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FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AGENCY

Financial Statements

Reports on the implementation of the Budget

Financial Year 2022

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CERTIFICATE AND STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATE

I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the final annual accounts of the European Research Council Executive Agency in accordance with Article 30.1 (b) of the Standard Financial Regulation for the Executive Agencies ('SFR')¹ and Article 246 of the Financial Regulation ('FR')². I hereby certify that the final annual accounts of the European Research Council Executive Agency for the year 2022 have been prepared in accordance with Title VI of the SFR, Title XIII of the FR, and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer, as are to be applied by all institutions and union bodies.

I have obtained from the Authorising Officer, who certified its reliability, all the information necessary for the production of the final accounts that show the European Research Council Executive Agency's assets and liabilities and the budgetary implementation. Based on this information, and on such checks as I deemed necessary to sign off the accounts, I have a reasonable assurance that the accounts present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position, the results of the operations and the cash-flow of the European Research Council Executive Agency.

Brussels,

Claire Levacher
Accounting Officer

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR

I, the undersigned, Laurence Moreau, Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency, in my capacity as Authorising Officer,

- state that I have reasonable assurance that the resources assigned to the activities described in the final annual accounts have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management, and that the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions. This reasonable assurance is based on my own judgment and on the information at my disposal,

- confirm that I am not aware of anything not reported in the annual accounts, which could harm the interests of the European Research Council Executive Agency.

Brussels,

Laurence Moreau
Director

¹ Commission Regulation (EC) n°1653/2004 of the Council of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) n° 58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes, amended by Commission Regulation (EC) n°1821/2005 of 08 November 2005 and Commission Regulation (EC) n° 651/2008 of 09 July 2008.

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

INTRODUCTION

LEGAL BASIS

The accounts of the European Research Council Executive Agency are kept in accordance with:

- The Commission Regulation (EC) n°1653/2004 of the Council of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) n° 58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes, amended by Commission Regulation (EC) n°1821/2005 of 08 November 2005 and Commission Regulation (EC) n° 651/2008 of 09 July 2008.
- The accounting rules, methods and guidelines as adopted and provided by the Accountant of the Commission in December 2004 and last updated in December 2020.
- The Commission Regulation (EC) No 2909/2000 of 29 December 2000 on the accounting management of the European Communities' non-financial fixed assets.
- The Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ-L 193/30.07.2018, p.1).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The European Research Council (ERC) consists of a Scientific Council and a Dedicated Implementation Structure, the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA).

The Scientific Council defines the scientific funding strategy and methodologies, whereas the Dedicated Implementation Structure implements and applies this strategy and methodologies in the management and operations of the ERC activities.

The ERCEA is the first European funding body set up to support investigator-driven frontier research following the relevant regulation and decisions:

- The Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/173/EU of 12 February 2021 establishing the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, the European Research Executive Agency, the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency, the European Research Council Executive Agency, and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and repealing Implementing Decisions 2013/801/EU, 2013/771/EU, 2013/778/EU, 2013/779/EU, 2013/776/EU and 2013/770/EU; The ERCEA succeeded the Executive Agency established by Commission Implementing Decision C(2013)9048 of 17 December 2013 establishing the European Research Executive Agency and repealing decision 2008/37/EC (2013/779/EU) and operated in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes, including budget implementation.

- The Commission Decision C(2021)950 of 12 February 2021 delegating powers to the European Research Council Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of frontier research comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.
- The Commission Decision C(2021)3402 of 12 May 2021 establishing the European Research Council for Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and innovation and repealing Decision C(2013)8915.
- The Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013.
- The Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 of 10 May 2021 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Decision 2013/743/EU.

Under the new 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, the Agency continues to manage the legacy of the following part of the Horizon 2020 Specific Programme – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020): Part I 'Excellent science': 'Strengthening frontier research through the activities of the European Research Council' – and of the Specific Programme 'Ideas' implementing the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013). Further to the adoption of the Commission Decision establishing and delegating powers to the ERCEA, the ERCEA also implements the programme Horizon Europe: Pillar I: the European Research Council (ERC).

The ERC complements other funding activities in Europe such as those of the national research funding agencies.

Its main aim is to stimulate scientific excellence by supporting and encouraging the very best, truly creative scientists, scholars and engineers to be adventurous and take risks in their research. The scientists are encouraged to go beyond established frontiers of knowledge and the boundaries of disciplines.

Being 'investigator-driven', or 'bottom-up', in nature, the ERC approach allows researchers to identify new opportunities and directions in any field of research, rather than being led by priorities set by politicians. This approach ensures that funds are channelled into new and promising areas of research with a greater degree of flexibility.

ERC grants are awarded through open competition to projects headed by starting (StG), consolidating (CoG) or established researchers (AdG) as well as group of researchers (SyG), irrespective of their origins, who are working or moving to work in Europe - the sole criterion for selection is scientific excellence. The aim of the three first type of grants is to recognise the best ideas, and retain and confer status and visibility to the best brains in Europe, while also attracting talents from abroad. The aim of Synergy grant (SyG) scheme is to promote substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge, to cross-fertilize scientific fields and to encourage new productive lines of enquiry and new methods and techniques including unconventional approaches and investigations at the interface between established disciplines. Finally, the Proof of Concept instrument (PoC grant) aims at bridging the gap between research and social or commercial innovation.

The implementation by the ERCEA of the operational budget, covering mainly the evaluation and grants management, from the general budget of the Union is delegated to the Director of the ERCEA, who thereby assumes the role of Authorising Officer by delegation. The operational budget (in 2022 € million 2.136³) is implemented under direct management. The related accounts are included in the European Commission annual accounts. The discharge in respect of the implementation of the operational appropriations is covered by the general discharge given to the Commission.

The ERCEA has its own legal personality. As a corollary, the Agency has its own operating budget. The budget covers its operating expenditure, mainly staff expenditure, office related costs, IT related costs and other services. Its revenue consists mainly of an EU annual subsidy (in 2022, € million 58,8). The ERCEA's Director is the Authorising Officer for this budget. He/she implements it under direct management. This operating budget is subject to a separate discharge by the Parliament.

The annual accounts (financial statements and reports on the implementation of the budget of the ERCEA) covered by this document relate to the operating budget.

External Audit

The European Court of Auditors is required to scrutinise the ERCEA's accounts in line with the requirements of Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union⁴.

Discharge

The European Parliament is the discharge authority within the EU. This means that, following the audit and finalisation of the annual accounts, it falls to the Council to recommend and then to the European Parliament to give a discharge to the ERCEA for a given financial year.

³ Commission Decision C(2022)3360 final – of 30 May 2022 approving the Work Programme 2022 of the European Research Council Executive Agency

⁴ Art. 65 of the Commission Regulation (EC) n° 1653/2004 of 21 December 2004 on a standard regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) n° 58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes. The reference to Article 248 of the EC Treaty in the mentioned article of the Standard Regulation for EAs needs to be read as being made to the Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BALANCE SHEET

| In EUR | Note | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
|--|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | 837.395,35 | 411.926,84 |
| Intangible assets | 2.1. | 120.254,00 | 11.083,00 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 2.2. | 717.141,35 | 400.843,84 |
| Land and buildings | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Plant and equipment | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Computer hardware | | 370.802,00 | 35.651,00 |
| Furniture and vehicles | | 47.810,00 | 44.149,00 |
| Other fixtures and fittings | | 298.529,35 | 321.043,84 |
| | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | 6.286.759,82 | 6.830.043,30 |
| Exchange Receivables | 2.3. | 3.250.582,90 | 3.567.178,97 |
| Current receivables | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Current receivables from consolidated entities | | 110.950,28 | 235.211,08 |
| Sundry receivables | | 35.302,21 | 20.388,52 |
| Deferred charges | | 3.104.330,41 | 3.311.579,37 |
| Non-exchange Recoverables | 2.4. | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Accrued income | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2.5. | 3.036.176,92 | 3.262.864,33 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 7.124.155,16 | 7.241.970,14 |
| | | | |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 3.972.439,72 | 4.202.773,98 |
| Provisions for risks and liabilities | 2.6. | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Payables | 2.7. | 3.972.439,72 | 4.202.773,98 |
| Current payables | | 101.270,23 | 41.108,13 |
| Sundry payables | | 0,00 | 6,81 |
| Accrued charges and deferred income | | 3.344.434,96 | 3.718.943,39 |
| Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities | 2.8. | 526.734,53 | 442.715,65 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 3.972.439,72 | 4.202.773,98 |
| | | | |
| NET ASSETS | | 3.151.715,44 | 3.039.196,16 |
| Accumulated surplus/deficit | | 3.039.196,16 | 2.968.009,94 |
| Economic result of the year | | 112.519,28 | 71.186,22 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| In EUR | Note | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUE | 3.1. | 58.883.604,05 | 55.177.672,04 |
| Non-exchange revenue | | 58.285.587,87 | 54.967.878,08 |
| European Union Contribution | 3.1.1. | 58.285.587,87 | 54.967.878,08 |
| Other non-exchange revenue | 3.1.2. | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Exchange revenue | 3.1.3. | 598.016,18 | 209.793,96 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | 58.771.084,77 | 55.106.485,82 |
| Administrative expenses | 3.2. | 58.771.084,77 | 55.106.485,82 |
| Staff expenses | 3.2.1. | 44.288.211,30 | 41.006.660,18 |
| Property, plant and equipment related expenses | 3.2.2. | 7.156.746,37 | 7.790.850,86 |
| Other expenses | 3.2.3. | 7.326.127,10 | 6.308.376,33 |
| Financial expenses | | 0,00 | 598,45 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | 112.519,28 | 71.186,22 |
| Financial revenue | | | |
| Financial expenses | | | |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Extraordinary gains | | | |
| Extraordinary losses | | | |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS | | | |
| ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR | | 112.519,28 | 71.186,22 |

