant to Article 26a of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Such transfers are to be implemented in accordance with the specific rules of the recipient funds for the benefit of the Member State(s) concerned, pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955.

**Article 09 05 05 — Just Transition Fund (JTF) - Contribution from the Social Climate Fund (SCF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          |                    |          | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This appropriation is intended to complement the resources of the JTF following a request by Member State(s) in their Social Climate Plans to transfer up to 15% of their annual financial allocation to funds under shared management, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Such transfers are to be implemented in accordance with the specific rules of the recipient funds for the benefit of the Member State(s) concerned, pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955.

**Article 09 05 06 — European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) - Contribution from the Social Climate Fund (SCF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          |                    |          | p.m.                      | p.m.     | p.m.              | p.m.     |

**Remarks:**

*New article*

This appropriation is intended to complement the resources of EMFAF following a request by Member State(s) in their Social Climate Plans to transfer up to 15% of their annual financial allocation to funds under shared management, as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Such transfers are to be implemented in accordance with the specific rules of the recipient funds for the benefit of the Member State(s) concerned, pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/955.

**Article 09 10 01 — European Chemicals Agency – Environmental directives and international conventions**

|          | Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 09 10 01 | 6 729 846         | 6 729 846  | 6 729 846               | 6 729 846  | 6 729 846          | 6 729 846  | 6 729 846                 | 6 729 846  | 6 729 846         | 6 729 846  |
| Reserve  | 12 407 115        | 12 407 115 | 12 407 115              | 12 407 115 | 12 407 115         | 12 407 115 | 11 407 115                | 11 407 115 | 11 407 115        | 11 407 115 |
| Total    | 19 136 961        | 19 136 961 | 19 136 961              | 19 136 961 | 19 136 961         | 19 136 961 | 18 136 961                | 18 136 961 | 18 136 961        | 18 136 961 |

**Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to cover staff, administrative and operational expenditure for the activities of the European Chemicals Agency related to the implementation of legislation on the export and import of hazardous chemicals, persistent organic pollutants, water, waste, industrial emissions and batteries and waste batteries.

|                                                                                    |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                           | 18 179 952 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus (revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 42 991     |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                       | 18 136 961 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue):

EFTA-EEA

505 216 6 6 2

**Legal basis:**

Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/98/oj>).

Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals (OJ L 201, 27.7.2012, p. 60, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/649/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 109, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2018/851/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (OJ L 169, 25.6.2019, p. 45, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1021/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2020/2184/oj>).

Decision (EU) 2022/591 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030 (OJ L 114, 12.4.2022, p. 22, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/591/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2023 concerning batteries and waste batteries, amending Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Directive 2006/66/EC (OJ L 191, 28.7.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1542/oj>).

Directive (EU) 2024/1785 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 amending Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) and Council Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste (OJ L, 2024/1785, 15.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1785/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (OJ L, 2025/40, 22.1.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/40/oj>).

**Reference acts:**

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 26 October 2022, amending Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration and Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy (COM(2022) 540 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2023, amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 401/2009, (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks and improving cooperation among Union agencies in the area of chemicals (COM(2023) 783 final).

**Article 09 10 02 — European Environment Agency**

|          | Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   | Commitment<br>s         | Payments   | Commitment<br>s    | Payments   | Commitment<br>s           | Payments   | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   |
| 09 10 02 | 63 849 675        | 63 849 675 | 63 849 675              | 63 849 675 | 63 849 675         | 63 849 675 | 64 145 810                | 64 145 810 | 64 145 810        | 64 145 810 |
| Reserve  | 5 388 210         | 5 388 210  | 5 388 210               | 5 388 210  | 5 388 210          | 5 388 210  | 5 388 210                 | 5 388 210  | 5 388 210         | 5 388 210  |
| Total    | 69 237 885        | 69 237 885 | 69 237 885              | 69 237 885 | 69 237 885         | 69 237 885 | 69 534 020                | 69 534 020 | 69 534 020        | 69 534 020 |

**Remarks:**

The mission of the European Environment Agency is to provide the Union and the Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information on the environment at Union level, thus enabling them to take the requisite measures to protect the environment, to assess the results of such measures and to inform the public.

|                                                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                                               | 70 140 531 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus<br/>(revenue Article 6 6 2)</i> | 606 511    |
| Amount entered in the budget                                                           | 69 534 020 |

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue):

EFTA-EEA

1 827 880 6 6 2

Other assigned revenue

5 733 335 6 6 2

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/401/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2018/841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry in the 2030 climate and energy framework, and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 and Decision No 529/2013/EU (OJ L 156, 19.6.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/841/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1119/oj>).

Decision (EU) 2022/591 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 April 2022 on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030 (OJ L 114, 12.4.2022, p. 22, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/591/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2023/839 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 April 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/841 as regards the scope, simplifying the reporting and compliance rules, and setting out the targets of the Member States for 2030, and Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 as regards improvement in monitoring, reporting, tracking of progress and review (OJ L 107, 21.4.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/839/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2024/1244 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations, establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 (OJ L, 2024/1244, 2.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1244/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2024/1610 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/858 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956 (OJ L, 2024/1610, 6.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1610/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869 (OJ L, 2024/1991, 29.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1991/oj>).

## Reference acts:

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 26 October 2022, amending Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration and Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy (COM(2022) 540 final).

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 22 March 2023, on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims (COM(2023) 166 final).

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 5 July 2023, on Soil Monitoring and Resilience (Soil Monitoring Law) (COM(2023) 416 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 22 November 2023, on a monitoring framework for resilient European forests (COM(2023) 728 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 7 December 2023, amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 401/2009, (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks and improving cooperation among Union agencies in the area of chemicals (COM(2023) 783 final).

#### **Item 09 20 04 01 — Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism**

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 33 700 000        | 27 044 470 | 30 050 000              | 25 829 470 | 33 700 000         | 27 044 470 | 33 700 000                | 27 044 470 | 33 700 000        | 27 044 470 |

#### **Article 10 01 01 — Support expenditure for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)**

|          | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 01 01 | 3 300 000         | 2 250 000               | 3 300 000          | 3 300 000                 | 3 300 000         |
| Reserve  | 900 000           | 900 000                 | 900 000            | 900 000                   | 900 000           |
| Total    | 4 200 000         | 3 150 000               | 4 200 000          | 4 200 000                 | 4 200 000         |

#### **Article 10 02 01 — Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 2 068 558 639     | 1 316 121 777 | 2 068 558 639           | 1 316 121 777 | 2 078 558 639      | 1 321 121 777 | 2 068 558 639             | 1 316 121 777 | 2 068 558 639     | 1 316 121 777 |

#### **Article 11 01 01 — Support expenditure for the Integrated Border Management Fund — Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 393 135         | 2 150 000               | 3 393 135          | 3 393 135                 | 3 393 135         |

#### **Article 11 02 01 — Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 1 116 186 059     | 670 914 087 | 1 118 479 194           | 671 707 222 | 1 146 186 059      | 685 914 087 | 1 116 186 059             | 670 914 087 | 1 126 186 059     | 673 414 087 |

#### **Article 11 10 01 — European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)**

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 1 108 076 519     | 1 108 076 519 | 1 087 076 519           | 1 087 076 519 | 1 108 076 519      | 1 108 076 519 | 1 108 076 519             | 1 108 076 519 | 1 106 942 519     | 1 106 942 519 |

#### **Remarks:**

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) promotes, coordinates and develops European border management in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the concept of integrated border management. Frontex's main tasks are to coordinate cooperation between Member States in management of the external border, assist Member States in training of national border guards, carry out risk analyses and follow research relevant for the control and surveillance of external borders. Furthermore, Frontex helps Member States requiring technical and operational assistance at external borders and provides Member States with the necessary support in organising joint return operations.

|                                                            |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Union contribution                                   | 1 125 867 071 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus</i> | 18 924 552    |

**Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas (OJ L 164, 14.7.1995, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1995/1683/oj>).

Council Regulation (EC) No 694/2003 of 14 April 2003 on uniform formats for Facilitated Transit Documents (FTD) and Facilitated Rail Transit Documents (FRTD) provided for in Regulation (EC) No 693/2003 (OJ L 99, 17.4.2003, p. 15, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2003/694/oj>).

Council Regulation (EC) No 2252/2004 of 13 December 2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States (OJ L 385, 29.12.2004, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2004/2252/oj>).

Protocol No 19 on the Schengen *acquis* integrated into the framework of the European Union (OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 290, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/treaty/teu\\_2012/pro\\_19/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/treaty/teu_2012/pro_19/oj)).

Regulation (EU) No 656/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of the operational cooperation coordinated by European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 93, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/656/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (OJ L 77, 23.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/399/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2017/1954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ L 286, 1.11.2017, p. 9, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/1954/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2018 establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and amending Regulations (EU) No 1077/2011, (EU) No 515/2014, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2016/1624 and (EU) 2017/2226 (OJ L 236, 19.9.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1240/oj>).

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/715 of 18 December 2018 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies set up under the TFEU and Euratom Treaty and referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 122, 10.5.2019, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2019/715/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2019/715/oj)).

Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1726 and (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 27, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/817/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 85, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/818/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624 (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1896/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2020/493 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 on the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system and repealing Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA (OJ L 107, 6.4.2020, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/493/oj>).

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1567 of 26 October 2020 on the financial support for the development of the European Border and Coast Guard standing corps in accordance with Article 61 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 358, 28.10.2020, p. 59, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\\_impl/2020/1567/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2020/1567/oj)).

Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, for the period 2021 to 2027, signed on 28 November 2023 (OJ L, 2024/200, 4.1.2024, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_internation/2024/200/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2024/200/oj)).

Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, for the period 2021 to 2027, signed on 28 November 2023 (OJ L, 2024/1292, 13.5.2024, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_internation/2024/1292/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2024/1292/oj)).

Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on supplementary rules in relation to the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, for the period 2021 to 2027, signed on 20 December 2023 (OJ L, 2024/1591, 5.6.2024, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_internation/2024/1591/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2024/1591/oj)).

Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, for the period 2021 to 2027, signed on 20 December 2023 (OJ L, 2024/1592, 5.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree/2024/1592/oj>).

**Reference acts:**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 11 March 2025, establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union, and repealing Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, Council Directive 2001/40/EC and Council Decision 2004/191/EC (COM(2025) 101 final)

**Article 12 02 01 — Internal Security Fund (ISF)**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 324 973 000       | 243 818 393 | 324 973 000             | 243 818 393 | 324 973 000        | 243 818 393 | 324 473 000               | 243 318 393 | 324 473 000       | 243 318 393 |

**Article 12 10 01 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)**

|          | Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments    | Commitment<br>s         | Payments    | Commitment<br>s    | Payments    | Commitment<br>s           | Payments    | Commitment<br>s   | Payments    |
| 12 10 01 | 238 251 783       | 236 744 283 | 238 251 783             | 236 744 283 | 255 251 783        | 253 744 283 | 238 251 783               | 236 744 283 | 238 251 783       | 236 744 283 |
| Reserve  | 19 678 000        | 19 678 000  | 19 678 000              | 19 678 000  | 19 678 000         | 19 678 000  | 19 678 000                | 19 678 000  | 19 678 000        | 19 678 000  |
| Total    | 257 929 783       | 256 422 283 | 257 929 783             | 256 422 283 | 274 929 783        | 273 422 283 | 257 929 783               | 256 422 283 | 257 929 783       | 256 422 283 |

## Remarks:

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) is the Union's law enforcement agency, whose remit is to help make Europe safer by assisting law enforcement authorities in Member States. Europol offers support for law enforcement operations on the ground, is a hub for information on criminal activities, as well as a centre of law enforcement expertise.

|                                                            |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Union contribution                                   | 261 380 303 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus</i> | 3 450 520   |
| Amount entered in the budget                               | 257 929 783 |

## Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA (OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/794/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 November 2018 on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, amending and repealing Council Decision 2007/533/JHA, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Decision 2010/261/EU (OJ L 312, 7.12.2018, p. 56, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1862/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1726 and (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 27, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/817/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 85, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/818/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2021/1133 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 amending Regulations (EU) No 603/2013, (EU) 2016/794, (EU) 2018/1862, (EU) 2019/816 and (EU) 2019/818 as regards the establishment of the conditions for accessing other EU information systems for the purposes of the Visa Information System (OJ L 248, 13.7.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1133/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2021/1134 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EC) No 810/2009, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1860, (EU) 2018/1861, (EU) 2019/817 and (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA, for the purpose of reforming the Visa Information System (OJ L 248, 13.7.2021, p. 11, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1134/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2022/991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794, as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties, the processing of personal data by Europol in support of criminal investigations, and Europol's role in research and innovation (OJ L 169, 27.6.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/991/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2022/1190 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 as regards the entry of information alerts into the Schengen Information System (SIS) on third-country nationals in the interest of the Union (OJ L 185, 12.7.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/1190/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2024/982 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 on the automated search and exchange of data for police cooperation, and amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) No 2019/817 and (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Prüm II Regulation) (OJ L, 2024/982, 5.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/982/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2024/1358 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on the establishment of ‘Eurodac’ for the comparison of biometric data in order to effectively apply Regulations (EU) 2024/1351 and (EU) 2024/1350 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 2001/55/EC and to identify illegally staying third-country nationals and stateless persons and on requests for the comparison with Eurodac data by Member States’ law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes, amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EU) No 603/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L, 2024/1358, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1358/oj>).

### Reference acts:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 28 November 2023, on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol’s support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 (COM(2023) 754 final).

