



The President

Mr Alain Lamassoure
Chair of the Committee on Budgets

316929 04.11.2010

Subject: Request for transfer of appropriations C11 - financial year 2010

Dear Mr Lamassoure,

Dear Colleague,

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 24 and 43 of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002, please find attached a request for a transfer of appropriations.

I should be grateful if you would present this transfer request to your committee, at its meeting on 9 November 2010.

Yours sincerely,

with deep regards

Jerzy Buzek

I. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER

1. *The purpose of this proposal is to request the top-up of the budget line related to the purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software by € 7.596.000 and the top-up of the budget line related to outside infrastructure assistance in connection with software systems by € 282.00, in order to extend the WIFI coverage in the EP's buildings in Brussels and Strasbourg.*

II. RECEIVING BUDGET LINE

Initial approps. +/- AB +/- transfers	Commitments entered into	Payments made	Approps. available before proposed transfer	Amount of proposed transfer	% transfer over total approps.	Approps. available after proposed transfer
2100/02 "Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work: purchase, servicing and maintenance of distributed equipment and software, and related work"						
9.580.000						
-125.000						
9.455.000	3.969.129	1.143.167	5.485.871	+ 7 596 000	+80,34%	13.081.871
2102/01 "Outside assistance in connection with the operation, development and maintenance of software systems: infrastructure assistance"						
20.714.000						
+515.000						
21.229.000	17.242.395	7.407.116	3.986.605	+ 282 000	+1,33%	4.268.605
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED IN				+ 7.878 000		

Source: State of appropriations according to Finics as at 27/10/2010

III. JUSTIFICATION

2. The appropriation against Sub-item 2100/02 is intended to cover expenditure on the purchase, hire, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software for the institution, and related work. This equipment and software relates mainly to systems at the computer and telecommunications centre, computing at departmental level and in the political groups and the electronic voting system.
3. The appropriation against Sub-item 2102/01 is intended to cover the cost of outside assistance from service bureaux and IT consultants in connection with innovation, the operation of the computer centre and the network, the production and maintenance of applications, support for Members and users in general, including the political groups, the carrying out of studies, and the drawing up and input of technical documentation.
4. The use of these financial resources is governed by the 2010 IT Plan for projects, the need for service continuity and the existing contracts for IT operations.

Extension of the WIFI coverage in the EP's buildings in Brussels and Strasbourg

5. At its meeting of **17 June 2009**, the Bureau invited the Administration to examine the possibility of providing WIFI more widely in Parliament's premises, including in the offices of Members and staff. This invitation was recalled and confirmed at its meeting of **24 March 2010**.
6. WIFI is a technology that can wireless connect multiple computer devices (computer, router, Internet set up box, mobile phone, etc.) within a computer network using access points, called terminals.
7. The current WIFI coverage in the EP's premises is limited to the main meeting rooms in Brussels and Strasbourg. It includes neither the MEPs' offices nor the corridors between their offices and meeting rooms.
8. However, it would be possible to extend WIFI coverage in the main building in Brussels (PHS, ASP, WIB, JAN) and in Strasbourg (LOW, SDM, WIC) so that MEPs, their assistants and the staff of Political Groups can remain connected to the EP's internal network while moving between offices or between them and meeting rooms, without having to use the existing public GSM networks.
9. A study was therefore conducted by DG ITEC to assess the feasibility of extending the network service currently available in these premises by:
 - checking the quality of the WIFI coverage in each office of the buildings in Brussels, of main and secondary corridors, of the exhibition and lobby areas (e.g. 3rd floor bridge between buildings in BRU);
 - designing in detail the implementation architecture of the equipment (emitters/receivers) to install and the interworking (hand over / roaming) between them and the existing WIFI network;
 - performing to guarantee its compliance with European and national standards.
10. Following the outcome of the study delivered in September 2010, the Bureau was informed by note D(2010)49109 (Annex 1) about the recommendations made in the context of the study.
11. At its meeting of **18 October 2010**, the Bureau decided to:
 - endorse the proposal to expand the WIFI coverage in parliamentary buildings;
 - agree to start by covering the committee meeting rooms, Members' offices and public spaces both in Brussels and Strasbourg;
 - extend the WIFI coverage to the Parliament's chambers in Brussels and Strasbourg;
 - agree to foresee the coverage of the rest of Parliament's buildings once the first expanding WIFI coverage will be fully operational;
 - endorse the proposal to consider two different types of WIFI users;
 - decide to allocate to the prior project for Members an amount of € 7.878.000, according the financial statement 137/10 (Annex 2).