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| In EUR | Note | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Economic result of the year | | 112.519,28 | 71.186,22 |
| Operating activities | | | |
| Amortisation | | 21.665,79 | 25.303,00 |
| Depreciation | | 416.485,86 | 500.752,21 |
| (Increase)/decrease in exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables | | 316.596,08 | (538.687,05) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in provisions | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in payables | | 144.174,17 | (11.923.064,49) |
| Increase/(decrease) in accrued charges and deferred income | | (374.508,43) | 1.035.143,30 |
| Net cash-flow from operating activities | 4.1. | 524.413,47 | (10.900.553,03) |
| Investing activities | | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in intangible assets and property, plant and equipment | | (863.620,16) | (30.948,72) |
| Net cash-flow from investing activities | 4.2. | (863.620,16) | (30.948,72) |
| Net cash-flow | | (226.687,41) | (10.860.315,53) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | (226.687,41) | (10.860.315,53) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | 3.262.864,33 | 14.123.179,86 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at year-end | | 3.036.176,92 | 3.262.864,33 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| In EUR | Accumulated Surplus/Deficit | Economic result of the year | Net Assets (Total) |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance as at 31 December 2021 | 2.968.009,94 | 71.186,22 | 3.039.196,16 |
| Changes in accounting policies | | | |
| Balance as at 1 January 2022 | 2.968.009,94 | 71.186,22 | 3.039.196,16 |
| Allocation of the economic result of previous year | 71.186,22 | | |
| Economic result of the year | | 112.519,28 | |
| Balance as at 31 December 2022 | 3.039.196,16 | 112.519,28 | 3.151.715,44 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements cover the period from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Legal basis and Accounting rules

In accordance with the legal basis described above the following annual accounts together with the reports on implementation of the budget of the ERCEA have been drawn up.

These financial statements are prepared on the basis of the EU Accounting Rules as adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer which adapt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (and in some cases the International Financial Reporting Standards) to the specific environment of the EU, while the reports on implementation of the budget continue to be primarily based on movements of cash.

The accounting system of the ERCEA comprises general accounts and budget accounts. These accounts are kept in Euro on the basis of the calendar year. The budget accounts give a detailed picture of the implementation of the budget. They are based on the modified cash accounting principle.⁵ The general accounts allow for the preparation of the financial statements as they show all charges and income for the financial year and are designed to establish the financial position in the form of a balance sheet at 31 December.

The ERCEA's financial statements have been drawn up using the methods of preparation as set out in the accounting rules laid down by the European Commission's Accounting Officer.

1.2. Accounting principles

The objectives of the financial statements are to provide information about the financial position, performance and cash flows of an entity that is useful to a wide range of users. For a public sector entity such as the ERCEA, the objectives are more specifically to provide information useful for decision-making, and to demonstrate the accountability of the entity for the resources entrusted to it.

Article 53 of the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies⁶ sets out the accounting principles to be applied in drawing up the financial statements: going concern basis, prudence, consistent accounting methods, comparability of information, materiality, no netting, reality over appearance, and accrual-based accounting.

Going-concern principle

When preparing financial statements an assessment of an entity's ability to continue as a going-concern shall be made. Financial statements shall be prepared on a going-concern basis unless there is an intention to liquidate the entity or to cease operating, or if there is no realistic alternative but to do so. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the going-concern principle,

⁵ This differs from cash-based accounting because of elements such as carry-overs.

⁶ Commission Regulation (EC) n°1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes amended by Commission Regulation (EC) n° 1821/2005 of 08 November 2005 and Commission Regulation (EC) n° 651/2008 of 09 July 2008.

which means that the Agency is deemed to have been established for an indefinite duration.

Principle of prudence

The principle of prudence means that assets and income shall not be overstated and liabilities and charges shall not be understated. However, the principle of prudence does not allow the creation of hidden reserves or undue provisions.

Principle of consistent accounting methods

The principle of consistent accounting methods means that the structure of the components of the financial statements and the accounting methods and valuation rules may not be changed from one year to the next.

The Agency's Accounting Officer may not depart from the principle of consistent accounting methods other than in exceptional circumstances, in particular:

- a) in the event of a significant change in the nature of the entity's operations;
- b) where the change made is for the sake of a more appropriate presentation of the accounting operations.

Where such exception apply, the impact of the change in accounting method shall be duly disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Principle of comparability of information

The principle of comparability of information means that for each item the financial statements shall also show the amount of the corresponding item the previous year.

Where, the presentation or the classification of one of the components of the financial statements is changed, the corresponding amounts for the previous year shall be made comparable and reclassified. Where it is impossible to reclassify items, this shall be explained in the annex to the financial statements.

Principle of materiality

The materiality principle means that all operations which are of significance for the information sought shall be taken into account in the financial statements. Materiality shall be assessed in particular by reference to the nature of the transaction or the amount.

Transactions may be aggregated where:

- a) the transactions are identical in nature, even if the amounts are large;
- b) the amounts are negligible;
- c) aggregation makes for clarity in the financial statements.

Principle of no netting

The no-netting principle means that receivables and debts may not be offset against each other, nor may charges and income, save where charges and income derive from the same transaction, from similar transactions or from hedging operations and provided that they are not individually material.

Principle of reality over appearance

The principle of reality over appearance means that accounting events recorded in the financial statements shall be presented by reference to their economic nature.

Accrual-based accounting principle

The accrual – based accounting principle means that transactions and events shall be entered in the accounts when they occur and not when amounts are actually paid or recovered. They shall be booked to the financial years to which they relate.

Exception to the accounting principles

Where, in a specific case, the Accounting Officer considers that an exception should be made to the content of one of the accounting principles defined above this exception must be duly substantiated and reported in the annex to the financial statements.

In parallel, the overall considerations (or accounting principles) to be followed when preparing the financial statements are also laid down in EU Accounting Rule 2 and are the same as those described in IPSAS 1⁷ that is: fair presentation, accrual basis, going-concern basis, consistency of presentation, aggregation, offsetting and comparative information.

1.3. Basis of preparation

1.3.1. Currency and basis for conversion

Functional and reporting currency

The financial statements are presented in euro, which is the functional and reporting currency of the EU.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are recorded using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation of monetary items in foreign currency into euro at year-end are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

Chart of Accounts

The chart of Accounts used by the ERCEA follows the structure of the chart of Accounts of the European Commission (PCUE).

Use of estimates

In accordance with IPSAS and generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements necessarily include amounts based on estimates and assumptions by management based on the most reliable information available. Significant estimates include, but are not limited to: amounts for employee benefit liabilities, accrued and deferred revenue and charges, provisions, financial risk on accounts receivable, contingent assets and liabilities, and degree of impairment of assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reasonable estimates are an essential part of the preparation of financial statements and do not undermine their reliability. An estimate may need revision if changes occur in the circumstances on which the estimate was based or as a result of new information or more experience. By its nature, the revision of an estimate does not relate to prior periods and is not the correction of an error. The effect of a change in accounting estimate shall be recognised in the surplus or deficit in the periods in which it becomes known.

⁷ International Public Sector Accounting Standards

1.4. Balance Sheet

Assets are resources controlled by the ERCEA as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits or service potential are expected to flow.

1.4.1. Intangible assets

Intangible assets are identifiable non-monetary assets without physical substance. Acquired computer software licences are stated at historical cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. The assets are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life. The estimated useful lives of intangible assets depend on their specific economic lifetime or legal lifetime determined by an agreement.

Currently, the ERCEA uses 25% amortisation rate for its intangible assets.

Amortisation is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an intangible asset over its useful life (EU Accounting Rule 6).

Internally developed intangible assets are capitalised when the relevant criteria of the EU Accounting rules are met. The costs capitalisable include all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce, and prepare the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Costs associated with research activities, non-capitalisable development costs and maintenance costs are recognised as expenses as incurred.

1.4.2. Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are identifiable non-monetary assets with physical substance. Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the ERCEA and its cost can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the statement of financial performance during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Assets under construction are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use.

Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life (EU Accounting Rule 7).

The depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method with the following rates and *pro-rata temporis* from the month of purchase of the asset:

| Type of asset | Straight line depreciation rate |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Leasehold improvement (works, fitting out) | 10% |
| Plant and equipment | 12% - 25% |
| Computer hardware | 25% |
| Furniture | 10% - 25% |
| Telecommunication and audio-visual equipment | 25% |

Gains or losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds less selling expenses with the carrying amount of the disposed asset and are included in the statement of financial performance.