### Article 12 10 02 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 12 441 484        | 12 441 484 | 12 441 484              | 12 441 484 | 12 441 484         | 12 441 484 | 12 941 484                | 12 941 484 | 12 941 484        | 12 941 484 |

### Remarks:

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) is an agency of the Union dedicated to develop, implement and coordinate training for law enforcement officials. CEPOL contributes to a safer Europe by facilitating cooperation and knowledge sharing among law enforcement officials of the Member States, and to some extent from third countries, on issues stemming from Union priorities in the field of security; in particular, from the EU Policy Cycle on serious and organised crime. CEPOL brings together a network of training institutes for law enforcement officials in Member States and supports them in providing frontline training on security priorities, law enforcement cooperation and information exchange. CEPOL also works with Union bodies, international organisations and third countries to ensure that the most serious security threats are tackled with a collective response.

|                                                            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Union contribution                                   | 13 059 630 |
| <i>of which amount coming from the recovery of surplus</i> | 118 146    |
| Amount entered in the budget                               | 12 941 484 |

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2015/2219 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2005/681/JHA (OJ L 319, 4.12.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/2219/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240, (EU) 2018/1726 and (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decisions 2004/512/EC and 2008/633/JHA (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 27, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/817/oj>).

Regulation (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 (OJ L 135, 22.5.2019, p. 85, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/818/oj>).

#### Item 12 20 04 01 — Nuclear safeguards

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 20 607 990        | 19 600 000 | 20 070 951              | 19 420 000 | 20 607 990         | 19 600 000 | 20 607 990                | 19 600 000 | 20 607 990        | 19 600 000 |

#### Article 13 01 06 — Support expenditure for the European Defence Industry Programme

|          | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 01 06 | p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | p.m.              |
| Reserve  | 4 712 000         | 4 712 000               | 4 712 000          | 4 712 000                 | 14 757 000        |
| Total    | 4 712 000         | 4 712 000               | 4 712 000          | 4 712 000                 | 14 757 000        |

#### Article 13 01 07 — Support expenditure for Ukraine Support Instrument

|          | Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 01 07 |                   |                         |                    |                           | p.m.              |
| Reserve  |                   |                         |                    |                           | 2 000 000         |
| Total    |                   |                         |                    |                           | 2 000 000         |

#### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure described in this chapter relating to the establishment of a cooperation programme with Ukraine with a view to the recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of the Ukraine defence technological and industrial base (the ‘Ukraine Support Instrument’) in accordance with the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products (‘EDIP’).

#### Legal basis:

See Chapter 14 09.

#### Article 13 04 01 — Military mobility

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 249 391 815       | 165 000 000 | 249 928 854             | 165 180 000 | 284 391 815        | 182 500 000 | 249 391 815               | 165 000 000 | 259 391 815       | 167 500 000 |

#### Article 13 08 01 — European Defence Industry Programme

|          | Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   | Commitment<br>s         | Payments   | Commitment<br>s    | Payments   | Commitment<br>s           | Payments   | Commitment<br>s   | Payments   |
| 13 08 01 | p.m.              | p.m.       | p.m.                    | p.m.       | p.m.               | p.m.       | p.m.                      | p.m.       | p.m.              | p.m.       |
| Reserve  | 616 544 000       | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000             | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000        | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000               | 90 000 000 | 456 499 000       | 58 869 212 |
| Total    | 616 544 000       | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000             | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000        | 90 000 000 | 616 544 000               | 90 000 000 | 456 499 000       | 58 869 212 |

## Article 13 08 02 — Ukraine Support Instrument

|          | Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
|          | Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 13 08 02 |                   |          |                         |          |                    |          |                           |          | p.m.              | p.m.       |
| Reserve  |                   |          |                         |          |                    |          |                           |          | 148 000 000       | 19 085 788 |
| Total    |                   |          |                         |          |                    |          |                           |          | 148 000 000       | 19 085 788 |

### Remarks:

Appropriations are intended to cover operational expenditure and provide financial support to the establishment of a cooperation programme with Ukraine with a view to the recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of the Ukraine defence technological and industrial base (the ‘Ukraine Support Instrument’).

### Item 14 01 01 01 — Support expenditure for the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 360 669 563       | 347 855 997             | 360 669 563        | 360 669 563               | 360 669 563       |

### Article 14 01 02 — Support expenditure for humanitarian aid

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 11 184 687        | 11 000 673              | 11 184 687         | 11 184 687                | 11 184 687        |

### Article 14 01 07 — Support expenditure for Ukraine Support Instrument

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| p.m.              | p.m.                    | p.m.               | p.m.                      | —                 |

### Item 14 02 01 10 — Southern Neighbourhood

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 1 828 764 508     | 1 126 441 967 | 1 828 764 508           | 1 126 441 967 | 1 863 764 508      | 1 143 941 967 | 1 828 764 508             | 1 126 441 967 | 1 863 764 508     | 1 143 941 967 |

### Remarks:

This appropriation is intended to provide support to the Southern Neighbourhood partner countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territories, Syria, Tunisia) and covers actions implemented in the areas of cooperation specified in the NDICI — Global Europe, including through multi-country, regional, and trans-regional programmes. Priority areas for Union financing are selected mainly from those included in the association, partnership and cooperation agreements, jointly agreed partnership priorities or other relevant, existing and future, jointly agreed documents between the Union and the partner countries in bilateral and multilateral formats.

In addition, this appropriation contributes to the specific objectives of Union support for the Neighbourhood, which are:

- to promote enhanced political cooperation and strengthen and consolidate deep and sustainable democracy, stability, good governance, the rule of law and the respect for human rights;
- to support the implementation of association agreements or other existing and future agreements, and jointly agreed association agendas and partnership priorities or equivalent documents, including through institutional cooperation and capacity building;
- to promote a strengthened partnership with societies between the Union and the partner countries, and among the partner countries, including through people-to-people contacts and a wide range of activities with a specific focus on youth;

- to enhance regional and cross-border cooperation, in particular in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean, European Neighbourhood-wide collaboration, including in the areas of energy and security;
- to achieve progressive integration into the Union internal market and enhanced sectoral and cross-sectoral cooperation, including through legislative approximation and regulatory convergence towards Union and other relevant international norms and standards, and improved market access, including through deep and comprehensive free trade areas, related institution building and investment;
- to strengthen partnerships on well-managed and safe migration and mobility and, where applicable and provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place, support the implementation of existing visa-free regimes, in line with the revised visa suspension mechanism, visa liberalisation dialogues and bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements with third countries, including mobility partnerships;
- to support confidence-building and other measures contributing to security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts, including support to affected populations and reconstruction.

Part of the appropriation can also be used to implement the incentive-based approach as set out in the NDICI — Global Europe.

#### **Item 14 02 01 11 — Eastern Neighbourhood**

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 339 730 635       | 362 827 899 | 339 730 635             | 362 827 899 | 364 730 635        | 375 327 899 | 339 730 635               | 362 827 899 | 249 930 635       | 326 977 899 |

#### **Remarks:**

This appropriation is intended to provide support to the Eastern Neighbourhood partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine) and cover actions implemented in the areas of cooperation specified in the NDICI — Global Europe, including through multi-country, regional, and trans-regional programmes. Priority areas for Union financing are selected mainly from those included in the association, partnership and cooperation agreements, jointly agreed association agendas and partnership priorities or other relevant, existing and future, jointly agreed documents between the Union and the partner countries in bilateral and multilateral formats.

In addition, this appropriation contributes to the specific objectives of Union support for the Neighbourhood, which are:

- to promote enhanced political cooperation and strengthen and consolidate deep and sustainable democracy, stability, good governance, the rule of law and the respect for human rights;
- to support the implementation of association agreements or other existing and future agreements, and jointly agreed association agendas and partnership priorities or equivalent documents, including through institutional cooperation and capacity building;
- to promote a strengthened partnership with societies between the Union and the partner countries, and among the partner countries, including through people-to-people contacts and a wide range of activities with a specific focus on youth;
- to enhance regional cooperation, in particular in the framework of the Eastern Partnership, European Neighbourhood-wide collaboration as well as Black Sea regional cooperation, Arctic cooperation, the Northern Dimension, including in the areas of energy and security;
- to achieve progressive integration into the Union internal market and enhanced sectoral and cross-sectoral cooperation, including through legislative approximation and regulatory

convergence towards Union and other relevant international norms and standards, and improved market access, including through deep and comprehensive free trade areas, related institution building and investment;

- to strengthen partnerships on well-managed and safe migration and mobility and, where applicable and provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place, support the implementation of existing visa-free regimes, in line with the revised visa suspension mechanism, visa liberalisation dialogues and bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements with third countries, including mobility partnerships;
- to support confidence-building and other measures contributing to security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts, including support to affected populations and reconstruction.

Part of the appropriation can also be used to implement the incentive-based approach as set out in the NDICI — Global Europe.

#### Item 14 02 01 13 — Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments   |
|                   |          |                         |          | p.m.               | p.m.     |                           |          | 114 800 000       | 48 350 000 |

#### Remarks:

Appropriations under this chapter are intended to cover operational expenditure and provide financial support to Moldova in the framework of the Reform and Growth Facility. The Facility will provide assistance to Moldova for the delivery of socio-economic reforms and investments outlined in its Reform Agenda in view to accelerate its convergence with the EU.

#### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU) 2025/535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2025 establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova (OJ L, 2025/535, 21.3.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/535/oj>).

#### Article 14 03 01 — Humanitarian aid

| Draft budget 2026 |               | Council's position 2026 |               | EP's position 2026 |               | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |               | Conciliation 2026 |               |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Commitments       | Payments      | Commitments             | Payments      | Commitments        | Payments      | Commitments               | Payments      | Commitments       | Payments      |
| 1 833 505 988     | 2 067 862 000 | 1 852 391 798           | 2 074 391 508 | 1 883 505 988      | 2 117 862 000 | 1 833 505 988             | 2 067 862 000 | 1 868 505 988     | 2 095 862 000 |

#### Article 14 09 01 — Ukraine Support Instrument

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | p.m.     | p.m.                    | p.m.     | p.m.               | p.m.     | p.m.                      | p.m.     | —                 | —        |

#### Item 14 20 04 02 — External trade relations and Aid for Trade

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 20 718 432        | 18 900 000 | 20 071 638              | 18 685 000 | 20 718 432         | 18 900 000 | 20 718 432                | 18 900 000 | 20 718 432        | 18 900 000 |

#### Item 14 20 04 03 — Information policy and strategic communication for external action

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 51 025 401        | 49 312 525 | 48 793 230              | 48 572 525 | 51 025 401         | 49 312 525 | 51 025 401                | 49 312 525 | 51 025 401        | 49 312 525 |

#### Item 14 20 04 04 — Strategic evaluations and audits

| Draft budget 2026 |            | Council's position 2026 |            | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |            | Conciliation 2026 |            |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commitments       | Payments   | Commitments             | Payments   | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments   | Commitments       | Payments   |
| 20 688 300        | 18 260 000 | 18 799 637              | 17 630 000 | 20 688 300         | 18 260 000 | 20 688 300                | 18 260 000 | 20 688 300        | 18 260 000 |

**Item 14 20 04 05** — Promotion of the coordination between the Union and Member States on development cooperation and humanitarian aid

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| 8 317 993         | 7 326 272 | 8 058 319               | 7 240 272 | 8 317 993          | 7 326 272 | 8 317 993                 | 7 326 272 | 8 317 993         | 7 326 272 |

**Item 15 01 01 01** — Support expenditure for IPA

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 58 237 713        |  | 57 376 785              |  | 58 237 713         |  | 58 237 713                |  | 58 237 713        |  |

**Item 20 01 01 01** — Salaries, allowances and payments of Members of the institution

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 13 461 000        |  | 13 461 000              |  | 13 461 000         |  | 13 461 000                |  | 13 198 000        |  |

**Item 20 01 01 03** — Allowances of former Members

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 1 527 000         |  | 1 527 000               |  | 1 527 000          |  | 1 527 000                 |  | 1 497 000         |  |

**Item 20 01 02 01** — Remuneration and allowances — Headquarters and Representation offices

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 2 876 647 656     |  | 2 876 647 656           |  | 2 876 647 656      |  | 2 876 647 656             |  | 2 819 649 656     |  |

**Item 20 01 02 02** — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service — Headquarters and Representation offices

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 16 565 000        |  | 16 565 000              |  | 16 565 000         |  | 16 565 000                |  | 16 266 000        |  |

**Item 20 01 02 03** — Remuneration and allowances — Union delegations

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 156 981 000       |  | 156 981 000             |  | 156 981 000        |  | 156 981 000               |  | 153 921 000       |  |

**Item 20 01 02 04** — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service — Union delegations

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 9 649 000         |  | 9 649 000               |  | 9 649 000          |  | 9 649 000                 |  | 9 589 000         |  |

**Article 20 01 04** — Officials in non-active status, retired in the interests of the service or dismissed

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 7 864 000         |  | 7 864 000               |  | 7 864 000          |  | 7 864 000                 |  | 7 709 000         |  |

**Item 20 02 01 01** — Contract staff

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 112 839 876       |  | 110 139 876             |  | 112 839 876        |  | 112 839 876               |  | 111 055 971       |  |

**Item 20 02 01 02** — Agency staff and technical and administrative assistance in support of different activities

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 12 152 867        |  | 12 152 867              |  | 12 152 867         |  | 12 152 867                |  | 12 015 404        |  |

**Item 20 02 01 03** — National civil servants temporarily assigned to the institution

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 52 175 883        |  | 52 175 883              |  | 52 175 883         |  | 52 175 883                |  | 51 310 308        |  |

**Item 20 02 02 01** — Contract staff

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 21 808 000        |  | 21 808 000              |  | 21 808 000         |  | 21 808 000                |  | 21 686 000        |  |

**Item 20 02 03 01** — Contract staff

| Draft budget 2026 |  | Council's position 2026 |  | EP's position 2026 |  | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |  | Conciliation 2026 |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 941 000           |  | 941 000                 |  | 941 000            |  | 941 000                   |  | 924 000           |  |

