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INST 155  
PE-L 19

**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2025 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2025 Approval Approval of a letter

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1. On 26 May 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2025, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup>.
2. As recorded in document 9435/2025, the purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 3.77 million in non-differentiated appropriations from Article 30 01 01 (*Administrative reserve*) to Article 20 03 17 (*European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)*) and Items 20 01 02 01 (*Remuneration and allowances — Headquarters and Representation offices*), 20 02 01 01 (*Contract staff*), 20 02 02 01 (*Contract staff*), 20 03 15 01 (*Publications Office*), 20 03 15 02 (*European Personnel Selection Office*), 20 03 16 01 (*Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements*) and 20 03 16 03 (*Office for Infrastructure and Logistics — Luxembourg*).

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

3. The transfer is being proposed in order to make available the appropriations which were put in reserve to cover for the payment of the housing allowance to be introduced for Commission staff at lower grades in Luxembourg.

During the preparation of the budget 2025, the decision to establish a housing allowance for staff at lower grades in Luxembourg was not yet adopted and amounts defined as provisional had been put in the administrative reserve. In accordance with Article 49 of the Financial Regulation, these provisional appropriations are to be used only after their transfer to another budget line. Therefore, following the Commission Decision C(2025) 1584 adopted on 18 March 2025 establishing the housing allowance, the matching amounts are requested to be transferred to the appropriate lines in Title 20 as foreseen in the budget 2025 remarks of budget line 30 01 01.

4. The Budget Committee examined the proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 2 June 2025.
5. 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 9435/25; and
  - the draft letter in the ANNEX to this note.

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**DRAFT LETTER**

from: President of the Council

to: President of the Commission

copy: President of the European Parliament

Madam,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 23 September 2024<sup>1</sup>, I hereby inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 08/2025 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2025.

(Complimentary close).

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