1.4.3. Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation/depreciation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation/depreciation are tested for impairment whenever there is an indication at the reporting date that an asset may be impaired. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable (service) amount. The recoverable (service) amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least once per year. If the reasons for impairments recognised in previous years no longer apply, the impairment losses are reversed accordingly.

1.4.4. Financial assets

The ERCEA has as financial assets its exchange receivables and cash and cash equivalents. At initial recognition, they are classified in the category at amortised cost as the management model is to hold these non-derivative financial assets in order to collect the contractual cash flows.

Financial assets at amortised cost are included in current assets, except for those with maturity of more than 12 months from the reporting date.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The Agency recognises and measures an impairment loss for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost.

The expected credit loss (ECL) is the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows and the cash flows that the Agency expects to receive. The ECL incorporates reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date.

For assets at amortised cost, the asset's carrying amount is reduced by the amount of the impairment loss which is recognised in the statement of financial performance. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the statement of financial performance.

See notes 1.4.5 and 1.4.6 below for more information.

1.4.5. Exchange Receivables and non-exchange recoverables

The EU accounting rules require a separate presentation of exchange and non-exchange transactions. To distinguish between the two categories, the term 'receivable' is reserved for exchange transactions, whereas for non-exchange transactions, i.e. when the EU receives value from another entity without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange, the term 'recoverables' is used (e.g. recoverables from Member States related to own resources).

Receivables from exchange transactions are financial assets and are measured at amortized costs.

Recoverable from non-exchange transactions are carried at fair value as at the date of acquisition less write-down for impairment. A write-down for impairment is established when there is objective evidence that the entity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the recoverable. The amount of the write-down is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the recoverable amount. The amount of the write-down is recognised in the Statement of financial performance.

1.4.6. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are financial assets at amortised cost and include cash at hand and deposits held at call or at short notice with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.4.7. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the ERCEA has a present legal or constructive obligation towards third parties as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated. The amount of the provision is the best estimate of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

1.4.8. Financial liabilities

The ERCEA has as financial liabilities its payables. They are classified as current liabilities, except for maturities more than 12 months after the balance sheet date. See note 1.4.9 below for more information.

1.4.9. Payables

Payables are both amounts related to exchange transactions such as the purchase of goods and services, and to non-exchange transactions such as pre-financing received.

A significant amount of the payables of the ERCEA are related to the purchase of goods or services. Those are recognised at invoice reception for the original amount and corresponding expenses are entered in the accounts when the supplies or services are delivered and accepted by the ERCEA.

1.4.10. Accrued and deferred income and charges

In accordance with the EU Accounting Rules, which aim at ensuring that the financial statements reflect a true and fair view of the Agency's operations, transactions and events are recognised in the financial statements in the period they relate to.

Therefore, at period-end, an accrued revenue will be recognised in the financial statements if an invoice is not yet issued but the service has been rendered, or the supplies have been delivered by the entity or a contractual agreement exists (e.g. by reference to a contract). In addition, at period-end, if an invoice is issued but the services have not yet been rendered or the goods supplied have not yet been delivered, the revenue will be deferred and recognised in the subsequent accounting period.

At the end of the accounting period, accrued expenses are recognised based on an estimated amount of the transfer obligation of the period. The calculation of accrued expenses is done in accordance with detailed operational and practical guidelines issued by the Accounting Officer. By analogy, if a payment has been made in advance for services or goods that have not yet been received, the expense will be deferred and recognised in the subsequent accounting period.

1.5. Statement of financial performance

1.5.1. Revenue

Non-exchange revenue makes up the vast majority of the ERCEA's revenue and includes mainly EU subsidy.

Exchange revenue is the revenue from the sale of goods and services. It is recognised when the significant risk and rewards of ownership of the goods are transferred to the purchaser. Revenue associated with a transaction involving the provision of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

Interest income consists of received bank interest.

1.5.2. Expenses

Expenses from exchange transactions arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised when the related goods/services are delivered and accepted by the entity. They are valued at original invoice cost.

Non-exchange expenses relate to transfers to beneficiaries and can be of 3 types mainly: entitlements, transfers under agreement and discretionary grants, contributions and donations

Transfers to beneficiaries are recognised as expenses when (i.e. in the accounting period during which) the event giving rise to the transfer occurred under the condition that:

- the nature of the transfer is allowed by a regulation (Financial, Staff, other Regulations) and/or the transfer has been made according to a contract signed with the beneficiary;
- all eligibility criteria have been met by the beneficiary for the transfer to be made.

When a request for payment or cost claim is received and meets the above mentioned recognition criteria, it is expensed for the eligible amount. At the end of the accounting period, incurred eligible expenses (due to the beneficiaries but) not yet requested/claimed are estimated and recorded as accrued expenses.

1.6. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

1.6.1. Contingent assets

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and of which the existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the ERCEA. It is not recognised because the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability. A contingent asset is disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits or service potential is probable.

1.6.2. Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and of which the existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the ERCEA; or a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because: it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation or, in the rare circumstances where the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.7. Consolidation

According to article 57 of the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies, the ERCEA's annual accounts are consolidated with the European Commission's annual accounts.

2. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

The ERCEA uses ABAC Assets as inventory application, which is an integrated part of the ABAC platform. The non-current intangible and tangible (property, plant and equipment) assets are called also fixed assets.

2.1. Intangible fixed assets

To be entered in the financial inventory in the balance sheet they must be controlled by the ERCEA and generate future economic benefits for the Agency. Moreover, the assets should have a purchase price above €700.

The ERCEA's individual threshold for capitalisation of internally generated intangible assets is €100.000,00.

The intangible fixed assets at the ERCEA consist of computer software and the development cost of the intangible assets under construction.

| Intangible Fixed Assets (in EUR) | Internally generated Computer Software and other Computer Software | Intangible assets under construction | Total |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|
| Gross carrying amounts 01.01.2022 | 7.423.273,65 | | 7.423.273,65 |
| Additions | 130.836,79 | | 130.836,79 |
| Disposals | (492.320,76) | | (492.320,76) |
| Transfer between headings | | | |
| Other changes | | | |
| Gross carrying amounts 31.12.2022 | 7.061.789,68 | | 7.061.789,68 |
| Accumulated amortization and impairment 01.01.2022 | (7.412.190,65) | | (7.412.190,65) |
| Amortization | (21.665,79) | | (21.665,79) |
| Disposals | 492.320,76 | | 492.320,76 |
| Accumulated amortization and impairment 31.12.2022 | (6.941.535,68) | | (6.941.535,68) |
| Net carrying amounts 31.12.2022 | 120.254,00 | | 120.254,00 |

The development costs for the migration of the ERC Website to the new website have been capitalised for €130.836,79 on 26 September 2022 leading to the disposal of the previous ERC Website (€109.189,60, fully amortised).

The internally generated intangible assets represent an important part of the fixed assets and consist mainly in IT tools for the management of the Agency's operational programmes, namely for Grants and Evaluations and to a lesser extent for the administrative management of the Agency, as detailed in the table below:

| Intangible assets | Acquisition value | Cumulative depreciation | Net value |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Internally developed assets by RTD/DIGIT/Agencies | 4.854.584,85 | (4.854.584,85) | 0,00 |
| Internally developed assets by ERCEA | 2.083.677,78 | (1.963.743,78) | 119.934,00 |
| Other intangible assets | 123.527,05 | (123.207,05) | 320,00 |
| Total net amount 31.12.2022 | 7.061.789,68 | (6.941.535,68) | 120.254,00 |

The internally developed IT software for the management of the Agency's operational programmes carried out by and for various Directorates-General in the Commission and executive agencies were developed until 2013 under the Service Level Agreement for the provision of FP7 information systems and services and the Common Evaluation Platform. The Agency's financial contribution was capitalized for a total amount of €5.237.716,01, fully amortised since year end 2018. Following the decommissioning by DG RTD of the FP7 applications on 31 August 2022, the ERCEA has withdrawn the corresponding amount capitalised for €383.131,16 (fully amortised).

In 2014, the above-mentioned SLA was terminated. The European Commission set up the Common Support Center (CSC) in DG RTD, responsible for the implementation and support of IT systems for Horizon 2020 and all common FP7 applications, and implemented the new partnership agreement between the CSC, representing the Research family DGs, and the DG for Informatics (DIGIT). Under this partnership, the CSC, having been renamed CIC (Common Implementation Center) is developing several IT tools (such as COMPASS, SYGMA, etc.). The developments costs of these tools are shared among DGs. DG RTD is the owner of these tools. No development costs are activated since 2014 in the ERCEA annual accounts regarding these tools.

2.2. Property, plant and equipment

Tangible (fixed) assets at the ERCEA consist of leasehold improvements (fitting out), technical equipment, furniture, kitchen and cafeteria equipment, computer hardware, telecommunication and audio-visual equipment.