**Article 20 02 04 — Cost of organising graduate traineeships with the institution**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 900 000        | 13 900 000              | 13 900 000         | 13 900 000                | 13 700 000        |

**Article 20 02 05 — Special advisers**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 728 000         | 1 728 000               | 1 728 000          | 1 728 000                 | 1 710 000         |

**Article 20 10 01 — Translation Centre for bodies of the European Union**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 200 000         | p.m.                    | 3 200 000          | 3 200 000                 | 3 200 000         |

**Article 21 01 01 — Pensions and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 995 843 000     | 2 995 843 000           | 2 995 843 000      | 2 995 843 000             | 2 934 716 000     |

**Item 21 01 02 01 — Pensions of former Members of the European Parliament**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 24 257 000        | 24 257 000              | 24 257 000         | 24 257 000                | 23 785 000        |

**Item 21 01 02 02 — Pensions of former Presidents of the European Council and of former Secretaries-General of the Council of the European Union**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 821 000           | 821 000                 | 821 000            | 821 000                   | 805 000           |

**Item 21 01 02 03 — Pensions of former Members of the Commission**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 14 289 000        | 14 289 000              | 14 289 000         | 14 289 000                | 14 010 000        |

**Item 21 01 02 04 — Pensions of former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 21 132 000        | 21 132 000              | 21 132 000         | 21 132 000                | 20 722 000        |

**Item 21 01 02 05 — Pensions of former Members of the Court of Auditors**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 8 386 000         | 8 386 000               | 8 386 000          | 8 386 000                 | 8 222 000         |

**Item 21 01 02 06 — Pensions of former European Ombudsmen**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 320 000           | 320 000                 | 320 000            | 320 000                   | 313 000           |

**Item 21 01 02 07 — Pensions of former European Data Protection Supervisors**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 400 000           | 400 000                 | 400 000            | 400 000                   | 394 000           |

**Item 21 02 01 01 — Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools (Brussels)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 18 658 217        | 18 658 217              | 18 658 217         | 18 658 217                | 18 603 690        |

**Item 21 02 01 02 — Brussels I (Uccle)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 50 074 677        | 50 074 677              | 50 074 677         | 50 074 677                | 48 794 818        |

**Item 21 02 01 03 — Brussels II (Woluwe)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 43 910 339        | 43 910 339              | 43 910 339         | 43 910 339                | 42 866 655        |

**Item 21 02 01 04 — Brussels III (Ixelles)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 36 979 862        | 36 979 862              | 36 979 862         | 36 979 862                | 36 046 764        |

**Item 21 02 01 05 — Brussels IV (Laeken)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 35 501 500        | 35 501 500              | 35 501 500         | 35 501 500                | 34 562 938        |

**Item 21 02 01 06 — Luxembourg I**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 25 789 995        | 25 789 995              | 25 789 995         | 25 789 995                | 25 083 629        |

**Item 21 02 01 07 — Luxembourg II**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 16 744 841        | 16 744 841              | 16 744 841         | 16 744 841                | 16 223 379        |

**Item 21 02 01 08 — Mol (BE)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 11 831 023        | 11 831 023              | 11 831 023         | 11 831 023                | 11 511 347        |

**Item 21 02 01 09 — Frankfurt am Main (DE)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 8 973 151         | 8 973 151               | 8 973 151          | 8 973 151                 | 8 706 543         |

**Item 21 02 01 10 — Karlsruhe (DE)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 7 605 891         | 7 605 891               | 7 605 891          | 7 605 891                 | 7 252 166         |

**Item 21 02 01 11 — Munich (DE)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 645 945           | 645 945                 | 645 945            | 645 945                   | 630 788           |

**Item 21 02 01 12 — Alicante (ES)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 703 986         | 1 703 986               | 1 703 986          | 1 703 986                 | 1 650 153         |

**Item 21 02 01 13 — Varese (IT)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 14 227 750        | 14 227 750              | 14 227 750         | 14 227 750                | 13 769 743        |

**Item 21 02 01 14 — Bergen (NL)**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 013 500         | 5 013 500               | 5 013 500          | 5 013 500                 | 4 883 939         |

**Article 30 01 01 — Administrative reserve**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 117 886 642       | 114 122 328             | 117 886 642        | 117 886 642               | 17 657 000        |

**Remarks:**

The appropriations entered in this article are purely provisional and may only be used after their transfer to another budget line in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

The breakdown is as follows:

|              |         |          |                                                                           |                    |
|--------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.           | Article | 10 01 01 | Support expenditure for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | 900 000            |
| 2.           | Article | 13 01 06 | Support expenditure for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | 14 757 000         |
| 3.           | Article | 13 01 07 | Support expenditure for Ukraine Support Instrument                        | 2 000 000          |
| <b>Total</b> |         |          |                                                                           | <b>117 886 642</b> |

**Legal basis:**

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

## Article 30 02 02 — Differentiated appropriations

| Draft budget 2026 |             | Council's position 2026 |             | EP's position 2026 |             | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |             | Conciliation 2026 |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commitments       | Payments    | Commitments             | Payments    | Commitments        | Payments    | Commitments               | Payments    | Commitments       | Payments    |
| 955 988 595       | 256 374 179 | 955 988 595             | 256 374 179 | 955 988 595        | 256 374 179 | 952 963 595               | 253 349 179 | 759 384 325       | 203 997 325 |

### Remarks:

The appropriations in this title are intended for two circumstances only: (a) where no basic act exists for the action concerned when the budget is established; and (b) where there are serious grounds for doubting the adequacy of the appropriations or the possibility of implementing, under conditions consistent with sound financial management, the appropriations entered in the budget lines concerned. The appropriations entered in this article may be used only after transfer in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of the Financial Regulation for cases under point (a) and in Article 31 of the Financial Regulation for cases under point (b).

The breakdown is as follows (commitments, payments):

|     |         |             |                                                                                                                         |              |                                |
|-----|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Article | 03 10 03    | European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)                                                          | 231 000      | 231 000                        |
| 2.  | Article | 03 10 04    | European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)                                                                        | 410 000      | 410 000                        |
| 3.  | Article | 03 10 06    | European Union Customs Authority (EUCA)                                                                                 | 928 000      | 928 000                        |
| 4.  | Article | 06 10 02    | European Food Safety Authority                                                                                          | 830 000      | 287 000                        |
| 5.  | Item    | 06 10 03 01 | Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency                                                                     | 651 000      | 651 000                        |
| 6.  | Item    | 06 10 03 02 | Special contribution for orphan medicinal products                                                                      | 1 172 000    | 1 172 000                      |
| 7.  | Article | 08 05 01    | Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third-country waters | 114 190 000  | 85 890 000                     |
| 8.  | Article | 09 10 01    | European Chemicals Agency – Environmental directives and international conventions                                      | 11 407 115   | 11 407 115                     |
| 9.  | Article | 09 10 02    | European Environment Agency                                                                                             | 5 388 210    | 5 388 210                      |
| 10. | Article | 12 10 01    | European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)                                                         | 19 678 000   | 19 678 000                     |
| 11. | Article | 13 08 01    | European Defence Industry Programme                                                                                     | 456 499 000  | 58 869 212                     |
| 12. | Article | 13 08 02    | Ukraine Support Instrument                                                                                              | 148 000 000  | 19 085 788                     |
|     |         |             |                                                                                                                         | <b>Total</b> | <b>759 384 325 203 997 325</b> |

### Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

# S 03 01 20 — European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

| Function group and grade | European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                             |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget                |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                                  | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 15                    |                                                  | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 14                    |                                                  | 12              |                                   | 10              |
| AD 13                    |                                                  | 22              |                                   | 18              |
| AD 12                    |                                                  | 40              |                                   | 40              |
| AD 11                    |                                                  | 45              |                                   | 39              |
| AD 10                    |                                                  | 87              |                                   | 68              |
| AD 9                     |                                                  | 202             |                                   | 205             |
| AD 8                     |                                                  | 435             |                                   | 418             |
| AD 7                     |                                                  | 118             |                                   | 65              |
| AD 6                     |                                                  | 39              |                                   | 24              |
| AD 5                     |                                                  | 1               |                                   |                 |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                                  | <i>1 002</i>    |                                   | <i>888</i>      |
| AST 11                   |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 10                   |                                                  | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AST 9                    |                                                  | 12              |                                   | 8               |
| AST 8                    |                                                  | 12              |                                   | 15              |
| AST 7                    |                                                  | 6               |                                   | 5               |
| AST 6                    |                                                  | 26              |                                   | 20              |
| AST 5                    |                                                  | 558             |                                   | 494             |
| AST 4                    |                                                  | 408             |                                   | 355             |
| AST 3                    |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 2                    |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 1                    |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                                  | <i>1 024</i>    |                                   | <i>899</i>      |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                                  |                 |                                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                                  | <b>2 026</b>    |                                   | <b>1 787</b>    |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>2 026</b>                                     |                 | <b>1 787</b>                      |                 |

## S 03 01 21 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

| Function group and grade | European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                                            |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget                               |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                                                 | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                                                 | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 15                    |                                                                 | 3               |                                   | 2               |
| AD 14                    |                                                                 | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 13                    |                                                                 | 2               |                                   | 4               |
| AD 12                    |                                                                 | 11              |                                   | 11              |
| AD 11                    |                                                                 | 16              |                                   | 15              |
| AD 10                    |                                                                 | 35              |                                   | 29              |
| AD 9                     |                                                                 | 72              |                                   | 62              |
| AD 8                     |                                                                 | 148             |                                   | 133             |
| AD 7                     |                                                                 | 259             |                                   | 246             |
| AD 6                     |                                                                 | 231             |                                   | 242             |
| AD 5                     |                                                                 | 7               |                                   | 22              |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                                                 | <i>786</i>      |                                   | <i>768</i>      |
| AST 11                   |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 10                   |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 9                    |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 8                    |                                                                 | 2               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 7                    |                                                                 | 3               |                                   | 3               |
| AST 6                    |                                                                 | 5               |                                   | 6               |
| AST 5                    |                                                                 | 3               |                                   | 2               |
| AST 4                    |                                                                 | 3               |                                   | 3               |
| AST 3                    |                                                                 | 3               |                                   | 4               |
| AST 2                    |                                                                 | 4               |                                   | 4               |
| AST 1                    |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                                                 | <i>23</i>       |                                   | <i>23</i>       |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                                                 |                 |                                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                                                 | <b>809</b>      |                                   | <b>791</b>      |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>809</b>                                                      |                 | <b>791</b>                        |                 |

**S 03 01 27 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)**

| Function group and grade | European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                          |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget             |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                               | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 15                    |                                               | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AD 14                    |                                               |                 |                                   | 1               |
| AD 13                    |                                               | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 12                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 11                    |                                               | 3               |                                   | 4               |
| AD 10                    |                                               | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AD 9                     |                                               | 5               |                                   | 4               |
| AD 8                     |                                               | 5               |                                   | 4               |
| AD 7                     |                                               | 5               |                                   | 5               |
| AD 6                     |                                               | 1               |                                   | 3               |
| AD 5                     |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                               | 22              |                                   | 22              |
| AST 11                   |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 10                   |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 9                    |                                               | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 8                    |                                               | 2               |                                   |                 |
| AST 7                    |                                               | 2               |                                   | 4               |
| AST 6                    |                                               | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 5                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 4                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 3                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 2                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 1                    |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                               | 6               |                                   | 6               |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                               |                 |                                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                               | <b>28</b>       |                                   | <b>28</b>       |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>28</b>                                     |                 | <b>28</b>                         |                 |

# **S 03 01 31 — European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)**

| Function group and grade | European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                       |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget          |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                            | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 15                    |                                            | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 14                    |                                            | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 13                    |                                            | 25              |                                   | 25              |
| AD 12                    |                                            | 3               |                                   | 3               |
| AD 11                    |                                            | 6               |                                   | 2               |
| AD 10                    |                                            | 9               |                                   | 9               |
| AD 9                     |                                            | 10              |                                   | 8               |
| AD 8                     |                                            | 29              |                                   | 20              |
| AD 7                     |                                            | 38              |                                   | 45              |
| AD 6                     |                                            | 31              |                                   | 37              |
| AD 5                     |                                            | 10              |                                   | 12              |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                            | <i>163</i>      |                                   | <i>163</i>      |
| AST 11                   |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 10                   |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 9                    |                                            | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 8                    |                                            | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 7                    |                                            | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AST 6                    |                                            | 4               |                                   | 3               |
| AST 5                    |                                            | 23              |                                   | 13              |
| AST 4                    |                                            | 25              |                                   | 33              |
| AST 3                    |                                            | 13              |                                   | 17              |
| AST 2                    |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 1                    |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                            | <i>68</i>       |                                   | <i>68</i>       |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                            | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                            | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                            | 2               |                                   | 3               |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                            |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                            | <i>4</i>        |                                   | <i>4</i>        |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                            | <b>235</b>      |                                   | <b>235</b>      |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>235</b>                                 |                 | <b>235</b>                        |                 |

**S 03 02 02 — European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre (ECCC)**

| Function group and grade | European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre (ECCC) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                                                                |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget                                                   |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                                                                     | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 15                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 14                    |                                                                                     | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AD 13                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 12                    |                                                                                     | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AD 11                    |                                                                                     | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AD 10                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 9                     |                                                                                     | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AD 8                     |                                                                                     | 3               |                                   | 3               |
| AD 7                     |                                                                                     | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AD 6                     |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 5                     |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                                                                     | <i>11</i>       |                                   | <i>10</i>       |
| AST 11                   |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 10                   |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 9                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 8                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 7                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 6                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 5                    |                                                                                     | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AST 4                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 3                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 2                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 1                    |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                                                                     | <i>1</i>        |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                                                                     |                 |                                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                                                                     | <b>12</b>       |                                   | <b>10</b>       |
| <b>Grand total</b>       | <b>12</b>                                                                           |                 | <b>10</b>                         |                 |

