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GENERAL BUDGET – 2006 FINANCIAL YEAR
SECTION VI – EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No. inf3-
2006

(Article 22 of the Financial Regulation)

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS CESE-inf3-2006
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Reason

1. Introduction

In line with the guidelines set out by the Budget Authority for the 2007 budgetary procedure, the EESC proposes to bring forward to 2006 investment expenditure initially provided for under the 2007 preliminary draft budget. These investments are for fitting-out work and the purchase of material required for the beginning of the lease on the Van Maerlant building.

Moreover, a number of minor developments in day-to-day management require the transfer of excess appropriations to other articles.

2. Reason for the application for transfer of appropriations

2.1 Operating expenditure

2.1.1 Rents and long-term leases (Article 200 for EUR 4 000)

A small amount of additional appropriations is required to act as a safety margin for the hire of meeting rooms at the Parliament during plenary sessions.

2.1.2 Water, gas, electricity, heating (Article 202 for EUR 60 000)

This transfer of appropriations is necessary because of the increase in the cost of electricity and gas.

2.1.3 Security and surveillance of buildings (Article 205 for EUR 74 955)

This transfer of appropriations is necessary to cover the higher than expected cost of security.

2.1.4 Information technology equipment (Article 211 for EUR 259 700)

These appropriations will be used to purchase the IT equipment needed for the new Remorqueur building, as well as to pay the cancellation fee for the rental contract for the old telephone system, replaced by one significantly less costly.

2.1.5 New purchases of furniture (Article 221 for EUR 92 400)

This transfer of appropriations will be used to furnish the Remorqueur building. Part of the appropriations allocated to this building under the 2006 budget has in fact been assigned to the purchase of specialised furniture for large-scale meetings and conferences.

2.2 Investment expenditure brought forward for the Van Maerlant building

2.2.1 Fitting-out of premises (Article 204 for EUR 815 000)

These appropriations will be used for finishing work, the installation of networks and the setting-up of a ventilation system for IT equipment.

2.2.2 Information technology equipment (Article 211 for EUR 342 000)

These appropriations will be used to purchase and install IT equipment as well as PCs for a number of offices and the members' area.

2.2.3 Technical installations and electronic office equipment (Article 220 for EUR 219 123)

These appropriations will pay for the installation of technical equipment in the meeting rooms.

2.2.4 New purchases of furniture (Item 2210 for EUR 264 000)

Office furniture must be purchased to equip the new building.

It should be noted that the above proposals to bring expenditure forward are aimed at compensating for the cuts of EUR 1 965 120 already carried out by the Council at its first reading of the 2006 draft budget. The difference between this amount and the amount of transfers requested is explained by the fact that a proportion of the cuts does not require any transfer, as there are already funds available under the article to which the expenditure brought forward is to be debited.

3. Appropriations available

The 2006 financial year is characterised by a considerable divergence between the estimates used to draw up the budget and the outturn.

The enlargement process, with many officials of unknown grades and family situations entering the service, the ongoing difficulty in filling vacant posts and the increased difficulty in estimating the appropriations needed for the payment of salaries subsequent to the entry into force of the new Staff Regulations have all brought about a major under-utilisation of Chapter 11 (salaries).

In Title 2, a combination of factors has also led to certain items being below budget:

- Article 201: The new insurance contract is less expensive than estimated.
- Article 203: The new fully comprehensive contracts for the maintenance of technical equipment and lifts will not be completed until late 2006 or early 2007, thereby freeing up a safety margin.

- The remaining excess appropriations are the result of over-estimation of consumption, the application of more advantageous rates for new contracts or the delaying of some expenditure.

4. **Conclusions**

The transfer of appropriations being proposed in order to bring forward expenditure is necessary in order to compensate for the reductions in the 2007 budget made by the Council.

The transfer of appropriations for the fitting out work for the Van Maerlant building is necessary in order to be able to place orders and begin work so that the building can be operational by early 2007.

The transfer of “operating” appropriations is restricted to new, unexpected needs involving limited expenditure.

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Proposed transfer of appropriations from title to title: No. CESE-inf3
2006 financial year
Non-compulsory expenditure

			EUR	
			Debit	Credit
<u>2.1.1</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	4.000	
to Article	200	Rents and long-term leases		4.000
<u>2.1.2</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	60 000	
to Article	202	Water, gas, electricity, heating		60 000
<u>2.1.3</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	74 955	
to Article	205	Security and surveillance of buildings		74 955
<u>2.1.4</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	259 700	
to Article	211	Information technology equipment		259 700
<u>2.1.5</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	92 400	
to Article	221	Furniture		92 400

<u>2.2.1</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	304 743	
from Article	201	Insurance	17 000	
from Article	203	Cleaning and maintenance	360 000	
from Article	208	Other expenditure prior to the purchase of premises or the construction of buildings	6 037	
from Article	223	Vehicles	23 200	
from Article	225	Documentation and library expenditure	7 200	
from Article	230	Stationery and office supplies	89 820	
from Article	235	Other operating expenditure	7 000	
to Article	204	Fitting-out of premises		815 000
<u>2.2.2</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	342 000	
to Article	211	Information technology equipment		342 000
<u>2.2.3</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	219 123	
to Article	220	Technical installations and electronic office equipment		219.123
<u>2.2.4</u>				
From Article	110	Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan	264 000	
to Article	221	Furniture		264 000

Proposed transfer of appropriations from chapter to chapter:

No. CESE-inf3-2006

Appropriations as of 28/09/2006

Chapter Article	Initial appropriations +/- transfers	Contractual commitments	Payments	Appropriations available for commitments	Transfers	Appropriations available after transfers
<u>Donor</u>						
110	51 672 135	47 863 000	34 769 659	3 809 135	-1 620 921	2 189 214
201	133 200	115 976	115 757	17 223	- 17 000	223
203	2 820 000	2 064 434	1 387 220	755 566	- 360 000	395 566
208	12 000	5 963	5 963	6 037	- 6 037	0
223	95 300	61 246	40 162	34 054	- 23 200	10 854
225	189 200	141 450	41 248	47 750	- 7 200	40 550
230	360 964	264 750	127 663	96 214	- 89 820	6 394
235	268 000	242 679	141 093	25 321	- 7 000	18 321
<u>Recipient</u>						
200	9 840 000	9 836 485	9 813 389	23 096	4 000	27 096
202	766 200	762 200	231 280	530 920	60 000	590 920
204	470 000	307 670	1 592	162 330	815 000	977 330
205	2 195 073	2 062 327	2 012 563	132 746	74 955	207 701
211	1 766 731	1 567 797	777 352	198 934	259 700	458 634
220	1 457 761	1 419 189	526 483	38 573	219 123	257 696
221	189 600	143 488	130 734	46 112	264 000	310 112