As a general rule, the Agency books as fixed tangible assets only items whose purchase price is above €700. Items with lower value are treated as expenses of the year and are registered in the physical inventory when the value is between €100 and €700.

Details of the property, plant and equipment's depreciation can be found in the table below (in EUR):

| Tangible Fixed Assets | Buildings | Plant and Equipment | Furniture and vehicles | Computer hardware | Other Fixtures and Fittings | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gross carrying amounts 01.01.2022 | 6.155,41 | 2.760,45 | 376.830,77 | 714.740,48 | 8.104.110,56 | 9.204.597,67 |
| Additions | | | 14.579,38 | 427.688,07 | 290.515,92 | 732.783,37 |
| Disposals | | | (10.137,99) | (45.961,34) | (80.151,69) | (136.251,02) |
| Others | | | | 1.030,58 | | 1030,58 |
| Gross carrying amounts 31.12.2022 | 6.155,41 | 2.760,45 | 381.272,16 | 1.097.497,79 | 8.314.474,79 | 9.802.160,60 |
| | | | | | | |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment 01.01.2022 | (6.155,41) | (2.760,45) | (332.681,77) | (679.089,48) | (7.783.066,72) | (8.803.753,83) |
| Depreciation | | | (10.649,38) | (92.537,07) | (312.952,41) | (416.138,86) |
| Disposals | | | 9.868,99 | 45.961,34 | 80.073,69 | 135.904,02 |
| Others | | | | (1.030,58) | | (1.030,58) |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment 31.12.2022 | (6.155,41) | (2.760,45) | (333.462,16) | (726.695,79) | (8.015.945,44) | (9.085.019,25) |
| Net carrying amounts 31.12.2022 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 47.810,00 | 370.802,00 | 298.529,35 | 717.141,35 |

The heading "other fixtures and fittings" represents the largest amount of the tangible assets. It corresponds to:

| Description | Note | Gross carrying amounts 31.12.2022 | Accumulated amortization and impairment 31.12.2022 | Net carrying amounts 31.12.2022 |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Fitting out of the building COV2 | 1 | 5.876.386,47 | (5.876.386,47) | 0,00 |
| Canteen | 2 | 650.144,86 | (650.144,86) | 0,00 |
| Audio visual equipment | 3 | 1.600.035,83 | (1.313.928,83) | 286.107,00 |
| Open space 20th floor | 4 | 128.873,77 | (121.714,11) | 7.159,66 |
| Other | 5 | 59.033,86 | (53.771,17) | 5.262,69 |
| Total | | 8.314.474,79 | (8.015.945,44) | 298.529,35 |

1. The fitting out of the building COV2 (€5.876.386,47) is represented by the works made for the initial fitting out of the building occupied by the Agency (COV) through a 15-year duration usufruct contract (€5.543.448,65) and the value of subsequent works for the fitting out (€332.937,82). The works have been capitalized over a useful life of 10 years.

2. The amount for the canteen, created in 2012 for the benefit of the staff of the different organisations established in the building where the Agency has its premises, corresponds to the participation of the Agency to the canteen building costs (€650.144,86). The delivery of the canteen took place in January 2013 and it started to be used beginning February 2013. The works have been capitalized over a useful life of 10 years starting from February 2013.
3. The telecommunication and audio-visual equipment represent an amount to €1.600.035,83 and are capitalized under this heading. It is depreciated over a useful life of 4 years. This includes the installation of telecommunication and audio-visual equipment in the 7th floor of the COVE Building for the evaluation facilities which represents an amount equal to €1.011.365. Some meeting rooms were newly equipped and other upgraded in 2022 for €290.515,92.
4. The costs for an amount equal to €128.873,77 relates to the works carried out to create an open space for offices, replacing the former cafeteria on the 20th floor of the COV2 building. The delivery of the open space took place in May 2017. The costs are depreciated over the remaining duration of the usufruct contract (September 2023).
5. The other fittings are mainly:
 - The participation for an amount equal to €16.427,44 of the creation of a new cafeteria on the 1st floor of the COV2 building for the benefit of the staff of the different organisations established in this building. The delivery of the cafeteria took place in May 2017. The costs have been fully depreciated end of 2018 considering the closing of the cafeteria end of October 2018.
 - The fitting out of the 7th floor of COVE building through the SLA with OIB for an amount equal to €38.892,65. The delivery of the works took place on 1 September 2018. The costs are depreciated over the remaining duration of the COV2 usufruct contract (September 2023).

The acquisitions under Computer and Hardware correspond to:

| Description | Gross amounts |
|--|-------------------|
| Servers, data domain and power store | 337.870,85 |
| Codecs, switches, and other IT equipment | 89.817,22 |
| Total | 427.688,07 |

The disposals as detailed below correspond mainly to items decommissioned because they are not used anymore:

| Description | Gross amounts | Accumulated amortization | Net amounts Write off |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Network and audio-visual equipment | 80.151,69 | (80.073,69) | 78,00 |
| IT equipment | 45.961,34 | (45.961,34) | 0.00 |
| Furniture | 10.137,99 | (9.868,99) | 269,00 |
| Total | 136.251,02 | (135.904,02) | 347,00 |

CURRENT ASSETS

2.3. Exchange receivables

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Deferred charges | 3.104.330,40 | 3.311.579,37 |
| Sundry receivables | 35.302,21 | 20.388,52 |
| Current receivables | 110.950,28 | 235.211,08 |
| Total | 3.250.582,89 | 3.567.178,97 |

The balance of the deferred charges (€3.104.330,40) corresponds mainly to:

- deferred charges related to the rent of the building where the ERCEA has established its headquarters, each yearly instalment starting at the end of September (€2.643.143,00);
- deferred charges related to IT maintenance or licences expenses (€102.992,63);
- deferred charges related to the installation in 2022 of audio-visual equipment in meeting rooms (€332.273,44).

Sundry receivables amount to €35.302,21. They consist mainly in :

- salary advances (€6.928,00 in comparison to €2.560,00 in 2021);
- monthly salary regularisations between staff members and the Agency or other balances linked to payroll paid to staff on behalf of the Commission and other institutions to be recuperated by the Agency (€27.905,21 in comparison to €15.203,52 in 2021);

On 31 December 2022, the current receivables correspond to:

- the re-invoicing to the EISMEA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of the COV2 ground floor rooms for an amount of €98.436,00 and for the period from 24 September 2022 to 23 September 2023. Therefore, the amount related to 2023 (€71.737,00) has been recognised as deferred income (see point 2.7. Payables).
- monthly salary regularisations paid to staff by the Agency on behalf of the Commission for which the recovery order was issued on 19 December 2022 for €12.514,28.

Like in 2021, there is no due receivable and no provision was made during the year. A write-off for 27,00 € was made in 2022.

2.4. Non-exchange recoverables

There is no non-exchange recoverables in 2022 like in 2021.

2.5. Cash and cash equivalents

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bank account | 3.036.176,92 | 3.262.864,33 |

The bank account is held with ING Belgium SA.

As a result of the procedure ERCEA/CAO/PN/2019/32, the ERCEA decided to request the extension of the bank account at ING Belgium SA/NV as from 1 January 2020 for the entire duration of the service contract (31 December 2024).

CURRENT LIABILITIES

2.6. Current provisions/short-term provisions for risks and liabilities

There is no provision for risks and liabilities on 31 December 2022 as on 31 December 2021.

2.7. Payables

The accounts payables at 31 December 2021 comprise outstanding unpaid invoices and claims from suppliers and other public bodies.

| | EUR | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| Current payables | 101.270,23 | 41.108,13 |
| Sundry payables | 0,00 | 6,81 |
| Accrued charges | 3.344.434,96 | 3.718.943,39 |
| Incl. Staff holiday accrual | 1.139.960,42 | 1.098.586,20 |
| Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities (see note 2.8) | 526.734,53 | 442.715,65 |
| Total | 3.972.439,72 | 4.202.773,98 |

The current payables in 2022 correspond to the outstanding commercial invoices (€101.270,23) with suppliers of goods and services (€41.108,13 in 2021).

Accrued charges are expenses related to goods or services provided to the Agency that have been incurred but not yet paid. The estimated amount of €3.344.434,96 to accrue as charges is mainly composed of:

- €305.800,00 related to the municipality tax on office space (COV2 building and 7th floor of COVE building) (€892.997,15 in 2021).

The municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode amended its office tax regulation and extended the concept of taxpayer. Based on which, the Municipality has invoiced in 2020 its tax on office space for the 2019 fiscal year to the bare owner of the Covent Garden building. The bare owner lodged a complaint against this decision.