### S 03 04 03 — European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA)

| Function group and grade | European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA) |                 |                                   |                 |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 2026                                                 |                 | 2025                              |                 |
|                          | Authorized under the Union budget                    |                 | Authorized under the Union budget |                 |
|                          | Permanent posts                                      | Temporary posts | Permanent posts                   | Temporary posts |
| AD 16                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AD 15                    |                                                      | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AD 14                    |                                                      | 11              |                                   | 11              |
| AD 13                    |                                                      | 6               |                                   | 7               |
| AD 12                    |                                                      | 16              |                                   | 13              |
| AD 11                    |                                                      | 5               |                                   | 11              |
| AD 10                    |                                                      | 12              |                                   | 8               |
| AD 9                     |                                                      | 7               |                                   | 14              |
| AD 8                     |                                                      | 10              |                                   | 11              |
| AD 7                     |                                                      | 10              |                                   | 21              |
| AD 6                     |                                                      | 29              |                                   | 2               |
| AD 5                     |                                                      | 11              |                                   | 19              |
| <i>AD Subtotal</i>       |                                                      | <i>118</i>      |                                   | <i>117</i>      |
| AST 11                   |                                                      | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AST 10                   |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 9                    |                                                      | 1               |                                   | 1               |
| AST 8                    |                                                      | 1               |                                   |                 |
| AST 7                    |                                                      | 1               |                                   | 2               |
| AST 6                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 5                    |                                                      | 2               |                                   | 2               |
| AST 4                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 3                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 2                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST 1                    |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST Subtotal</i>      |                                                      | <i>7</i>        |                                   | <i>7</i>        |
| AST/SC 6                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 5                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 4                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 3                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 2                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| AST/SC 1                 |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| <i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>   |                                                      |                 |                                   |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             |                                                      | <b>125</b>      |                                   | <b>124</b>      |
| <b>Grand total[1]</b>    | <b>125</b>                                           |                 | <b>124</b>                        |                 |

(1)The establishment plan posts includes 16 posts in 2025 and 11 posts in 2024 financed outside from NGEU and programmes outside the Union budget.

**Item O1 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 79 484 080        | 79 484 080              | 79 484 080         | 79 484 080                | 77 943 080        |

**Item O1 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 436 000           | 436 000                 | 436 000            | 436 000                   | 429 000           |

**Article O1 01 02 — External personnel**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 936 000         | 2 936 000               | 2 936 000          | 2 936 000                 | 2 901 000         |

**Item O2 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 15 336 224        | 15 336 224              | 15 336 224         | 15 336 224                | 15 035 224        |

**Article O2 01 02 — External personnel**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 752 000         | 1 752 000               | 1 752 000          | 1 752 000                 | 1 726 000         |

**Item O3 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 18 610 200        | 18 610 200              | 18 610 200         | 18 610 200                | 18 182 200        |

**Item O3 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 115 000           | 115 000                 | 115 000            | 115 000                   | 113 000           |

**Article O3 01 02 — External personnel**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 25 437 536        | 25 437 536              | 25 437 536         | 25 437 536                | 24 807 536        |

**Item O4 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 39 352 000        | 39 352 000              | 39 352 000         | 39 352 000                | 38 562 000        |

**Item O4 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 163 000           | 163 000                 | 163 000            | 163 000                   | 161 000           |

**Item O4 01 02 01 — External personnel — OIB**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 34 860 000        | 34 860 000              | 34 860 000         | 34 860 000                | 34 077 000        |

**Item O4 01 02 02 — External personnel — Childcare facilities**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 868 000        | 13 868 000              | 13 868 000         | 13 868 000                | 13 478 000        |

**Item O5 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 335 088        | 13 335 088              | 13 335 088         | 13 335 088                | 13 078 088        |

**Item O5 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 91 000            | 91 000                  | 91 000             | 91 000                    | 90 000            |

**Item O5 01 02 01 — External personnel — OIL**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 818 336        | 10 818 336              | 10 818 336         | 10 818 336                | 10 624 336        |

**Item O5 01 02 02 — External personnel — Childcare facilities**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 606 000         | 3 606 000               | 3 606 000          | 3 606 000                 | 3 569 000         |

**Item O6 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 53 692 224        | 53 692 224              | 53 692 224         | 53 692 224                | 52 646 224        |

**Item O6 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 181 000           | 181 000                 | 181 000            | 181 000                   | 179 000           |

**Article O6 01 02 — External personnel**

| Draft budget 2026 | Council's position 2026 | EP's position 2026 | Revised Draft Budget 2026 | Conciliation 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 376 000         | 3 376 000               | 3 376 000          | 3 376 000                 | 3 359 000         |

**Item PP 01 25 01 — Pilot project — Evaluation of drought monitoring and natural restoration of soils and groundwater**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | 500 000  | p.m.                    | 500 000  | 1 000 000          | 1 000 000 | p.m.                      | 500 000  | 1 000 000         | 750 000  |

**Remarks:**

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

The aim of this pilot project is to:

- study and establish procedures for monitoring, preparing and controlling the consequences of drought on soil productivity, measures for natural restoration and water resilience and the mitigation of these effects.
- compare existing experiences, experimentally apply different methods in at least three different case studies and develop a best practice guide to be made available to Member States.

**Item PP 01 25 02 — Pilot project — HAB-Hub: Near Real-Time Monitoring System for Harmful Algal Blooms in European Waters**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | 875 000  | p.m.                    | 875 000  | 250 000            | 1 000 000 | p.m.                      | 875 000  | 250 000           | 937 500  |

**Remarks:**

This project aims to develop a system, which integrates existing European datasets and services and allows for near-real time prediction and monitoring of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in aquatic environments.

A data management module and a distributed computing network allow for efficient data processing, ensuring automatic integration of relevant data from existing databases, e.g. EEA, EMODnet, and services, e.g. CMEMS, C3S. Furthermore, the system will allow for assimilation of in-situ measurements.

Data analysis, a prediction module and anomaly detection algorithms coupled with machine learning solutions enable near real-time detection of the occurrence of HABs and rapid prediction of their spatial and temporal evolution.

Additional R&D efforts could target innovative HAB data collection and monitoring solutions. AI-based tools enable identification of regions with high predictions uncertainty, which should be prioritised for monitoring. Incorporation of unmanned vehicles and sensors within the system supports the prediction process and validation by providing high-resolution imagery and high frequency in situ measurements, respectively.

An expected Technology Readiness Level 4 (TRL 4) of the system will be assessed by demonstrating the predictive and analytic capabilities of the system in retrospective mode. Afterwards, the system's performance will be tested during a 6-month period in relevant environment in selected regions within Member State, aiming for TRL 6.

Additionally to what was done in the HAB-Hub Stage 1, HAB-Hub Stage 2 will add new functionalities and eventually expanding to include further monitored areas, particularly those with other characteristics. The aim of the project is to test new concepts and verify them in the pilot instance. In particular, the following tasks should be carried out in the project:

- Prediction and simulation of changes. Developed implementation of AI algorithms.

- Extensive analysis (including statistical ones). The aim is to identify areas potentially at risk and indicate areas for obtaining additional data (measurements).
- Alert system. Early warning of hazards.
- A system of early identification of potential threats - in areas of increased risk. This involves special monitoring of such areas, implementation of both automatic and manual solutions for additional ones, including "on-demand", and data acquisition (e.g. using drones, robots).
- Monitoring and analysis of small waters (rivers, lakes)
- Preparation of data supply mechanisms by all interested parties, including volunteers (citizen science)
- Building an archive available to all interested institutions and citizens.

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| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 6 020 000          | 3 010 000 |                           |          | 6 020 000         | 1 505 000 |

**Item PP 02 26 01 — Pilot project — Assessing potential Legal Gaps under UNCLOS and other International and EU frameworks, in and around EU Member State Waters to enhance the Union's Maritime Strategic Interests**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 120 000            | 60 000   |                           |          | 120 000           | 30 000   |

#### Remarks:

##### OBJECTIVE:

To identify and assess governance gaps in waters surrounding the EU, through a comprehensive EU legal analysis taking into account the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and other relevant legal frameworks, guidance, jurisprudence, and best practices concerning rights and obligations, including potential limitations for EU Member States as coastal States and/or port States in relation to flag States. The outcome will include a legal brief and recommendations.

##### BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Maritime transport and traffic *are* critical for the EU, both as an independent mode of transport and for trade: over 80% of EU imports and exports of goods are carried by sea. It plays an increasingly strategic role in environmental sustainability, military mobility, and the security and resilience of supply chains.

Given its international nature, maritime transport is primarily governed by international law. However, the current geopolitical context in various regions of the world has revealed potential governance gaps, particularly regarding the balance of legal rights and obligations incumbent on flag, port and coastal States under UNCLOS. These gaps question the effectiveness of existing enforcement mechanisms in addressing significant risks such as unlawful maritime or trade activities (e.g. sanctions circumvention), abuse of the principle of innocent passage and broader geopolitical tensions.

A key emerging threat is the growing presence of the so-called 'dark' or 'shadow' fleet, which heightens maritime safety risks. Acts of sabotage against critical infrastructure further underscore the need for stronger governance frameworks and enforcement capacity. This initiative aims to assess and recommend legal measures to strengthen maritime safety, security and EU strategic interest, by improving monitoring, surveillance, compliance, enforcement and information-sharing at national, EU and international levels.

This **pilot project** supports DG MOVE's mandate to enhance maritime safety, security, sustainability and situational awareness at sea. It focuses on identifying legal and operational gaps that affect the EU's capacity to monitor, assess, enforce and respond to maritime threats, particularly in international waters surrounding the Union. While building on existing tools such as the Directive 2002/59/EC on vessel traffic monitoring and information systems (VTMIS Directive), the project will examine how broader regulatory, information-sharing and cooperation mechanisms could be adapted or expanded to enable more effective maritime oversight, enforcement, and coordinated EU responses to evolving geopolitical and security challenges.

#### SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

##### 1. **Mapping** Governance Gaps:

- Identify key legal, institutional, and operational gaps in the governance of waters surrounding the EU, focusing on UNCLOS, alongside existing EU law and instruments as well as relevant international conventions.
- Analyse relevant provisions of UNCLOS and other applicable frameworks to determine the EU and its Member States' legal rights and obligations as coastal and/or port States within different maritime zones, particularly in relation to non-compliant or bad-faith flag States.
- Examine legal possibilities and constraints for the EU and its Member States to take enforcement action, including against non-compliant actors operating beyond EU jurisdiction.

##### 2. Development of an EU Legal Action Plan:

- Assess the above-mentioned governance gaps and propose legal options and recommendations to address them, ensuring consistency with UNCLOS and other relevant international and EU legal frameworks, and considering best practices from Member States and international bodies.
- Identify mechanisms to strengthen the legal framework supporting EU-level coordination and enforcement in international waters, including enhanced maritime surveillance, information-sharing, transparency measures and mechanisms for coordinated EU-response.

**Item PP 02 26 02** — Pilot project — Elimination of the language barrier for seamless cross-border rail operations

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 900 000          | 950 000  |                           |          | 1 900 000         | 475 000  |

#### Remarks:

Despite progress in establishing the Single European Railway Area, bureaucratic hurdles persist at various levels, hindering the full potential and efficiency of rail transport. These obstacles make cross-border train operations more complex for both freight and passenger services than in other transport modes.

A major challenge continues to be the requirement for train drivers to demonstrate at least a B1-level proficiency in the languages of the countries in which they are operating. This complicates seamless cross-border operations and often results in additional stops at borders to switch train drivers.

For this reason, this Pilot Project aims to support the development and testing of pan-European language tools - particularly AI-based technologies - to break down language barriers. The purpose of this tool is to facilitate operating communication between train drivers and signallers, thereby enhancing efficiency in cross-border rail operations.

In addition, this Pilot Project will propose requirements for digital solutions supporting the driver-signaller communication. This project may also support digital solutions for communication between operators (IM-IM, IM-RU, RU-RU) in accordance with the Technical Specifications for Interoperability for Telematics Applications (TAP and TAF TSI), which will eventually be replaced by the Telematics TSI.

The proposed scope is the entire EU, focusing on cross-border rail connecting countries with different language requirements. This project will support the development and implementation of cross-border TEN-T railway infrastructure projects, such as the flagship project of the Brenner Base Tunnel, scheduled to open in 2032, connecting Austria and Italy.

The project will first begin with a comprehensive assessment of the needs, demands, and challenges faced by all relevant stakeholders for both passenger and freight rail services and establish a detailed list of issues, which will then be examined to identify and develop effective solutions addressing the language barrier and the lack of a TSI-compatible interpretation system of operating communication. This common framework will be used to test new digital communication solutions in real cross-border rail operations, possibly on the route between Munich and Verona via the Brenner. To help improve rail operations across Europe, the method and test results will be clearly documented. Crucially, the Pilot Project will consider the results of Rail Net Europe’s language programme and other activities related to digital communication in railway operations.

The overarching goal of this Pilot Project is to contribute to a truly borderless Single European Railway Area. This Pilot Project should serve as a model for improving interoperability in rail transport by addressing one of the most persistent challenges: the language barrier in cross-border operations. Its aim is to enable broader EU-wide implementation of digital operating communication and foster a more integrated rail network.

