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**GENERAL BUDGET – 2014 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**SECTION VII – COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS Inf 5/2014

(Article 25 of the Financial Regulation)

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**Reason**

**1. Introduction**

It is necessary to reinforce the budget line 2604 "Official Journal" in order to allow the CoR to pay fully for the publications in the EU Official Journal in 2014 and for certain expenditures that occurred in 2013 but which were invoiced in 2014.

The amount concerned is € 37,500.

**2. Description**

**Proposed transfer of appropriations from title to title: No CDR-Inf 5/2014**

			Debit (EUR)	Credit (EUR)
<b><u>From Title</u></b>	<b>1</b>			
<b><u>From Chapter</u></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Officials and temporary staff</b>		
<b>From Item</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>Remuneration and allowances</b>	<b>37,500</b>	
<b><u>To Title</u></b>	<b>2</b>			
<b><u>To Chapter</u></b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Expertise and information: acquisition, archiving, production and distribution</b>		
<b>To Item</b>	<b>2604</b>	<b>Official Journal</b>		<b>37,500</b>

**3. State of appropriations as at 6 October 2013**

**Proposed transfer of appropriations: No CDR-Inf 5/2014**

Item	Initial appropriation +/- Transfers	Contractual commitments	Payments made	Appropriations available before proposed transfer	Amount of proposed transfer	Appropriations available after proposed transfer
<b>Donor</b>						
A-1200	46,967,967	46,513,867	34,238,809	454,100	-37,500	416,600
<b>Recipient</b>						
A-2604	177,500	177,500	177,500	0	37,500	37,500

**4. Explanation of the need for appropriations**

**Official Journal (Item 2604 for € 37,500)**

The appropriations on budget line 2604 "Official Journal" is intended to cover printing expenses for publications in the Official Journal of the European Union and associated costs.

The latest OPOCE estimates for 2014 show a higher number of publications in EU Official Journal than what was foreseen during the preparation of the 2014 budget (in early 2013), which leads to the need to reinforce this budget line. Moreover, certain expenditures that occurred in 2013 were invoiced only in 2014 as OPOCE has the right to issue claims in case it shows that previous payments are not sufficient to cover costs.

**5. Appropriations available**

**Remuneration and allowances (Item 1200 for € 37,500)**

The appropriations on this budget line are mainly intended to cover, for officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan:

- salaries, family allowances, expatriation and foreign residence allowances and payments related to salaries;
- the institution's contribution to the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (insurance against sickness, accidents and occupational disease);
- flat-rate overtime allowances;
- other miscellaneous allowances and grants;
- payment of travel expenses for officials or temporary staff, their spouses and dependents from their place of employment to their place of origin;
- the impact of salary weightings applicable to remuneration and to the part of emoluments transferred to a country other than the country of employment;

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- unemployment insurance for temporary staff and payments by the institution to temporary staff in order to constitute or maintain their pension rights in their countries of origin;
- the severance payment of a probationer dismissed on grounds of manifest incompetence;
- the payment in respect of the termination by the institution of the contract of a temporary staff member.

During 2014, the budget needs for salaries turned out to be somewhat lower than foreseen, mainly due to a larger than expected vacancy rate that was necessary among others to ensure the available funds for the pending (at the beginning of the year) salary indexations for 2011 and 2012. As it turned out, the final salary indexations for 2011 and 2012 were lower than expected at the beginning of this year. A part of the accumulated funds became available for transfers in 2014.

## 6. Conclusion

The transfer of appropriations in favour of the budget line 2604 "Official Journal" is restricted to cover some earlier unforeseen expenditure due to the higher number of publication in 2014 than foreseen during the budget preparation and to cover certain expenditures occurred at the end of 2013 and invoiced in 2014.

The entire amount needed is transferred from Title 1 to Title 2; however it is below the 10% limit of the appropriations for the year of the respective donor line (1200) and therefore the Financial Regulations Article 25 procedure shall be applied.



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