In 2021, the Collège of the Municipality rejected the contestation from the bare owner. Therefore, based on Art. 17.2 of the usufruct contract signed by the ERCEA and the one signed with OIB, the bare owner claimed on 9 December 2021 from the ERCEA and OIB the reimbursement of the tax paid to the Municipality for the COV2 building and COVE building and for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Considering that the ERCEA and OIB have to pay the tax claimed, the ERCEA accrued in its 2021 and 2022 annual accounts the following expenses:

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|--|---|
| Municipality tax on office space for the COV2 | 274.456,90 For the 2022 fiscal year | 803.554,65 For the 2019, 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. The corresponding invoice was paid on 1 February 2022 |
| Re-invoicing by OIB to the Agency of the municipality tax on office space for the 7th floor of COVE building | 31.343,10 For the 2022 fiscal year | 89.442,50 For the 2019, 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. The corresponding invoice was paid on 22 July |

| | | |
|--|--|-------|
| | | 2022. |
|--|--|-------|

The bare owner undertook legal proceedings to dispute the tax for the fiscal year 2019. In April 2023, the ERCEA was informed that the Brussel Court of first instance (Tribunal de première instance francophone de Bruxelles) ruled on 23 March 2023 in favour of the bare owner. It ordered the annulment of the tax charged by the Municipality and ordered the Municipality to repay the unduly collected amounts. Considering the uncertainties related to this litigation, contingent assets have been booked in the 2022 annual accounts (see 5.1. Contingent assets in the present document for further details).

- €1.129.496,86 for goods or services delivered in 2022 by other agencies and/or by the Commission's Directorates General in the frame of the Service level Agreements signed with the Agency (against €834.106,78 in 2021). The increase is mainly explained by the increase of the energy costs under the SLA OIB.
- €641.968,78 for invoices for goods or services delivered but not yet invoiced (IT consultants, interim workers, communication costs, etc. against €548.598,17 in 2021).
- the calculated amount of holiday compensation staff (€1.139.960,42). According to the EU Staff Regulations, Annex V: Leave, Article 4, Commission Decision on leave (C(2013) 9051 final), if the person at the time of leaving the service has not used up their annual leave, they shall be paid compensation equal to one thirtieth of their monthly remuneration for each leave's day due to them (against €1.098.586,20 in 2021); the number of leave days not taken on 31 December 2022 decreased by an average of 0,8 days per person.
- the staff entitlements for 2022 but paid in 2023 (€55.148,63 against €38.353,99 in 2021);
- and the deferred income covering the period from 1 January 2023 to 23 September 2023 of the re-invoicing to the EISMEA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of the COV2 ground floor rooms (€71.737,00 against €71.089,97 in 2021).

2.8. Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Repayable positive budgetary result | 526.734,53 | 442.715,65 |

The amount of €526.734,53 consists mainly in the part of the 2022 subsidy to be reimbursed to the Commission as a result of 2022 budgetary management for €526.257,13 (See reports on the implementation of the budget point 2. Budget result).

3. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

3.1. Revenue

Revenues consist mainly of the Union contribution (subsidy) received from the European Commission.

3.1.1. Union contribution

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Union contribution | 58.811.845,00⁸ | 55.410.593,73⁹ |
| Subsidy to be reimbursed – budgetary outturn | (526.257,13) | (442.715,65) |
| Total | 58.285.587,87 | 54.967.878,08 |

The EU subsidy amount is the part of the EC subsidy, incremented by the recovery of costs from previous years, justified by the expenditure supported during the exercise, the outstanding payment obligations of the Agency (called RAL or *Reste à Liquider*), and adjusted by the Budgetary result of the previous year - See reports on the implementation of the budget.

This method of revenue determination is cash-principle based as it is drawn from the budget outturn, while for the expenditure, accrual principles applied (hence the RAL taken into account). The amount of the subsidy so defined is €58.285.587,87.

3.1.2. Other non-exchange revenue

In 2022 like in 2021, there are no other non-exchange revenue.

3.1.3. Exchange revenue

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Miscellaneous recoveries | 597.285,16 | 209.706,28 |
| Bank interest and exchange rate gains | 731,02 | 87,68 |
| Total | 598.016,18 | 209.793,96 |

The miscellaneous recoveries correspond to:

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Re-invoicing to the REA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of a part of the 19 th floor of COV2 building and for the period from 1 January 2022 to 23 September 2022 | 235.211,08 | - |
| The invoicing to different entities (executive and regulatory agencies, joint undertaking and DG ECFIN) of the provision of the following services for the year 2022 based on Service Level agreement signed with them: access and usage to/of Speedwell and Bluebell (IT tools) and related support services, according to the "Software as a Service" (SAAS), | 152.071,00 | - |
| Recovery of amounts overpaid to the European Commission for the services provided to the Agency by DGs through Service Level Agreements | 111.761,17 | 108.917,40 |
| Re-invoicing of the rental of ERCEA COV2 ground floor rooms to the EISMEA | 97.788,97 | 95.814,37 |
| Recovery of amounts overpaid to contractors | 452,94 | 4.974,51 |
| Total | 597.285,16 | 209.706,28 |

⁸ Funded by the European Commission from C1 voted credits (€57.458.483,00), EFTA (€1.353.362,00) and third countries contributions (€0)

⁹ Funded by the European Commission from C1 voted credits (€54.217.000,00), EFTA (€1.193.594,00) and third countries contributions (€0)

The reimbursement of charges for €111.761,17 under Service Level Agreements concerns undue expenses invoiced in 2021 by:

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| HR | 21.387,42 | 49.728,13 |
| OIB | 32.831,00 | 58.189,27 |
| BUDG | 47.000,00 | 1.000,00 |
| PMO | 10.542,75 | - |
| Total | 111.761,17 | 108.917,40 |

3.2. Administrative Expenses

3.2.1. Staff expenses

Staff expenses (€44.288.211,30 against €41.006.660,18 in 2021) contain personnel related expenses:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries, allowances, social and pension contributions and an accrual for untaken holidays and other staff costs | 43.031.884,46 | 39.854.103,33 |
| Allowances for SNE | 912.617,50 | 913.446,60 |
| Employer's contribution to the school transport, contribution to staff public transport passes and other staff perquisites | 343.709,34 | 239.110,25 |
| Total | 44.288.211,30 | 41.006.660,18 |

Compared to last year, staff costs have increased by approximately €2,1 million (+8%). This is mainly explained by the indexation (+6,9%), the seniority progression, the reclassifications and the increase of the number of positions occupied (+16, 516 in 2022, including 13 SNE compared to 500 including 16 SNE in 2021).

All salary calculations are externalized to the Office for administration and payment of individual entitlements (also known as the Paymaster's Office –PMO¹⁰) which is a central office of the European Commission. These calculations add up as staff expenses and are included with the same title in the Statement of financial performance of the Agency.

The Agency is only responsible for the communication to the PMO of reliable information allowing the calculation of the staff costs. It is also responsible to check that this information has been correctly handled in the monthly payroll report used for accounting payroll costs. It is not responsible for the calculation of the payroll costs performed by PMO.

3.2.2. Property, plant and equipment related expenses

Property, plant and equipment related expenses contain the charged amortisation and depreciation of respectively intangible and tangible assets, the rental of buildings, the maintenance, security and insurance of the premises:

¹⁰ The PMO's mission is to manage the financial rights of permanent, temporary and contractual staff working at the Commission, to calculate and to pay their salaries and other financial entitlements. The PMO provides these services to other EU institutions and agencies as well. The PMO is also responsible for managing the health insurance fund of the Institutions, together with processing and paying the claims of reimbursement from staff members. The PMO also manages the pension fund and pays the pensions of retired staff members. PMO is also audited by the European Court of Auditors.

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Building expenses | 6.718.594,72 | 7.264.795,65 |
| <i>With third parties</i> | 4.120.237,45 | 4.726.390,49 |
| <i>With consolidated entities</i> | 2.598.357,27 | 2.538.405,16 |
| Fixed Assets Expenses | 438.151,65 | 526.055,21 |
| Property, plant and equipment related expenses | 7.156.746,37 | 7.790.850,86 |

The building expenses with third parties correspond mainly to:

- the rental of the building occupied by the Agency (COV) through a 15-years duration usufruct contract starting in September 2008, amended on 21 September 2020 for €3.802.805,42 (in comparison to €3.879.658,96 in 2021. As from 24 September 2022, the ERCEA only rents half of the 19th floor: its explains the decrease of those costs.
- the municipality tax on office space (COV2 building) for €274.456,90 (in comparison to €803.554,65 in 2021; see point 2.7. Payables).

The building expenses with consolidated entities correspond to the services linked to the building and provided by:

- DG HR (caretaking costs, technical and security controls of the building, badges to the staff, etc.)
- and by OIB (maintenance, cleaning, participation to the Covent Garden canteen costs, renting). The ERCEA rents as from mid 2019 the 7th floor of the COVE building to OIB. OIB re-invoices to the Agency the municipality tax on office space for the 7th floor of COVE building for €31.343,10 (in comparison to €89.442,50; see point 2.7. Payables).

The other fixed assets relate to the amortisation and depreciation charges of the Agency's intangible and tangible assets, respectively €21.665,79 and €416.138,86 (in comparison to €25.303,00 and €471.327,21 in 2021). In addition, there is a loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets of €347,00 (in comparison to €29.425,00 in 2021) (see point 2.2. Property, plant and equipment).