**Item PP 02 26 03 — Pilot project — Integrated Surveillance mechanism: Regional Cable hubs**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 4 000 000          | 2 000 000 |                           |          | 4 000 000         | 1 000 000 |

**Remarks:**

Communication cables connect several Member States to one another, link islands to the EU mainland, and connect the EU to the rest of the world, carrying 99% of inter-continental internet traffic. Subsea electricity cables facilitate the integration of Member States' electricity markets, strengthen their security of supply, and deliver offshore renewable energy to the mainland.

There are increasing concerns among European governments over the incidents affecting submarine cables. Europe is currently on high alert after a series of outages to cables and pipelines. In February 2025, President von der Leyen introduced the Joint Communication to strengthen the security and resilience of submarine cables. The main message is that the security of the EU's submarine cable infrastructure must be significantly enhanced. The Joint communication presents strong actions in a whole resilience cycle approach: prevent, detect, respond and repair, and deter.

Today in the EU there is no capacity to effectively monitor all the dimensions of the threats surrounding submarine cables and create a single and integrated situational picture at sea basin level. When an incident occurs, the EU must increase its capacity to respond in a coordinated way and in solidarity with the Member State most affected. To be able to issue early alerts, it is essential to make several systems work together, fusing data available at national and Union level.

This pilot project would assess the feasibility of setting up a platform for communication and early warning mechanism among the Member States to coordinate through the whole resilience cycle. It would also explore and test concepts such as coordination models, detection approaches, or

response mechanisms through a range of preparatory and exploratory activities with an aim for Member States to enhance the security of undersea cables.

The pilot project of Regional Cable hubs should include the following elements: meaningfully map existing capacities, identify technology or cooperation needs, outline possible governance models, or explore cost and procurement modalities, including in areas such as surveillance tools, incident-reporting mechanisms, partnerships with private or defence actors, or coordination platforms.

Given the fact that the cyber-attacks, including on the critical undersea infrastructure will continue into unforeseeable future, it is important to explore a more coordinated response. At this initial stage, the pilot project would fund testing of concepts such as coordination models, detection approaches, or response mechanisms through a range of preparatory and exploratory activities focused on setting up a structured communication and response platform for Regional Cable hubs - one per sea basin.

#### Item PP 03 25 03 — Pilot project — Net-Zero AI4Permitting

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 3 000 000 | p.m.                    | 3 000 000 | 2 500 000          | 4 250 000 | p.m.                      | 3 000 000 | 2 500 000         | 3 625 000 |

#### Remarks:

This pilot project will offer financial support to public authorities, primarily local authorities, introducing AI-based systems, or exceptionally systems based on other digital technologies, to manage the new requirements for streamlined permitting under the Net-Zero Industry Act. The support will consist of both direct financial support and mutual learning by involved authorities to manage the back-end work needed for permitting. There will be a particular focus on Net-Zero Acceleration Valleys in coal regions in transition and environmental aspects of permits.

As a second phase to this project, the appropriations allocated under the 2026 budget will be used to top-up projects selected under the first phase launched under the 2025 budget. This top-up will primarily be used, where necessary and appropriate, to further involve regional and national authorities in the project to ensure that all authorities involved in permitting within the Valleys align their digital infrastructure and increase interoperability. A secondary use of the top-up may be to make a larger budget available for the development and acquisition of the AI-based systems where the original budget appears to have been too low. A small part of the top-up may be used to facilitate interaction and sharing good practices between participating projects and promoting the results to other countries.

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| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 3 000 000          | 1 500 000 |                           |          | 3 000 000         | 750 000  |

#### Item PP 03 26 01 — Pilot project — Award for Sustainable Tourism Management

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 500 000            | 250 000  |                           |          | 500 000           | 125 000  |

#### Remarks:

This pilot project aims to establish a European Award for Sustainable Tourism Management, recognizing destinations that have successfully implemented innovative governance models and management practices based on evidence-based decision-making. The award highlights excellence in addressing the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of sustainability, specifically emphasizing effective responses to overtourism, seasonality, climate change, and shifting tourism trends.

The project involves creating clear, evidence-centric evaluation criteria, carrying out a comprehensive communication campaign, and establishing an expert jury for assessing nominated destinations. This project is aligned with the European Capital and Green Pioneer of Smart Tourism (ECOSTA) annual awards but offers a novel element in highlighting the importance of governance. A single European winner is going to be selected among the participants to the ECOSTA initiative, and a Special Prize will be awarded by the European Parliament to a destination showing outstanding achievements in adopting governance models (strategic planning, measuring and monitoring sustainability, use of indicators and standards, evidence based governance, involvement of local communities, innovative procedures, organisational and institutional framework), beyond tourism management. This award would serve as an incentive for destinations to strengthen their governance practices and would spotlight those demonstrating exceptional achievements in this area. The award will be given to sustainable destinations at the local or regional level, thereby encouraging and promoting balanced regional development. The winners will be celebrated in an award ceremony hosted by the European Parliament, promoting the Parliament's active role in sustainable tourism. The Commission is encouraged to ensure the project's sustainability beyond initial funding and implement it to foster implementation of Transition Pathway for Tourism and promote policies.

The Special Prize will be awarded in parallel with the ECOSTA awards and announced according to the same timeline. The pilot will run for two years, starting in 2026, covering the selection of the 2028 and 2029 winners. This coordination will allow for shared processes and optimized dissemination opportunities.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

##### 1. Evidence Based Destination Management:

###### – Use of Data:

The destination must demonstrate how it uses collected and analysed data for decision-making. This may include developing strategies to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, improve waste management, support the local economy, preserve cultural heritage, etc.

###### – Collaborative Governance Model:

The destination must demonstrate how it includes various stakeholders in the process of data collection, usage, and decision-making - such as local communities, tourism organizations, research institutions, and other relevant actors.

##### 2. Environmental Criteria:

###### – CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Reduction:

The destination must show concrete measures for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, including the use of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy-efficient technologies.

###### – Preservation of Natural Resources:

The destination must have programs for conserving water, soil, and biodiversity, including the protection of natural habitats and ecosystems.

###### – Waste Management:

The destination must have systems in place for recycling and waste reduction, including programs for reducing plastic and other measures that contribute to lowering tourism's ecological footprint.

##### 3. Economic Criteria:

###### – Support for Local Economy:

The destination must demonstrate how it supports local entrepreneurs and the economy, including the use of local products and services.

– Sustainable Development:

The destination must have sustainable development strategies that include long-term plans for economic growth without harming the environment and society.

4. Social Criteria:

– Culture and Tradition:

The destination must preserve and promote local culture and tradition, including support for cultural events and preservation of cultural heritage.

– Support for Local Population:

The destination must demonstrate that tourism does not negatively impact the lives of local residents, including satisfaction with tourism development in the area.

The budget involved in designing this award will cover:

- defining the brand for the Special Prize;
- defining the exact selection and award criteria;
- contracting the independent experts to evaluate applications and offer a shortlist to the European Jury;
- designing and producing the trophy for the 2028 and 2029 winners;
- supporting the winners as part of the prize (winners are offered a 12-months public relations (PR) and communication support by a specialised international PR agency to increase the visibility of their destination and of the award);
- covering all reimbursable expenses for the winners related to travelling, participating to trade fairs, international events, workshops, award ceremony, press trips as part of the award.

Note: The budget of this pilot project shall not be used to cover the organisation of the award ceremony hosted by the European Parliament.

**Item PP 03 26 02 — Pilot project — Promoting financial literacy in the Union**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 2 500 000          | 1 250 000 |                           |          | 2 500 000         | 625 000  |

**Remarks:**

The aim of the pilot project is to assess the viability of a novel programme to fund initiatives that specifically empower citizens to improve their capacity to make sound judgments on investment (to be 'investment-savvy'). This aligns with the Commission's communication on Savings and Investments Union Strategy of 19th March 2025 (SIU Communication). It seeks to explore novel approaches to address a critical gap that cannot currently be addressed by existing EU programmes. The objective of this pilot project is to develop innovative approaches that extend beyond the scope of the current Single Market Programme, Erasmus+, and the European Social Fund+, and to test the feasibility and usefulness of such approaches which could be further developed through an extension or revision of these programmes under the next MFF.

The pilot project would fill a gap by targeting the improvement of the investment capabilities of EU citizens, thereby focusing on enhancing the investment 'savviness' of the general population and increasing retail participation in capital markets. No existing EU programmes specifically focus on

increasing the participation of EU citizens in capital markets and ensuring that those who wish to participate are empowered to make sound and informed decisions.

- Erasmus+ focuses on improving education and cooperation in educational matters, including lifelong learning and youth engagement. Although Erasmus+ supports educational initiatives, it does not target financial literacy related to investment skills. Its broad educational agenda lacks a specialized focus on equipping citizens with the knowledge and skills required to navigate and invest in capital markets confidently.
- The European Social Fund+ aims to promote social inclusion and supports vulnerable groups such as low-income and unemployed individuals. While ESF+ addresses social and economic inclusion, it does not provide for targeted initiatives for developing investment savviness among the general population. Its focus on social support and employment does not extend to fostering an understanding of investment products or the benefits of participating in capital markets.
- Finally, the SMP primarily addresses consumer education, ensuring that citizens are informed about their rights and responsibilities as consumers of financial services. While the SMP fosters consumer awareness, it does not aim to enhance citizens' capabilities to actively participate in capital markets as investors.

This pilot project is uniquely positioned to fill the gap by offering targeted awareness-raising and guidance on investment literacy. Unlike existing programmes, it focuses on enhancing citizens' understanding of investment opportunities, risks, and benefits, promoting active participation in capital markets. It would focus on issues such as the costs and performance of financial products, guidance and the role of intermediaries.

The pilot project would also test innovative ways to explain the risks and rewards of investing (including financial risks, scams and fraud, etc) and thereby encourage consumers to invest responsibly and participate in capital markets taking into consideration the complexity and increased digitalisation of financial markets and products (e.g. crypto assets, non-fungible tokens, etc.).

The pilot project would target specific national contexts, and therefore not mandate transnational cooperation, thereby going beyond the scope of other Commission programmes such as ESF + and Erasmus + (including its social innovation track 'EASI').

In addition to directly supporting the improvement of investment financial literacy, the pilot project could also test ways to increase the impact of organisations working towards the protection of retail investors, including consumer organisations, investors or shareholder associations, or financial authorities.

The innovative approach could be ensured by the following initiatives:

1. Investment awareness-raising and guidance:
  - Develop tailored educational programmes, initiatives and websites focusing on investment knowledge, including basic financial products, the role of intermediaries, and understanding risks and rewards associated with investments;
  - Emphasize digital financial products like crypto assets and non-fungible tokens to adapt to the increasingly digital landscape of financial markets.
2. Investment literacy ambassadors:
  - Establish and maintain a network of well-qualified 'investment literacy ambassadors' across all 27 Member States. These public figures would advocate for investment literacy, and engage with the public through various channels, including mainstream media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.);

- Support ambassadors with resources to cover their pro bono work, including communication and awareness-raising activities, such the preparation of thematic materials on investment literacy and awareness used in their advocacy work.

### 3. Community engagement

- Encourage collaboration with and support for Member States' authorities, municipalities consumer organisations, as well as employers' and workers' representatives to ensure tailored investment literacy and awareness programmes and investment guidance. This would exclude transnational requirements to focus on localised impact and relevance.

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| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 6 000 000          | 3 000 000 |                           |          | 6 000 000         | 1 500 000 |

#### Item PP 04 26 01 — Pilot project — EU Search and Rescue (SAR) 2.0

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 000 000          | 500 000  |                           |          | 1 000 000         | 250 000  |

#### Remarks:

The European Search and Rescue (SAR)/Galileo service, a major contributor to the worldwide public SAR service Cospas-Sarsat, has a long track record of success in detecting and locating people in distress. However, the rise of private companies who offer or may offer private emergency alerting notifications poses both challenges and opportunities for SAR/Galileo and the Cospas-Sarsat system.

The current geopolitical context and the management structure of Cospas-Sarsat (USA, CAN, RUS, FR) highlight the need to explore new approaches and broaden the perspective on SAR/Galileo services. Private companies are increasingly interfacing with Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs), which are often public entities or non-profit organizations, to provide alerting services. However, this multiplication of inputs generates hurdles for RCCs in managing these alerts, underscoring the necessity of a more coordinated approach. Moreover, private actors may not offer long-term stability, as they can be shut down for economic or political reasons, which could compromise the continuity and/or the quality/efficiency of SAR services.

In response to these evolution trends, the European Commission should propose an evolutive approach to SAR services. Firstly, it shall maintain its commitment to Cospas-Sarsat at the current level, ensuring legacy support while introducing new features like Remote Beacon Activation (RBA), Two Way Communication (TWC), etc. in a complementary (to Cospas-Sarsat) set-up. This approach would enable the EU to continue supporting the existing Cospas-Sarsat system while avoiding significant investments needed to promote and standardize evolutions within the Cospas-Sarsat system.

In parallel, the European Commission should explore new concepts for a truly European Search and Rescue service, in collaboration with the EU-27 Member States (and states associated to the Galileo program). This service would be global in scope and could incorporate new features, such as enhanced multilateral (many to many) communication channels, improved distress detection and localization, and expanded user segments.

By developing a comprehensive EU SAR ecosystem, building on existing EU initiatives and programs such as SAR/Galileo and SafeSeaNet, the EU can facilitate the seamless integration of diverse emergency notification services, striking a balance between cooperation with private actors and the exploration of innovative solutions. This endeavour aims to benefit EU citizens and SAR responders, ultimately saving lives and reducing the impact of crises.

The EU should also foster a culture of collaboration by sharing its new SAR services with reliable, like-minded international partners, to ensure a coordinated and effective global SAR response.