12. The cost of the project amounting to € 7.878.000 includes the installation of the base technology supporting the WIFI networks in Brussels and Strasbourg and the installation of the latest WIFI technology with the following priorities:

	Brussels	Strasbourg	Total
WIFI antenna points:			
MEP's and assistants offices	1.457.000	1.837.000	3.294.000
Meeting rooms including the hemicycles	690.000	504.000	1.194.000
Public spaces	600.000	689.000	1.289.000
MEP's restaurants	42.000	59.000	101.000
WIFI network and administrations systems and cabling:	1.000.000	1.000.000	2.000.000
Total	3.789.000	4.089.000	7.878.000

IV. DONOR BUDGET LINES

Initial approps. +/- AB +/- transfers	Commitments entered into	Payments made	Approps. available before proposed transfer	Amount of proposed transfer	% transfer over total approps.	Approps. available after proposed transfer
Chapter 100 "Provisional appropriation"						
15.691.800						
- 6.516.600	Transfer C2					
- 1.175.200	Transfer C4					
<u>- 6.000.000</u>	Transfer C7					
2.000.000	0	0	2.000.000	-2.000.000	-100%	0
Chapter 106 "Reserve for priority projects under development"						
5.000.000	0	0	5.000.000	-5.000.000	-100%	0
1020 "Temporary allowances"						
7.628.000						
<u>-150.000</u>	C9 Transfer					
7.478.000	6.293.750	5.914.624	1.184.250	- 878.000	-11,74%	306.250
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT				- 7.878.000		

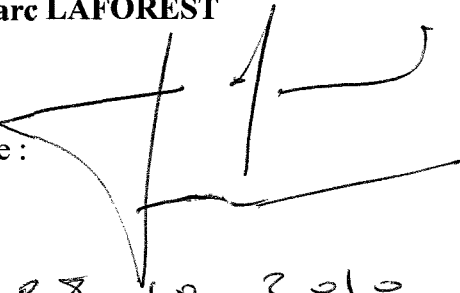
Source: State of appropriations according to Finics as at 27/10/2010

13. In the framework of the proposals for the first reading of budget 2010, the Bureau deemed preferable that "*€ 8 million in favour of the Information and Technology Communication (ICT) is placed in the reserve (Chapter 100) pending the approval of the strategic plan and new specific projects*". This proposal was endorsed by the Budgets Committee and agreed by the Plenary on 22 October 2009.
14. The chapter 100 "Provisional appropriation" is earmarked for items 2100 "*Equipment and software for information and innovation technologies*" and 2102 "*Outside assistance for information and innovation technologies*", each of them in the amount of € 4 million. The objective of the transfer request C7 was to release partially this reserve, as the conditions of a release were met. Indeed, following the establishment of a governance structure on 21 April 2009, a **medium-term ICT strategy** has been adopted by the Bureau on 24 March 2010 and the ICT Steering committee has been able to develop, in this new framework, **the 2010 IT Plan**.
15. The objective of this transfer request is therefore to release the **2 Mio €** left over in **Chapter 100** to finance the extension of WIFI coverage, as the project was included in the medium-term ICT strategy and as the proposal related to the implementation of the project was endorsed by the Bureau on 18 October 2010.
16. The appropriations against **Chapter 106** are intended to cover expenditure on the institution's priority projects under development. The amount allocated to this Chapter in the 2010 budget is **5 Mio €** and is available for financing the cost of the project of extending the WIFI coverage. Indeed, this institution's priority project, requested by the Bureau in June 2009, can now be implemented, following the results of the study made available in September 2010.
17. The appropriation against Item **1020** is intended to cover the transitional allowance after the end of a Member's term of office. The spending on this item is expected to be lower than foreseen because of fewer Members than forecast who applied for the allowance. Therefore, an amount of € 878.000, representing 11,74 % of the appropriations of the Item, is available and can be taken from there.
18. *In the circumstances, it is proposed that*
- *€ 2.000.000 from Chapter 100 "Provisional appropriation";*
 - *€ 5.000.000 from Chapter 106 "Reserve for priority projects under development ";*
 - *€ 878.000 from Item 1020 "Temporary allowances";*
- be transferred to*
- *Sub-item 2100/02 "Outside assistance in connection with the operation, development and maintenance of software systems: infrastructure assistance" for 7.596.000€ and*
 - *to Sub-item 2102/01 "Outside assistance in connection with the operation, development and maintenance of software systems: infrastructure assistance" for 282.000€.*

V. REQUEST BY DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECEIVING TRANSFER

Jean-Marc LAFOREST

Signature :



Date : 28.10.2010.

VI. APPROVAL OF DELEGATED AUTHORISING OFFICER GRANTING TRANSFER

Roger VANHAEREN

Signature :



Date : 28.10.10