3.2.3. Other expenses

The other administrative expenses (€7.326.127,10 against €6.308.376,33) contain:

- the other expenses with consolidated entities (€3.746.224,30 in comparison to €3.848.564,94 in 2021) which regroup different types of expenses mainly for service level agreement (SLAs with DGs such as BUDG, DIGIT, PMO, OIB and HR).
- and the administrative expenses with non-consolidated entities (€3.579.902,80 against €2.459.811,39 in 2021) which include the following expenditure related to services and goods provided by external contractors (in EUR):

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| IT expenses, services and supplies (a) | 1.286.700,04 | 1.262.718,58 |
| Office Supplies and material | 225.380,91 | 224.228,11 |
| Missions (b) | 158.791,03 | 7.085,45 |
| Training (b) | 194.714,94 | 178.733,48 |
| Communications (c) | 13.902,90 | 71.998,64 |
| Reimbursement of experts (b) | 19.164,79 | 500,00 |
| Recruitment costs (b) | 1.905,72 | 501,83 |
| Legal expenses (d) | 35.000,00 | 0,00 |
| Other expenditure (e) | 1.642.348,87 | 712.487,85 |
| Exchange rate losses | 1.993,60 | 1.557,45 |
| Other expenses | 3.579.902,80 | 2.459.811,39 |

- a) In 2022, 11 IT consultants were present during the year like in 2021.
- b) The increase of the reimbursements of experts, the missions, recruitment, and training costs in 2022 is explained by the progressive return to the normal physical presence in meetings with experts or panels with candidates, and for staff missions and training courses.
- c) A digital media action that took place in 2021 for €43,990.00 was not renewed in 2022.
- d) In 2022, the legal expenses include lawyer's fees for €35.000,00 for an ongoing Court case (see also 5.1. Contingent liabilities).
- e) The increase in 2022 in other expenditure in comparison to 2021 relates mainly to the increase in the number of interim agents who worked in the Agency: due to a high turnover of staff, the need to cover several open posts with interim staff until the formal recruitment process is completed explains this increase.

4. NOTES TO THE CASH-FLOW STATEMENT

Cash flow information is used to provide a basis for assessing the ability of the ERCEA to generate cash and cash equivalents, and its needs to utilise those cash flows.

The cash flow statement is prepared using the indirect method. This means that the statement of financial performance of the financial year is adjusted for the effects of transactions of a non-cash nature, any deferrals or accruals of past or future operating cash receipts or payments, and items of revenue or expense associated with investing cash flows.

Cash flows arising from transactions in a foreign currency are recorded in the EU's reporting currency (euro), by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the euro and the foreign currency at the date of the cash flow.

The cash flow statement presented reports cash flows during the period classified by operating and investing activities (the ERCEA does not have financing activities).

4.1. Operating activities

Operating activities are the activities of the EU that are not investing activities. These are the majority of the activities performed.

4.2. Investing activities

Investing activities are the acquisition and disposal of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment and of other investments, which are not included in cash equivalents. The objective is to show the real investments made by the ERCEA.

5. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT DISCLOSURES

5.1. Contingent Assets

Municipality Tax

The municipality of Saint-Josse-ten-Noode amended its office tax regulation and extended the concept of taxpayer, based on which the tax assessment notice for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021 has been addressed to the bare owner of the Covent Garden building.

Based on Art. 17.2 of the usufruct contract signed by the ERCEA, the bare owner claimed from the ERCEA reimbursement of the tax paid to the Municipality for an amount of €803.554,65 for the COV2 building for the fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Similarly, based on the usufruct contract signed with OIB, the bare owner claimed from OIB reimbursement of the municipality tax on office space for the fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021 for the COVE building. As the ERCEA has been renting the 7th floor of the COVE building from OIB since mid-2019, the OIB re-invoiced to the Agency the related municipality tax for an amount equal €89.442,50. As the tax for 2022 has been claimed by the bare owner in 2023, the Agency accrued a charge estimated to €274.456,90 regarding the COV2 building and to €31.343,10 for the 7th floor of COVE building (See also point 2.7. Payables).

In 2022, OIB and the ERCEA reimbursed the bare owner 'without any prejudicial recognition and with reservation of rights' for the fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The bare owner undertook legal proceedings to dispute the tax. In April 2023, after the approval of the 2022 provisional annual accounts by the Steering Committee, the ERCEA was informed that the Brussel Court of first instance (Tribunal de première instance francophone de Bruxelles) ruled on 23 March 2023 in favour of the bare owner. The ruling refers to the fiscal year 2019 only. It ordered the annulment of the tax charged by the Municipality, as well as the repayment of the amounts unduly collected by the Municipality.

To date, the municipality has not yet confirmed to the lawyer of the bare owner:

- whether it will appeal the decision regarding the tax assessment of the fiscal year 2019;
- whether it will accept that the ruling serves as a basis for the subsequent years (2020 to 2022);
- the timing and the modalities applicable for the reimbursement of the amounts paid so far.

In the light of the positive outcome of the legal proceedings, the ERCEA considered that the ruling could be reasonably extended to the subsequent years. However, considering the above-mentioned uncertainties, the ERCEA booked a contingent asset corresponding to the taxes claimed for the fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, namely €1.198.796,95 (€1.078.011,35 vis-à-vis the bare owner and €120.785,60 vis-à-vis OIB).

5.2. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities to be reported in the 2021 annual accounts.

In 2022, there is one ongoing Court case against the ERCEA for which the estimated financial implication amounts to €25.000 of litigation costs to pay in case of losing the case.

5.3. Other significant disclosures

- Outstanding commitments not yet expensed (Carry-overs)

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Automatic carry-overs C1 | 2.567.935,15 | 2.848.896,48 |
| Accrued expenses | (2.159.654,07) | (2.084.664,53) |
| Outstanding commitments not yet expensed | 408.281,08 | 764.231,95 |

The amount disclosed above is the budgetary RAL (*Reste à Liquider*) less related amounts that have been included as expenses in the 2022 statement of financial performance. The budgetary RAL is an amount representing the open commitments for which payments and/or de-commitments have not yet been made.

- Significant legal commitments

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|------|---------------------|
| Future commitments on existing contracts | - | 3.903.488,31 |

The ERCEA signed an usufruct contract for the rental of 6 floors of the Covent Garden Building (COV2) at place Rogier – 1210 Saint Josse for a duration of 15 years as from 24 September 2008 until 23 September 2023. It was amended on 21 September 2020 to add the rental of the 19th floor and amended on 4 April 2022 to reduce to rental of the 19th floor to the half.

The amount paid on 22 September 2022 covers the period until 23 September 2023.

The Agency also occupies parking space of the Covent Garden.

- Other disclosures

Municipality Tax

As explained under section 5.1. Contingent assets above, in 2021, the bare owner of the building occupied by the ERCEA claimed the reimbursement of the municipal tax on office space for the fiscal years 2019 to 2021. Given that the legal proceedings undertaken by the bare owner to dispute the tax were still ongoing end of 2021 and the outcome uncertain, the ERCEA made a disclosure concerning a possible reimbursement of these municipality taxes. In March 2023, the Brussels Court of first instance issued a ruling in favour of the bare owner. Therefore, in the 2022 final accounts, the ERCEA replaced the “other disclosure” by a contingent asset for a total amount of €1.198.796,95 corresponding to the reimbursement of the taxes claimed by the bare owner for the fiscal years 2019 to 2022.

End of usufruct contract

The usufruct contract for the rental of 6 floors occupied by the ERCEA in the Covent Garden Building (COV2) will expire on 23 September 2023. To date, according to the state of play of the current negotiation ERCEA is not in a position to assess the impact of its renting costs in the accounts. A clearer view should be available by the end of June 2023.

6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which give rise to liquidity, credit, interest rate and foreign currency risks.

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash-flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate, because of variations in market prices. Market risk embodies not only the potential for loss, but also the potential for gain. It comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk (the ERCEA has neither significant interest rate risk nor other price risk).

(1) Currency risk is the risk that the entity's operations will be affected by changes in exchange rates. This risk arises from the change in the price of one currency against another.

(2) Interest rate risk is the possibility of a reduction in the value of a security, especially a bond, resulting from an increase in interest rates. In general, higher interest rates will lead to lower prices of fixed rate bonds, and vice versa.

Credit risk is the risk of loss due to a debtor's non-payment or other failure to meet a contractual obligation. The default events include a delay in repayments, and bankruptcy.

Liquidity risk is the risk that arises from the difficulty in selling an asset; for example, the risk that a given security or asset cannot be traded quickly enough in the market to prevent a loss or meet an obligation.

The financial instruments held by ERCEA are presented in the below table (in EUR):

| in EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Financial assets | | |
| Sundry receivables | 35.302,21 | 20.388,52 |
| Current receivables from consolidated entities | 110.950,28 | 235.211,08 |
| Current receivables | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Accrued income | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3.036.176,92 | 3.262.864,33 |
| Total financial assets | 3.182.429,41 | 3.518.463,93 |
| Financial liabilities | | |
| Current payables | 101.270,23 | 41.108,13 |
| Sundry payables | 0,00 | 6,81 |
| Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities | 526.734,53 | 442.715,65 |
| Total financial liabilities | 628.004,76 | 483.830,59 |
| Total net financial instruments | 2.554.424,65 | 3.034.633,34 |

Currency risk

As only very few transactions are in other currency and amounts are not significant, the ERCEA has no material foreign currency risk.