**Item PP 04 26 02 — Pilot project — GNSS Radio-Frequency Interference Monitoring - Protect EU space critical assets**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 5 000 000          | 2 500 000 |                           |          | 5 000 000         | 1 250 000 |

**Remarks:**

Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) affecting Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), such as Galileo, is a growing concern that impacts daily operations in critical infrastructures and services, including civil aviation. The increasing reliance on GNSS for positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) applications has created a need for effective RFI monitoring and mitigation strategies. An EU GNSS Radio Frequency Interference Monitoring Service has been called by the Internal Security Strategy (ISS) and the Preparedness Union Strategy (PUS).

Primary objective of this pilot project is to design and develop a prototype that integrates and analyses Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)-related metrics from a diverse range of data sources, including both open-source and commercial datasets. This comprehensive approach will provide a unified view of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) interferences across Europe, leveraging data from various sources.

A crucial component of the prototype will be the application of advanced big-data analytics and machine-learning algorithms to fuse and analyse the diverse data streams from multiple sources.

By harnessing the power of big-data and machine-learning, the prototype will provide a robust and scalable framework for Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) monitoring, enabling the development of predictive models and proactive mitigation strategies.

The pilot project will pave the way for the establishment of a comprehensive, Europe-wide RFI monitoring system, enhancing the reliability of critical infrastructures and services that rely on GNSS and, ultimately, contributing to a safer, more secure, and more resilient European Union.

**Item PP 07 25 01 — Pilot project — Advancing social cohesion in the face of polarised public discourse**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | 392 500  | p.m.                    | 392 500  | 1 500 000          | 1 142 500 | p.m.                      | 392 500  | 1 500 000         | 767 500  |

**Remarks:**

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

**Expected Outcome:**

Is democracy sustainable in the age of distrust and polarisation sustainable? The rise of hate speech, misinformation and filter bubbles are sowing the seed of discontent and social exclusion. The dynamics seems very much an avalanche impossible to stop, with small but vocal fringe groups injecting extreme views in the public discourse. For that reason, a better prevention and monitoring of extreme online political discourse should be welcomed, while preserving the freedom of speech. This can be done by mapping the current public opinion discourse on social media around salient political issues. By checking the language elected representatives use, we could map the political discourse landscape and see what the most polarising terms and issues are. Using sentiment analysis, we could test whether the language used by elected representatives provokes or attacks other representatives and monitor the extent of smearing campaign in the EP and selected national

parliaments. Drawing from that, several EU language versions can be drafted and adapted, so to cover a sample of Member States, perhaps those with larger recorded polarisation.

Scope:

1. Create the machine learning model. APOLLO: Analysis of Political Opinion Language by Learning Online;
2. Train the model in languages different from English (up to 5);
3. Plan a thorough web scrape of main social media (YT comments, X, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, etc), paying for the scraping when necessary;
4. Run an online survey to collect respondents and identify their political preferences and whether they follow some politicians or public figures on social media, and find those who engage on social media the most. Potentially, field the survey on relevant subReddits dealing with European politics. Reddit could give an interesting insight on fringe communities too, identifying ‘superspreaders’ of misinformation;
5. Within the scope of GDPR rules, scrape the activity of elected representatives (always anonymised) on social media, as well as comments and replies and on popular topics, scraping comments and replies under established media (e.g. The Irish Times, Politico, Il Corriere, Le Monde, etc.);
6. By merging the two datasets, finding correlations between political language, politicians followed and feeling of social exclusion, controlling for socioeconomic variables such as economic and job insecurity.

**Item PP 07 25 02 — Pilot project — Preparatory work for counselling structures to support mobile migrant labour**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
| p.m.              | 300 000  | p.m.                    | 300 000  | 1 200 000          | 900 000  | p.m.                      | 300 000  | 1 200 000         | 600 000  |

**Remarks:**

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

Mobile migrant labour has become a structural segment of the national labour markets in all Member States. It is expected that this phenomenon will continue to grow. Against the background of skills and labour shortages and targeted recruitment policies, there is evidence that the mobility of third-country nationals working temporarily in the Union will also increase. Often active in essential sectors, mobile migrant workers are key to the proper functioning of the internal market. At the same time, however, workers who are posted or take up employment for a short period represent a very vulnerable group of workers and their situation is often precarious. In view of the complexity of transnational labour situations and due to a lack of language skills and knowledge of applicable rules, it is not easy for these workers to enjoy and defend their rights on their own. Precarious working conditions and structural labour exploitation prevent integration into the labour market, undermine future recruitment efforts and fair competition. The European Labour Authority has launched a variety of measures and campaigns to draw attention to particularly affected sectors and employment groups, such as seasonal workers, professional drivers and the growing group of posted third-country nationals. However, the European Labour Authority cannot offer individualised support for those target groups. Trade union-related transnational counselling and support structures targeting mobile migrant labour can therefore make an important contribution to the promotion of fair labour mobility and migration as enshrined in the Union's social acquis and confirmed in the 2024 interinstitutional La Hulpe Declaration on the future of the European Pillar of

Social Rights. Transnational counselling services not only give individual help to workers, but also provide important insights into the situation of mobile migrant labour in risk sectors, developments in the European labour market and new forms of employment and mobility patterns. Moreover, individual information and counselling of workers are important complements to enforcement activities, such as labour inspections.

The subject of the pilot project is scientific research on the situation of mobile migrant labour and the impact of assisting counselling structures on these target groups. Special focus should be placed on risk sectors such as international road transport, seasonal work in horeca and agriculture, the construction sector and the increasing group of posted third-country nationals. A key element of the study should be the monitoring and evaluation of existing counselling structures in countries of origin and countries of destination. In order to ensure the representativeness of the monitoring and allow for the evaluation to formulate operational recommendations, a significant part of the pilot project will be to run a trade union-related transnational counselling network (at least seven countries in the first year, to be gradually expanded). The network should also include 1-3 candidate countries or other third countries within Europe such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania or Kosovo. Main target groups of the counselling are short-term mobile migrant workers. The counselling centres should be supported in their development, counselling work and transnational networking through coordination. The establishment of new counselling centres is to be supported by targeted capacity building measures.

The scientific study should include country-specific research and interviews with experts at national and Union level on the situation of mobile migrant labour in risk sectors and of posted third-country nationals. As part of the research existing counselling services for the target groups should be identified and (sector-specific) needs for counselling and support determined. Regular exchange with the ELA and representatives of the affected sectors will take place throughout the duration of the pilot project.

The outcome of the pilot project will provide an analysis of the situation and challenges experienced by mobile migrant labour in risk sectors and posted third-country nationals in the European labour market, to be concretely addressed in parallel through the practical implementation and expansion of a transnational counselling network. In addition, an evaluation of the existing counselling services for the target groups and a mapping of the (sector-specific) needs for counselling services will be developed. Based on the findings of the study, recommendations will be formulated for the preparation of a dedicated initiative for the long-term funding and establishment of a European counselling network for mobile migrant labour. The results of the pilot project will be presented and discussed at a final conference at Union level. In order to continuously benefit from the results of the pilot project, interim results will be presented and discussed at a mid-project conference.

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| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 5 000 000          | 2 500 000 |                           |          | 5 000 000         | 1 250 000 |

#### Item PP 07 26 01 — Pilot project — Safeguarding Europe's Born-digital Heritage

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 2 000 000          | 1 000 000 |                           |          | 2 000 000         | 500 000  |

#### Remarks:

Protection of and access to Europe's cultural heritage has been reaffirmed as a priority of the European Union by Commissioner Micallef and will be part of the wider Culture Compass promised by the Commission. Born-digital heritage is part of Europe's Cultural Heritage,

representing a vibrant and growing part of the wider historical record, not least given the opportunities it offers for new and diverse voices to emerge and be heard.

For the purpose of this pilot project, born-digital heritage are materials originally created in digital formats and which do not have a physical equivalent. These can take the form of texts, images and/or sounds. Key examples of born-digital heritage include eBooks, electronic journals, online media, blogs, websites, video games and more, all of which can have significant value for future researchers. Also, for the purpose of this pilot project, heritage institutions are archives, libraries, museums and other educational, cultural and research organizations.

There has been extensive focus – in all of law, funding and cooperation – to provide stronger access to digitised copies of physical cultural heritage. Among others, the Digital Single Market (DSM) Directive (2019/790) includes provisions on digitisation and on access to out of commerce works, the Recommendation on a common European data space for cultural heritage ((EU) 2021/1970) and the related work of the Europeana Initiative in general aim to encourage digitisation and digital preservation and facilitate the free flow of cultural heritage data. Moreover, the Cultural Heritage Cloud will develop specific digital collaborative tools for the cultural heritage sector. However, this is less the case when it comes to safeguarding born-digital materials. Typically, these are not available on servers of heritage institutions but are rather accessed remotely, and so do not fall under current preservation provisions. Many works are extremely vulnerable to simply disappearing. The concern is that only a very small share of the cultural, research, news and other materials that are shaping our world today will even survive to make it into the public domain.

Current provisions in EU law do not provide clarity for Europe's heritage institutions about the possibilities to make preservation copies of material that can be licenced or otherwise legally accessed, but not acquired. For example, Article 6 of the DSM Directive only allows for preservation of works in an institution's permanent collection, which excludes those only accessed on a temporary basis. Progress towards adapting legal deposit laws for the digital age or enabling web harvesting is uneven, although there is experimentation underway, e.g. the work of the International Internet Preservation Coalition.

The need for a comprehensive approach to preservation is clear. Accidents, bankruptcies, format obsolescence and simply the deletion of materials that may have important historical value but no economic worth to the holder all have an impact. Recent history shows that unless digital content is safeguarded independently, it can all too easily disappear due to political pressures unless appropriate measures are taken. Concern about the loss of our born-digital heritage has already long given rise to talk of a 21st century black hole or a digital dark age.

In the context of wider work around the Culture Compass, and ahead of the discussions on preservation and access of born-digital materials, this pilot project could therefore contribute to understanding the state of play and possible way forward in line with the considerations below. It would work with experts in the data space for cultural heritage and take advantage of available data and frameworks like Europeana, as well as relevant technical and legal knowledge of relevant stakeholders, inter alia libraries and archives.

- Assessing the share of Europe's born-digital cultural heritage that is being preserved today and how this compares with what (in the eyes of professionals) needs to be preserved.
- Mapping the state of law around the preservation of born-digital (licenced) content today, and access to this taking into account existing frameworks and ongoing initiatives dealing with preservation of and access to cultural heritage, also taking account of existing frameworks and initiatives as above outlined.
- Mapping other (non-legislative) factors that may be influencing practices around the preservation of born-digital heritage and access to this.

- Establishing suggestions for legislative and non-legislative measures which could allow for optimal practices across Europe.

**Item PP 07 26 02 — Pilot project — Smart Social Economy Model in Tourism (Long-Distance Trails)**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 500 000          | 750 000  |                           |          | 1 500 000         | 375 000  |

**Remarks:**

This pilot project aims to explore the viability and social adoption of actions designed to integrate social economy principles into tourism while simultaneously promoting local communities, European values and traditions, and sustainable businesses, and reducing the gap between urban and rural areas. The project will take place in various regions across Europe, including sites of exceptional cultural and natural heritage, also aiming to increase the capacity of territorial communities at European level, while using the experience of existing long-distance tourist trails. More specifically, the project looks in a systemic and forward-looking way to utilize the tourism potential of regions by promoting sustainable tourism and social economy principles in alignment with societal needs, technological advancements and European Union strategies.

While long-distance trails already exist within the EU, their principles and capacity have not been systematically integrated into EU policy frameworks and funds, nor tailored to smart social economy models in a structured and replicable way. European long-distance tourist trails exist in different countries across the EU, including Spain (Camino de Santiago), Portugal (Rota Vicentina), Italy (Via Francigena), Greece (Menalon Trail), Romania (Via Transilvanica) and Slovenia (Juliana Trail). Within this context, this pilot project aims to explore and test the economic and social potential of various long-distance trail models across different EU regions.

This pilot project aims to develop the pan European dimension of social economy through an integrated, bottom-up approach, based on real-life, measurable community experiences of long-distance tourist trails. The project centres on value chains that retain economic benefits within rural communities, fostering inclusive growth. By aligning rural hospitality providers with sustainable practices, the project strengthens value chains to ensure transparency, social impact, and long-term community resilience. Designed as a pan-European blueprint, the model integrates EU frameworks and facilitates transnational knowledge exchange to replicate success across Europe.

To achieve the mentioned objectives, the pilot project will develop digital solutions to assess the feasibility of a future pan-European platform and mobile application designed to serve all European regions connected by long-distance tourist trails. These solutions will leverage real-life experiences of the social economy model by fostering collaboration among local communities, social enterprises and sustainable tourism actors. In addition, the project shall identify and leverage successful grassroots initiatives, knowledge, and social economy networks already in place within specific regions. These will be scaled and replicated in other areas through a structured process of knowledge exchange, peer learning, and capacity-building.

It will provide relevant users with comprehensive trail information, real-time updates, community-driven content, trainings, EU competitions, investments opportunities, events and tools to support the development of a pan-European smart social economic model.

Lessons learned from this pilot will support the platform's expansion to other European long-distance trails and regions, ensuring a scalable, bottom-up approach rooted in local development. To strengthen this capacity at the European level, the platform will provide local-trail capacity-building trainings, and trial an EU Award for the best long-distance tourist trails, activities, and projects. The project will thus support rural social entrepreneurs through training, peer-to-peer learning, and

mentoring initiatives. By combining training, local pilot actions, knowledge transfer, and digital innovation, the project empowers communities to design inclusive tourism services, strengthen social enterprises, and drive sustainable local economic growth.

To achieve the mentioned objectives, the pilot project will: conduct qualitative and quantitative research, launch and implement a pilot across the different EU regions, create a European digital platform and mobile application, test an EU Award for the best long-distance tourist trail, activities and projects.

