

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS EESC DEC 2/2010**  
(Article 24 of the Financial Regulation)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

1. **Introduction**

This transfer of appropriations is intended to reinforce the following budget item: "Legal costs and damages".

2. **Transfers**

Transfer of € 20 000 from item 2548 (Interpreting) to article 232 (Legal costs and damages)

3. **Reasons**

**Legal costs and damages**

This budget item covers the costs of external legal activities, their follow-ups and some current expenditure of the legal department service.

In 2009 and in 2010, article 232 has been equipped with appropriations of 40 000 EUR, which had been deemed sufficient. The number and the type of legal cases that might have to be dealt with are impossible to predict. Given the small number of dossiers and the potentially high costs involved with a single legal case, there is a large degree of variability connected to this budget article.

In 2010 expenditure for legal costs and damages has been higher than expected and almost all appropriations have already been used by one single and exceptional payment making up 80% of the initial budget. In order to cater for future legal costs already known at this time or likely to occur during the remainder of the year, it is foreseen to equip this article with a sizable amount to remain able to deal with these additional legal cases.

4. **Availability of appropriations**

**Item 2548 (Interpreting)**

The insignificant proportion of the amount to be transferred in relation to the total amount of appropriations available under item 2548 has no effect on the languages requested for meetings.

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SECTION VI – EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

<b>Transfer of Appropriations EESC DEC 2/2010</b> <b>2010 financial year</b> <b>Non-compulsory expenditure</b>
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Transfer DEC 2/2010

Within title II

From chapter 25 to chapter 23

From article 254 to article 232

			EURO	
			DEBIT	CREDIT
From item	2548	Interpreting	20 000	
To article	232	Legal costs and damages		20 000

**Information on budget headings**  
**Appropriations as of 03/06/2010**

Chapter Article Item	Initial approps. +/- transfers	Contractual commitments	Payments	Appropriations available for commitment	Transfers	Approps. available after transfers
<b><u>Donor</u></b>						
2548	8.600.000	6.465.006	4 392.113	2.134.994	- 20.000	2.114.994
<b><u>Recipient</u></b>						
232	40.000	39.302	32.967	698	20.000	20.698