Interest rate risk

The ERCEA does not have any bonds thus it is not exposed to the interest rate risk.

Credit risk

The analysis of the credit quality of financial assets is as follows:

| Cash and cash equivalent | 31 Decembre 2022 |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Prime and high grade | 3.036.176,92 |

The cash is held in ING bank with very high credit ratings, thus having very low default probabilities. Given the short duration and low default probabilities, the expected credit losses from cash and cash equivalents are negligible. As a result, no impairment allowance is recognised for cash equivalents.

The analysis of the age of receivables is as follows:

| 31 December 2022 | Not past due | Past due 0-30 days | Past due 31-90 days | Past due 91 days - 1 year | Past due > 1year | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Receivables gross carrying amount | 146.252,49 | | | | | 146.252,49 |
| Impairment (-)* | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Net receivables | 146.252,49 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 146.252,49 |

Out of the gross carrying amount:

- €110.950,28 concerns consolidated entities for which no credit risk can occur and therefore no impairment has been calculated;
- €35.302,21 concerns receivables from staff, the amount is mainly recovered by deduction from the monthly salary; based on past experience and expected future events the ERCEA has no reason to recognise a loss even though there is an overdue amount for over 3 months,

Liquidity risk

The Agency manages liquidity risk by continually monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

Details of contractual maturities for assets and liabilities form an important source of information for the management of liquidity risk.

The table below provides detail on the contractual maturity:

| As at 31 December 2022 - in EUR | On demand | < 3 months | 3 – 12 months | 1 – 2 years | 2 – 5 years | Total |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Sundry receivables | | 22.426,85 | 12.875,36 | | | 35.302,21 |
| Current receivables from consolidated entities | | 110.950,28 | | | | 110.950,28 |
| Current receivables | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Accrued income | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3.036.176,92 | | | | | 3.036.176,92 |
| Total financial assets | 3.036.176,92 | 133.377,13 | 12.875,36 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 3.182.429,41 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Current payables | | 101.270,23 | | | | 101.270,23 |
| Sundry payables | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities | 526.734,53 | | | | | 526.734,53 |
| Total financial liabilities | 526.734,53 | 101.270,23 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 628.004,76 |
| Cumulative liquidity surplus/ (gap) | 2.509.442,39 | 32.106,90 | 12.875,36 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 2.554.424,65 |

Moreover, the EU budget principles ensure that overall cash resources for a given year are always sufficient for the execution of all payments.

7. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There is no change in accounting policies in the 2022 annual accounts.

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Related Parties

The related parties of the ERCEA are the EU consolidated entities and the senior management of these entities. Transactions between these entities take place as part of the normal operations of the Agency and no specific disclosure requirements are necessary for these transactions in accordance with the EU accounting rules.

Key Management Entitlements

Further information on related party transactions concerning the senior management, is presented below:

| Highest grade description | Grade | Number of persons of this grade |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Director, Head of Department | AD14 | 2 |
| Head of Department | AD13 | 2 |

They are remunerated in accordance with the Staff Regulations of the EU that are published on the Europa website, which is the official document describing the rights and the obligations of all officials of the EU.

9. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

At the date of the signature of these accounts no material issues had come or were reported to the Accounting Officer of the ERCEA that would require separate disclosure under that section except for the event reported below.

In accordance with EU accounting rule 19, Events after Reporting Date, the ruling issued by the Brussels Court of first instance (Tribunal de première instance francophone de Bruxelles) on 23 March 2023 is an adjusting event after reporting date requiring adjustments to the figures reported in these financial statements at 31 December 2022. Based on the facts and circumstances at the time of preparation of these financial statements, the financial impact is described under 5.1. Contingent assets.

**REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET
OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE AGENCY**

Financial Year 2022

1. Introduction

1.1. ERCEA budget and its implementation

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Budget | . 59.246.127 € |
| Commitments | . 99,8 % of implementation of commitments appropriations of the current year . 4,3 % of appropriations to be carried-forward to 2023 |
| Payments | . 95,5 % of implementation of payments appropriations of the current year . 87,7 % of implementation on appropriations carried-forward from 2021 |

1.2. Budgetary structure and principles

1.2.1. Budgetary structure

The budgetary accounts are kept in accordance with the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the EU and in accordance with the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies.

The budget is the instrument, which, for each financial year, forecasts and authorises the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the implementation of the Agency's activities.

Every year, the ERCEA estimates its revenue and expenditure for the year and draws up a draft budget, which it sends to the Commission. The Commission then incorporates the ERCEA's budget in the general budget and sends it to the Budgetary Authority. Based on this draft budget, the Council draws its position, which is then the subject of negotiations between the two arms of the Budgetary Authority. The President of the Parliament declares that the joint draft has been finally adopted, thus making the budget enforceable.

The budget structure for the ERCEA consists of operating (*i.e.* administrative) appropriations and has only non-differentiated appropriations, meaning that the commitment and the payment appropriations are of the same amount. Non-differentiated appropriations are used to finance operations of an annual nature (which comply with the principle of annuality).

The appropriations are split into commitment and payment appropriations:

- Commitment appropriations (CA) – cover the total cost of the legal obligations entered into for the current financial year.
- Payment appropriations (PA) – cover expenditure arising from commitments entered into in the current financial year and/or earlier financial years.

The main source of appropriations is:

- the budget for the current year, which corresponds to the adopted budget for the current year and amending and transfer budgets (fund source C1);
- and the non-differentiated payment appropriations which may be carried over automatically for one financial year only (fund source C8).

The 2022 budget is distributed in the following budget titles:

EUR

| Budget Title | 2022 commitments appropriations (C1) | Payments appropriations carried-forward from 2021 (RAL C8) | Total 2022 budget |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Title 1 - Staff expenditure | 47.459.834,24 | 556.214,87 | 48.016.049,11 |
| Title 2 - Infrastructure and operating expenditure | 10.065.260,44 | 1.680.247,23 | 11.745.507,67 |
| Title 3 - Programme support expenditure | 1.721.032,32 | 612.434,38 | 2.333.466,70 |
| Total | 59.246.127,00 | 2.848.896,48 | 62.095.023,48 |

1.2.2. Budgetary principles

The budget of the ERCEA has been established in compliance with the principles of unity, budget accuracy, annuality, equilibrium, unit of account, universality, specification, sound financial management and transparency as set out in the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies.

Principle of unity and budgetary accuracy

The budget shall be the instrument which, for each financial year, forecasts and authorises the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the Agency.

Principle of annuality

The appropriations entered in the budget shall be authorised for one financial year which shall run from 1 January to 31 December, inclusive.

Commitments shall be entered in the accounts on the basis of the legal commitments entered into up to 31 December.

Payments shall be entered in the accounts for a financial year on the basis of the payments effected by the Accounting Officer by 31 December of that year at the latest.

Principle of equilibrium

The Agency's budget revenue and payment appropriations must be in balance.

Commitment appropriations may not exceed the amount of the Community subsidy, plus own revenue and any other revenue.

The Agency may not raise loans.

Principle of unit of account

The budget shall be drawn up and implemented in euro and the accounts shall be presented in euro. However, for cash-flow purposes, the Accounting Officer and, in the case of imprest accounts, imprest administrators shall be authorised to carry out operations in national currencies.

Principle of universality

Total revenue shall cover all expenditure. All revenue and expenditure shall be entered in full without any adjustment against each other.

Principle of specification

The appropriations in their entirety shall be earmarked for specific purposes by title and chapter; the chapters shall be further subdivided into articles and items.

Principle of sound financial management

Budget appropriations shall be used in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, that is to say, in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The principle of economy requires that the resources used by the Agency for the pursuit of its activities shall be made available in due time, in appropriate quantity and quality and at the best price.

The principle of efficiency is concerned with the best relationship between resources employed and results achieved.

The principle of effectiveness is concerned with attaining the specific objectives set and achieving the intended results.

Principle of transparency

The budget shall be drawn up and implemented and the accounts presented in compliance with the principle of transparency. The budget, as finally adopted, shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and amending budgets shall be published in an appropriate way within two months of their adoption.

2. Budget result

2.1. Calculation of the budget result

The budgetary outturn account was prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ-L 193/30.07.2018 (art 244: Budget implementation reports), and in accordance with the requirements of the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies, Article 56.

The revenue entered in the accounts is the amount actually received during the course of the year. For the purposes of calculating the budget result for the year, expenditure comprises payments made against the year's appropriations plus any of the appropriations for that year that are carried over to the following year. Payments made against the year's appropriations mean payments that are made by the Accounting Officer by 31 December of the financial year.

The following are added to or deducted from the resulting figure:

- the net balance of cancellations of payment appropriations carried over from previous year and any payments,
- the balance of exchange-rate gains and losses recorded during the year.