- Phase 1: Research. During this phase, qualitative and quantitative research will be conducted to assess the needs of European long-distance tourist trails, but also strengths and weaknesses from a smart social economy perspective. This will be complemented by a collection of storytelling pieces from local citizens and stakeholders, and an analysis of already existing social economy practices among them.
- Phase 2: Launch and implement pilot actions across EU regions, using the available local capacity. This phase will test local approaches to community engagement, social enterprise support, and tourism services in a real-world setting.
- Phase 3: Digital Platform & App Development. This phase will develop digital pilot tools to test the feasibility and relevance of a future pan-European platform and mobile application designed to serve all European regions connected by long-distance tourist trails, including local-trail capacity-building trainings.
- Phase 4: Promotion & Community Engagement. An EU Award will be trialled for the best long-distance tourist trails, activities, and projects to promote the platform's expansion to other European long-distance trails and regions.

What sets this pilot project apart is its unique focus on the use and development of Long-Distance Tourist Trails as catalysts for sustainable and inclusive development of tourism and improving the quality of life in communities, social innovation, and cultural exchange. By integrating these trails into a broader European digital and community-driven framework, the project taps into their untapped potential to connect remote regions, stimulate local economies, and promote environmentally responsible and sustainable tourism.

**Item PP 07 26 03** — Pilot project — Youth-Driven Social Media Design: Safe, Inclusive, and Publicly-Owned Social Media

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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 500 000          | 750 000  |                           |          | 1 500 000         | 375 000  |

## Remarks:

Social media play a dominant role in our society. Big Tech platforms such as Meta, X, and TikTok determine what appears in our news feeds, namely content that is attention-grabbing and keeps you glued to your screen in order to serve ads, making it more profitable for them. As a result, our timelines are flooded with hate, malice, agitation, false body images, social polarization, and disinformation. Taking into account that social media is the number one news source for many young people, and ever-growing for the population at large, a few monopoly platforms are threatening our democracies. In order to respond the European Commission is working on a European Democracy Shield to safeguard democratic processes and institutions from external threats in an increasingly complex information environment. At the same time, this dependence on Big Tech platforms is harmful for Europe's security and competitiveness.

Young people are disproportionately affected by the harms of these mainstream social media platforms as a result of design choices such as the use of addictive techniques and algorithmic

manipulation. In its comprehensive approach to mental health, the EU emphasizes that young people are particularly vulnerable to negative digital influences. Recent studies show that young people on average spend 7 hours a day online and 1 in 3 young people experience mental health problems, such as anxiety and depression, caused or exacerbated by algorithmic pressure, online bullying and lack of privacy. Neurodivergent young people, in particular, are more likely to experience Problematic Internet Use, putting them more at risk of online harms. Yet young people often lack any real agency or input into how these platforms are designed. By actively involving young people in design of alternative social media, we can better understand their user needs and therefore address these challenges, contribute to shaping safer online spaces, and lay the groundwork for digital platforms that genuinely prioritize mental health and democratic values.

In recent years, the groundwork has been laid for the provision of essential digital services where public values and strategic autonomy can be safeguarded. European regulation adopted in recent years seeks to curb Big Tech's power and open the market for new entrants. However, this alone is not enough. The call from the public for alternatives to mainstream social media has been growing in recent years and months. Deploying such alternatives can further boost this demand and support a more widespread understanding that Europe's dependence on Big Tech is not inevitable and that technological sovereignty is achievable. This can create fertile soil for the development of European mid-tech alternatives that can boost Europe's competitiveness.

Over the last 15 years, alternatives like the Fediverse and AT protocol have emerged: decentralized platforms that use open standards and protocols. In the Fediverse, no single party sets the rules; each organization or community running its own server (node) is a co-owner of the ecosystem. These decentralized platforms promise a less extractive, more community-driven experience and potentially safer, healthier social media spaces. There are clear opportunities, but challenges prevail to promote widespread adoption. Through the 'fediversity' grants under Next Generation Internet, the European Commission has been actively supporting the development of the Fediverse. This support so far was focused on the underlying infrastructure. This pilot project wants to contribute to overcoming the various obstacles and support the development of a user-faced application.

#### Objective:

The pilot project aims to create and test a proof of concept for a Fediverse-based/AT Protocol-based social media platform that:

1. Centres mental health, designed to minimize negative psychological effects and foster positive interactions;
2. Ensures digital autonomy by building on top of ethical and human-centred technology;
3. Deepens understanding of user needs through cocreation by young people from diverse backgrounds;
4. Encourages the development of alternative Fediverse-based/AT Protocol-based social media in compliance with EU regulation by showcasing the feasibility of developing alternatives.

#### Approach:

1. Participatory design will be led by young people, with students from diverse educational institutions and levels invited to contribute their experience and their expertise in design, architecture, privacy, and cybersecurity. Relevant civil society organizations will provide guidance and support.
2. The platform adopts open protocols like ActivityPub or AT Protocol to ensure compatibility with existing Fediverse infrastructure to enable scalability.

3. Young people will develop prototypes in co-creation sessions, guided by experts from the fields of technology, media literacy, design, and societal innovation. A focus on features that support well-being and mental health is central to this phase. Neurologists, psychologists and other relevant healthcare professionals will be consulted;

4. The Proof of Concept will be tested by young people across various EU countries, with a focus on safety, user-friendliness, and mental health. Feedback is continuously integrated, refining the platform's design.

5. All findings and methodologies are shared publicly, allowing others to replicate or build upon the project's outcomes.

#### Expected Outcomes :

1. Proof of Concept for a Fediverse-based/AT Protocol-based social media platform that upholds long-term user satisfaction, well-being and societal benefits;

2. Better understanding of the user needs of young people in safe and inclusive social media;

3. Youth Empowerment through hands-on digital innovation and active participation in media platform design;

4. Policy Recommendations for shaping social media spaces, the development of an interoperable and competitive social media landscape, supporting mental health, and safeguarding democratic values.

#### **Item PP 08 26 01** — Pilot project — “Back to the Roots”: Strengthening Food Access and Food Democracy Initiatives across the EU

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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 500 000          | 750 000  |                           |          | 1 500 000         | 375 000  |

#### **Remarks:**

As stated in the ‘Vision for Agriculture and Food’ presented by Commissioner Hansen, ‘Consumers’ relationship with food has evolved. Food is more processed, eating habits are changing and supply chains have gotten longer and more complex. At the same time, food affordability remains a major concern, especially for low-income households. While the link between farming, food and territory has weakened, changing societal expectations with regard to food hold opportunities for the sector. Therefore, going back to the “roots” and re-establishing the link between food, territory, seasonality, cultures and local traditions is very important.”

To rise up to this challenge, the Project identifies ‘knowledge’ and ‘capacity’ gaps as regards the possibility for consumers (‘eaters’) to access food and to engage in their food environments. Such gaps are an issue when it comes to improving farmers' incomes in the agri-food value chain by giving access to products sold at a fair price to a wider section of the population. This pilot project thus proposes a comprehensive approach with complementing actions: an inventory of food accessibility across the EU, the creation of a Food Policy Councils network and the development of an exchange Platform for the network.

#### **A. Inventory of Food Accessibility and Food Environments in the EU**

While the Common Agricultural Policy and other EU schemes contribute to the availability and affordability of food in the EU, some citizens still struggle to access nutritious and healthy food. This is not due to a lack of production, which is sufficient at EU level, but either for affordability reasons, or for questions related to physical access and food environments.

Currently, there is no harmonised EU-level data on the physical accessibility of food, and existing statistics mainly cover affordability at Member State level. This makes it difficult to identify regional disparities or to design targeted policies to improve access to healthy diets.

Since an ongoing study is already being carried out by DG AGRI focusing on food affordability, this Project will help fill the knowledge gap on food accessibility beyond affordability, by:

1. Mapping regional disparities in food accessibility, including physical access to food;
2. Developing standardized tools and indicators to assess food environments and their impact on access, complementing existing EU data on availability and affordability;
3. Highlighting policy gaps and propose recommendations for a stronger EU-wide approach to food accessibility, particularly for vulnerable groups, without duplicating the ongoing DG AGRI study on affordability.

#### B. Establishment of an EU-Wide Network of Local ‘Food Policy Councils’

Improving food access requires local engagement and collective governance of food systems. This pilot project recognizes the important role customers have to play in the transition, by harnessing at local level the transformative power of dialogue between all actors along the food chain, from producers to consumers (‘eaters’). Food democracy initiatives have started to emerge across Europe, either publicly funded, such as those created in the wake of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, or grassroots, such as local funds experimenting with Food Social Security.

The Project will foster local engagement in food system governance, ensuring that citizens can better understand and influence their food environments, by:

1. Identifying and mapping existing ‘Food Policy Councils’ and similar initiatives, assessing their governance models and impact on food environments;
2. Providing financial and technical support for the creation of new local councils where none exists, ensuring that these councils include diverse stakeholders, particularly ‘eaters’ from food-insecure households, alongside farmers and small retailers;
3. Developing an EU-level digital platform to facilitate collaboration between Food Policy Councils/local food democracy initiatives, and policymakers, enabling knowledge sharing and dissemination of best practices across different Member States.

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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 3 150 000          | 1 575 000 |                           |          | 3 150 000         | 787 500  |

### Item PA 01 26 01 — Preparatory action — Advancing local actions for global goals: leveraging local insights for SDG implementation at the EU subnational level

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 800 000          | 900 000  |                           |          | 1 800 000         | 450 000  |

### Remarks:

As the 2030 Agenda deadline approaches, the imperative to move beyond monitoring to transformative action has never been greater. This preparatory action (PA) will focus on the systematic mapping and analysis of the policies, governance mechanisms, and strategies implemented to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the subnational level in Europe. It will delve into a wealth of textual data from Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), local and regional policy documents, and other relevant sources to identify, analyse, and classify the concrete actions and the underlying policy and governance frameworks that local and regional governments in Europe are using to implement the SDGs. By mapping these actions and the associated policy approaches, and extracting insights, the PA aims to provide policymakers at the EU, national and subnational level with a comprehensive analysis of the distinctive features, interlinkages and caveats related to SDG implementation and policy design at the subnational level.

At the core of this new PA is the development of an online platform to showcase, analyse and disseminate the diversity of SDG implementation efforts across Europe. This platform will provide:

- A curated repository of actionable practices and policy measures, categorized by goals, regions, and thematic clusters.
- Analytical tools to explore interlinkages between actions and policies, revealing how the expected impact of individual actions could be further reinforced through integrated approaches to policy design and implementation.
- Ad hoc policy briefs and evidence-based analytical insights to support the work of European and subnational policymakers.

The PA will count on the participation of local and regional governments across EU Member States, engaging with stakeholders at multiple SDG governance levels, with a view to ensure the scalability and transferability of the project findings.

The proposed steps to take for the implementation of the PA are:

1. Collect and analyse reported SDG actions and related policy measures and governance arrangements from Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), regional strategies and policy documents.
2. Develop a framework for categorizing and classifying actions and policies by SDG goals, targets, and regions.
3. Analyse actions and governance mechanisms to identify trends, innovative practices, and interlinkages across regions and SDGs.
4. Perform a gap analysis to highlight areas requiring additional efforts and policy support instruments.
5. Expand current online data dissemination, analysis and visualisation platforms to arrive at a comprehensive repository of subnational SDG actions and policies with advanced analytical and visualization tools.

6. Validate findings through consultations with academic experts as well as local and regional governments.
7. Produce and disseminate an evidence-based policy insight to local, regional, national, and European (European Parliament, European Commission, and Committee of the Regions) stakeholders.
8. Propose a roadmap for scaling and integrating PA findings into robust and coherent sustainability policy frameworks across the EU, including recommendations for future legislative or funding initiatives to support local implementation efforts.

**Item PA 01 26 02 — Preparatory action — New Methodologies for Assessing Inequalities**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |          | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 1 350 000          | 675 000  |                           |          | 1 350 000         | 337 500  |

**Remarks:**

In a fast-changing world, the EU requires new, comprehensive, and systematic approaches to assess economic and social inequalities across Member States. While there are existing data sources on wealth distribution, cohesion and social capital, they remain fragmented, often outdated and insufficient for understanding the full scope of inequality and evaluating the impact of certain policies and effectiveness of measures to tackle it.

The ‘New Methodologies for Assessing Inequalities’ preparatory action would bridge this gap by complementing existing data sets and scoreboards with novel ‘out of the box’ research methods and data to assess inequalities. These include ‘Big Data’ approaches, using alternatives data sources (e.g. text data, administrative data) and techniques such as: advanced modelling with heterogeneous agents, Natural Language Processing (NLP), non-linear econometric techniques (e.g. Bayesian Neural Networks) or Transformer Models to provide robust, consistent, and real-time insights on the various dimensions of inequality. This evidence-based approach using state-of-the-art analytical frameworks would empower the EU and its Member States to develop more targeted and effective policies and anticipate the need for new ones, addressing economic and social inequalities in a holistic manner.

The preparatory action (PA) would also play a pivotal role in enhancing social cohesion. By testing approaches capable to uncover both visible and hidden dimensions of inequality it would contribute to better identification of groups most at risk of being left behind, and thus enable proactive interventions, to ensure that no one is excluded from the benefits of EU policies.

Additionally, it would establish a statistical foundation for measuring social capital, by combining various data with novel analytical techniques, leading to more precise assessments of social cohesion throughout Europe. In doing so, it would contribute to a more equitable distribution of opportunities and outcomes, fostering greater unity and reducing the potential for social fragmentation.

Finally, the PA would facilitate cross-border cooperation and novel ‘out-of-the box’ use of data using Machine Learning techniques and Artificial Intelligence, offering a platform for Member States, research institutions, and civil society to share cutting-edge knowledge, best practices, and new successful policy models. This collaborative effort would help align national and EU policies, ensuring that inequalities are tackled comprehensively, with coordinated responses across regions and sectors.

