Council of the European Union

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	15155/23
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 19/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023

1. On 7 November 2023, <u>the Commission</u> submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 19/2023, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation[1].

    As recorded in document 15155/23, the purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of:

    (a) EUR 15 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Article 11 10 01 (*European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)*) to Article 10 02 01 (*Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund*);

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[1] Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU, and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

(b) EUR 5 million in payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 06 02 99 01 (*Completion of the Structural Reform Support Programme -- Operational technical assistance transferred from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) (prior to 2021)*) to 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*); and

(c) EUR 0.84 million in both c/a and p/a from Article 30 02 02 (Differentiated appropriations) to Article 02 03 02 (*Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Energy*).

2. The transfer is being proposed in order to:

(a) reinforce the AMIF Thematic Facility, *inter alia*, because of the significant increases in irregular border crossings along the Central Mediterranean route, notably from Tunisia, and along the Western Balkans route;

(b) cover payments to National Agencies under the Erasmus+ programme, who are now facing higher financial needs and prefinancing levels than initially forecasted, which indicates an acceleration of implementation for actions under indirect management;

(c) transfer the budget increase for ACER, which was placed in the reserve, back to the CEF – Energy budget line in absence of the adoption of the Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen was initially planned to be adopted by the end of 2023.

3. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 23 November 2023.

4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:

- the proposed transfer of appropriations, as set out in document 15155/23; and

- the draft letter in the ANNEX to this note.

DRAFT LETTER

from the: President of the Council

to the: President of the European Parliament

copy: President of the Commission

Madam,

In accordance with Article 31(4) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018[1], I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 19/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023.

(Complimentary close).

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