In the long term, having the right instruments to address inequality is critical for the sustainability of the EU social model. Social instability driven by inequality can erode public trust, fuel polarization, and undermine democratic values. The PA would help mitigate these risks as well,

using novel data and techniques to identify new forms of inequality at local level arising from e.g. different exposure to environmental hazards and climate change, depopulation and the impact of digitalisation. This will support policymakers to implement timely, effective solutions, ensuring a more inclusive and resilient European Union for the future.

In conclusion, the establishment of a ‘New Methodologies for Assessing Inequalities’ PA is essential for advancing social and economic cohesion across the EU. It would provide the evidence base necessary for informed policymaking, foster greater cooperation among Member States, and ensure that the EU remains a pioneer and global leader in addressing inequality. By making inequality a central focus of EU policy, the PA would contribute to building a more inclusive, just, and sustainable future for all Europeans.

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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 4 000 000          | 2 000 000 |                           |          | 4 000 000         | 1 000 000 |

#### Item PA 02 26 01 — Preparatory action — EU Hub for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) Production

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 4 000 000          | 2 000 000 |                           |          | 4 000 000         | 1 000 000 |

#### Remarks:

##### Objective:

To further develop and finally validate the concept of a self-standing EU Hub for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) Production to provide a single, independent European capability supporting SAF entry into market compliant with sustainability and safety rules and standards and removing technical barriers to increased SAF use, with a particular focus on supporting European SMEs.

The EU Hub for SAF Production should act as a flanking measure that can technically support the fulfilment of the ambitious ReFuelEU Aviation mandate without relying on external, non-EU factors and players. It will ensure innovation and key competitiveness for SME's, technology developers, fuel producers ensuring innovation and key competitiveness.

##### Background and Rationale:

Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) are important to reducing the aviation sector's carbon footprint. However, the complex development process and technical barriers limit the large-scale adoption of SAF. Currently, fuel producers must navigate diverse and fragmented procedures and sustainability and safety requirements, creating inefficiencies and delays in bringing European SAF to market.

At present, the primary SAF research and standardisation programs for new fuels entry into market are conducted in the United States. This arrangement poses significant challenges for European stakeholders, especially SMEs, due to the complexity, cost, and geographic barriers associated with accessing these processes. European SMEs face particular difficulty in meeting the intricate technical and regulatory requirements without localized support.

##### Scope of the Project:

1. Define the operational framework, governance structure, and scope for financially self-sufficient EU Hub for SAF Production. Identify and analyse best practices from existing processes and international standards. Map existing EU research programmes and technical resources to support the Hub's development. Assess the specific needs and challenges faced by European SMEs in navigating processes for entry of new types of fuels to the market.

2. Design a pilot framework to validate the self-sufficient Hub model through real-world case studies with SAF producers. Engage with industry stakeholders, including fuel producers, research and certification bodies, and regulatory agencies, to validate financial, technical and operational requirements. Ensure particular emphasis on providing accessible SAF pathways and technical guidance for SMEs.

3. Create technical guidelines and toolkits for SAF producers to streamline compliance with safety and sustainability standards and rules for entry of new types of fuels to the market. Develop a comprehensive knowledge base on SAF qualification pathways, technical specifications, and regulatory frameworks. Provide dedicated resources and tailored guidance to assist SMEs in meeting requirements.

4. Among deliverables:

- Operational framework and governance model for a financially self-sufficient EU Hub for SAF production.
- Report on barriers and proposed solutions linked to bringing new types of SAF to the market, with a focus on SME-specific challenges.
- Comprehensive toolkit and guidelines for SAF producers, including tailored support for SMEs.

5. In addition to the above, a successful completion of the project will yield to:

- Enhanced fuel diversity: with additional SAF production pathways qualified, the European SAF industry would benefit from a more diverse range of feedstocks and technologies, ensuring resilience against disruptions.
- Enhanced fuel production yields: additional research activities would assist fuel producers to optimize their production yields for targeted use of SAF in aviation. This will lead to a long-term benefit of reduced fuel costs for operators.
- Boosted R&D Capabilities: fortified European fuel R&D infrastructure would lead to increased innovation, potentially positioning Europe as a global leader in SAF research and technology.
- New Made-in-EU SAF pathways: internationally recognized new SAF technologies designed and produced in the Union, which paves the way for European autonomy through a vibrant ecosystem of SAF technology developers and producers. This includes successful bench scale testing of at least one new Made-in-EU SAF pathway.

**Item PA 04 24 02 — Preparatory action — Innovative user terminals for European secure satellite communication service**

| Draft budget 2026 |           | Council's position 2026 |           | EP's position 2026 |            | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |           | Conciliation 2026 |           |
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| Commitments       | Payments  | Commitments             | Payments  | Commitments        | Payments   | Commitments               | Payments  | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 2 000 000 | p.m.                    | 2 000 000 | 30 000 000         | 17 000 000 | p.m.                      | 2 000 000 | 30 000 000        | 9 500 000 |

## Remarks:

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

This action is intended to enable timely adoption of the space secure connectivity services provided by IRIS<sup>2</sup> and GOVSATCOM, filling the gap in Union industrial capability to develop high-performance, cheap and secure satellite user terminals.

The Union is currently implementing measures to provide governments and citizens with secure connectivity via satellite, through the Union secure connectivity programme (IRIS<sup>2</sup>) and the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme. These services will be based on a new generation of state-of-the-art satellites, using orbits, frequencies and signal characteristics that have

not been used yet by European industry players. The effective utilisation of such services relies therefore on the prompt availability of user terminals and receivers that are compatible with such characteristics. Such terminals and receivers are particularly important for emerging SatCom Service, seamlessly combining terrestrial and SatCom capabilities, for example in the automotive sector.

The objective of this preparatory action is therefore to set the condition for a competitive industry to develop terminals that can be commercialised with minimal additional effort, enabling production and market penetration with the utilisation of open standards.

In particular, the action will support companies in reaching maturity and having a solid business plan to provide high-performance, cheap and secure satellite user terminals. Such terminals would be able to:

- integrate multiple systems and orbits, including non-geostationary satellites in LEO and possibly MEO;
- use the IRIS<sup>2</sup> frequencies (including Ka-gov);
- suit both commercial and governmental services provided by IRIS<sup>2</sup>;
- integrate terrestrial networks, 5G standards and possibly IoT applications;
- provide for end-to-end solutions;
- adopt all IRIS<sup>2</sup> secure features.

If successful in the first year, the preparatory action should be implemented through an incremental approach for competitive calls in three phases:

- 2024: EUR 5 million on the proof-of-concept and business case development phase;
- 2025: EUR 25 million on technology development for the prototype & qualification phase;
- 2026: EUR 30 million on industrialisation and commercial prototyping.

The beneficiaries of the action would notably be the Union downstream industry, including New Space players like SMEs and start-ups.

The Union's critical dependencies in these technologies — essential for securing communications of European armed forces and governmental institutions — justify the amount allocated to this preparatory action. The three-phase calls ensure a coherent and effective investment journey to deliver on the action's objectives.

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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 7 000 000          | 3 500 000 |                           |          | 7 000 000         | 1 750 000 |

#### Item PA 04 26 01 — Preparatory action — EU Integrated Spaceport Initiative (EISI)

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
|                   |          |                         |          | 5 000 000          | 2 500 000 |                           |          | 5 000 000         | 1 250 000 |

#### Remarks:

The European Union recognises the strategic importance of autonomous access to space. It is a prerequisite for the strategic autonomy of the EU and an indispensable element in the EU space policy. Beyond launchers, ground segment and particularly spaceports are critical components for the EU, considering that part of the EU flagships (Galileo, IRIS<sup>2</sup>) must be launched from the

territory of the Union. At the same time, the diversification of launchers, with new solutions arising, poses the question of spaceport access in the EU.

A preparatory action should provide comprehensive assessment of new EU instruments needed and their potential contribution to spaceport development in the EU, develop concepts for an extended EU spaceport range, including technical and design studies, stakeholder consultations, and analysis of best practices, and provide targeted financial support to open access to EU spaceports, monitor progress, and evaluate the effectiveness of EU action and thus consider greater EU intervention in this domain in the future.

#### **Item PA 04 26 02 — Preparatory action — EU Platform for Space Traffic Coordination**

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 2 000 000          | 1 000 000 |                           |          | 2 000 000         | 500 000  |

#### **Remarks:**

The exponential increase in active satellites, including mega-constellations, amplifies the risk of orbital collisions and necessitates stronger coordination mechanisms. This preparatory action proposes the development of an EU Platform for Space Traffic Coordination, aiming to structure, secure, and expand coordination between satellite operators, public entities, and commercial SSA providers. It will build on existing services developed under the EU Space Surveillance and Tracking (EUSST) framework.

#### **Objectives**

The EU Platform for Space Traffic Coordination will:

- Extend coordination beyond EUSST members by enabling the collection and processing of key information, including contact details and manoeuvre data, from non-registered or international actors.
- Facilitate secure, real-time information exchange, ensuring interoperability between different levels of automation, from manual coordination to automated collision avoidance.
- Reinforce training and capacity building for national authorities and operators, supporting operational readiness and harmonisation of practices across Member States.
- Support certification mechanisms for commercial SSA services, to ensure reliability, trust, and accountability in a mixed public-private environment.
- Prevent data pollution, through the implementation of technical measures that check ingested data and detect inconsistencies.
- Contribute to dual-use coherence, in alignment with Avenue 1 of the STM Communication, which is expected to define civil-military requirements for STM.
- Test rules of the road: check the potential implementation of the draft rules of the road developed through the CEN standardisation process.

#### **Scope and Implementation**

The action will establish a coordination platform potentially hosted within the existing EU SST service provision architecture and the link with Users through the front desk (EUSPA). It will prioritise seamless integration and avoid duplication with existing systems.

Use cases include:

- Coordination between EUSST registered users and unregistered satellite operators (public, commercial and potentially military).

- Ingestion of data from non-EUSST entities.
- Verification and validation of data integrity prior to use.
- Set-up exercises to prepare satellites operators and Operational Centres to use the coordination mechanisms, including real-time exercises at the later stage.
- Exchange with military stakeholders to test the outcomes of the civil-military requirements developed in the sub-group one of the STM Communication.
- Implement a sandbox to assess the draft rules of the road currently in development within the CEN project.

#### Implementation Phases

- Engagement & Awareness-Raising: Identify needs and expectations of EU Member States, commercial operators, and SSA providers (public and private), including military stakeholders.
- Design, develop and test the Platform: develop the system to ensure information exchange incl. user interfaces, and coordination mechanisms and required interoperability with other systems.
- Training & Capacity Building: Develop training programmes and practical tools to support authorities and operators in implementing STM coordination practices.
- Data Integrity Measures and certification framework: Detect inconsistencies and analyse the different systems used by the stakeholders, promoting the development of an EU-level certification process for SSA, especially for commercial providers.
- Development of test cases: apply the rules of the road to concrete cases and analyse the outcomes.

#### Expected Outcomes and Long-Term Vision

- A secure and scalable EU platform for space traffic coordination, operationally connected to EU SST infrastructure.
- Increased safety and transparency in orbital operations, including for non-EU and commercial actors. Greater European resilience and autonomy in space operations, consistent with EU strategic goals.
- Reinforced trust and accountability through certification and data integrity mechanisms.
- A stepping stone towards future EU Space Act implementation.

**Item PA 07 25 03** — Preparatory action — European Heritage Hub to support a holistic and cost-effective follow-up of the European Year of Cultural Heritage

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments  |
| p.m.              | 800 000  | p.m.                    | 800 000  | 1 000 000          | 1 300 000 | p.m.                      | 800 000  | 1 000 000         | 1 050 000 |

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| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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| Commitments       | Payments | Commitments             | Payments | Commitments        | Payments  | Commitments               | Payments | Commitments       | Payments |
|                   |          |                         |          | 2 000 000          | 1 000 000 |                           |          | 2 000 000         | 500 000  |

**Item PA 07 26 01** — Preparatory action — Sport Supports - emergency sport actions for youth

| Draft budget 2026 |          | Council's position 2026 |          | EP's position 2026 |           | Revised Draft Budget 2026 |          | Conciliation 2026 |          |
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|                   |          |                         |          | 2 000 000          | 1 000 000 |                           |          | 2 000 000         | 500 000  |

**Remarks:**

Building on the previous successful pilot project, the aim of this preparatory action is to continue sport emergency programmes in the context of humanitarian crisis such as war in order to facilitate overcoming traumas, adapting to new environments and creating bonds with the temporary hosting communities.

Through sport activities and interventions, this preparatory action will focus on encouraging community integration of children and youth. By improving their mental well-being by attending sport sessions, these individuals will eventually become ready to adjust to their new environment. Sport with its power of bringing people together will help with interaction with the host community, easier integration into the education system or entering the labour market.

To achieve the best results those programmes should be organised at the local, grassroots level. Activities, games and sports must be designed in order to meet specific social and psychosocial goals. They need to be age appropriate, culturally appropriate and be considered in respect to the gender roles in the community. Building on the existing physical capacities of participants, experienced coaches will help them to feel comfortable by encouraging them to perform skills that they already know.

Therefore, cooperation between sport organisations and social/psychological centres would be required.

The main focus group are children and young people affected by humanitarian crises and mass migration processes in the context of war. This pilot project would also generate inclusion in the public space and promote the exchange of cultures and traditions of different ethnic groups.

In order to reach the highest effectiveness possible, those programs should be implemented at the local level, involving only one EU country, which is not possible under the current Erasmus+ Sport actions.