Payment appropriations carried over include automatic carry-overs only. The cancellation of unused payment appropriations carried over from the previous year shows the cancellations on appropriations carried over automatically.

2.2. Budget outturn table

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Union contribution, cashed | 58.811.845,00 ¹¹ | 55.410.593,73 ¹² |
| Other revenue, cashed | 502.121,19 | 219.324,66 |
| TOTAL REVENUE (a) | 59.313.966,19 | 55.629.918,39 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Budget Title 1: Staff | | |
| Payments current year | 46.867.828,75 | 43.132.281,45 |
| Appropriations carried over to next year | 540.350,29 | 556.214,87 |
| Budget Title 2: Administrative | | |
| Payments current year | 8.501.696,62 | 8.621.636,20 |
| Appropriations carried over to next year | 1.536.194,22 | 1.680.247,23 |
| Budget Title 3: Operational | | |
| Payments current year | 1.198.932,66 | 806.982,64 |
| Appropriations carried over to next year | 491.390,64 | 612.434,38 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (b) | 59.136.393,18 | 55.409.796,77 |
| OUTTURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (a-b) | 177.573,01 | 220.121,62 |
| Cancellation of unused payment appropriations carried over from the previous year | 349.919,70 | 224.063,80 |
| Exchange rate differences | (1.235,58) | (1.469,77) |
| BALANCE OF THE OUTTURN ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | 526.257,13 | 442.715,65 |

The budget result for 2022 amounts to €526.257,13 and is comprised of:

- €109.733,82 – unused appropriations of the current year,
- €349.919,70 – unused payment appropriations carried forward from 2020,
- €67.839,19 – other income due to amounts to be reimbursed (mainly on SLAs) or to the rental of meeting rooms,
- €(1.235,58) – exchange rate differences.

¹¹ Funded by the European Commission from C1 voted credits (€57.458.483,00), EFTA (€1.353.362,00) and third countries contributions (€0,00)

¹² Funded by the European Commission from C1 voted credits (€54.217.000,00), EFTA (€1.193.593,73) and third countries contributions (€0,00)

3. Reconciliation of the economic result with the budget result

| In EUR | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Statement of Financial Performance (economic result) | 112.519,28 | 71.186,22 |
| Adjustments for accrual items (items included in the Statement of Financial Performance but not in the Budgetary Outturn) | | |
| Adjustments for accrual cut-off (reversal previous year) | (3.738.113,99) | (2.723.464,29) |
| Adjustments for accrual cut-off (cut-off current year) | 3.271.556,48 | 3.738.113,99 |
| Unpaid invoices at year end but booked in charges | 19.359,20 | 21.937,48 |
| Depreciation of intangible and tangible assets | 438.151,65 | 526.055,21 |
| Provisions | | |
| Recovery Orders issued in the year on revenue accounts and not yet cashed | (98.905,00) | (235.211,08) |
| Pre-financing received in previous year and cleared in the year | | |
| Payments made from carry overs of payment appropriations | 2.498.976,78 | 1.594.440,62 |
| Adjustments for deferred charges (cut-off) | (3.100.210,81) | (3.301.596,61) |
| Adjustments for deferred charges previous year (reversal) | 3.307.459,79 | 2.976.657,09 |
| Others | | 78,29 |
| Adjustments for budgetary items (items included in the Budgetary Outturn but not in the Statement of Financial Performance) | | |
| Asset acquisitions (less unpaid amounts) | (708.676,52) | (30.948,72) |
| New pre-financing received in the year and remaining open as at 31.12 | 526.257,13 | 442.715,65 |
| Budgetary recovery orders issued before the year and cashed in the year | 237.836,08 | 7.884,48 |
| Payment appropriations carried over to next year | (2.567.935,15) | (2.848.896,48) |
| Cancellation of unused carried over payment appropriations from previous year | 349.919,7 | 224.063,80 |
| Adjustment for carry over from the previous year of appropriations available at 31.12 arising from assigned revenue | | |
| Payments on open invoices from previous year booked in charges | (21.937,48) | |
| Other | | (20.300) |
| Total | 526.257,13 | 442.715,65 |
| Budgetary result (+ for surplus) | 526.257,13 | 442.715,65 |
| Unexplained discrepancy | 0,00 | 0,00 |

The financial statements of the year are prepared on the basis of accrual accounting principles by which transactions are recorded in the period to which they incurred. The result for the year using the accrual basis is indicated in the Statement of Financial Performance. However, the budget result is based on modified cash accounting rules. In the latter, only payments made and revenue cashed in the period as well as carry-over of appropriations are recorded. The economic result and the budget result both cover the same underlying transactions; therefore, it is a useful control to ensure that they are reconcilable.

The actual budgetary revenue for a financial year corresponds to the revenue collected from entitlements established in the course of the year and amounts collected from entitlements established in previous years. Therefore, the entitlements established in the current year but not yet collected are to be deducted from the economic result for reconciliation purposes as they do not form part of budgetary revenue. On the contrary, the entitlements established in previous years and collected in current year must be added to the economic result for reconciliation purposes.

The net accrued expenses mainly consist of accruals made for year-end cut-off purposes. While accrued expenses are not considered as budgetary expenditure, payments made in the current year relating to invoices registered in prior years are part of current year's budgetary expenditure.

Besides the payments made against the year's appropriations, the appropriations for that year that are carried to the next year also need to be taken into account in calculating the budget result for the year. The same applies for the budgetary payments made in the current year from carry-overs and the cancellation of unused payment appropriations.

The movement in provisions relates to year-end estimates made in the accrual accounts that do not impact the budgetary accounts. Other reconciling amounts comprise different elements such as asset depreciation, asset acquisitions, capital lease payments and financial participations for which the budgetary and accrual accounting treatments differ.

4. Budget revenue

| | | | | | | | EUR |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income budget line | Type of revenue | Draft budget | Amendment | Final Budget | Entitlements established | Revenue received | Outstanding at the end of the year |
| 200 | Commission subsidy | 57.430.274,40 | 1.381.570,60 | 58.811.845,00 | 58.811.845,00 | 58.811.845,00 | 0,00 |
| 910 | Recuperation of expenses | pm | pm | pm | 112.683,11 | 112.214,11 | 469,00 |
| 920 | Miscellaneous revenue | pm | 434.282,00 | 434.282,00 | 488.343,08 | 389.907,08 | 98.436,00 |
| TOTAL | | 57.430.274,40 | 1.815.852,60 | 59.246.127,00 | 59.412.871,19 | 59.313.966,19 | 98.905,00 |

In accordance with Article 5 of the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies, the revenue of the Agency shall comprise a grant awarded by the Communities and any other revenue, including assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 15 thereof.

The balancing subsidy paid by DG RTD in 2022 amounts to €58.811.845,00 out of which:

- €57.458.483,00 from C1 voted appropriations,
- €1.353.362,00 from EFTA appropriations
- €0,00 from third country appropriations

The other revenues received (€502.121,19, income budget lines 910 and 920) consist mainly in:

- the re-invoicing to the REA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of a part of the 19th floor of COV2 building and for the period from 1 January 2022 to 23 September 2022 (€235.211,08);
- The invoicing to different entities (executive and regulatory agencies, joint undertaking and DG ECFIN) of the provision of the following services for the year 2022 based on Service Level agreement signed with them: access and usage to/of Speedwell and Bluebell (IT tools) and related support services, according to the "Software as a Service" (SAAS) (€152.071,00);
- the recovery of amounts overpaid to the European Commission for the services provided to the Agency by DGs through Service level Agreements (€111.761,17);
- the recovery of €2.625,00 out of the €9.000,00 of costs of proceeding to be reimbursed to the ERCEA following the decision of the Court of Justice (€2.625 received in 2020, €3.750 received in 2021);
- the recovery of amounts overpaid to contractors €452,94.

The amount still to be received (€98.905,00) corresponds mainly to the re-invoicing to the EISMEA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of the COV2 ground floor rooms (4 meeting rooms and 1 secretary room) and for the period from 24 September 2022 to 23 September 2023 (€98.436,00).

5. Budget expenditure

5.1. Overview of commitment and payment appropriations of the current budget - Fund source C1

| Budget Line / Title | Description | Initial Budget | Budget Amendments | Transfers | Final Budget |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1111 | Temporary agents | 19.000.000 | 277.000 | (165.000) | 19.112.000 |
| 1112 | Contract Agents | 23.208.545 | 1.410.388 | (747.933) | 23.871.000 |
| 1121 | Seconded National Experts | 915.000 | 26.000 | (14.237) | 926.763 |
| 1122 | Interimaires & stagiaires | 1.130.000 | 70.000 | 414.972 | 1.614.972 |
| 1211 | Recruitment, entering and leaving the service, transfer costs | 11.000 | (6.500) | (2.594) | 1.906 |
| 1221 | Restaurant, Canteens | 130.000 | 43.000 | (71.972) | 101.028 |
| 1231 | Medical service | 116.000 | 11.600 | (20.721) | 106.879 |
| 1241 | Training | 372.650 | 3.865 | 106.112 | 482.627 |
| 1251 | Mobility and Public transportation | 59.695 | 0 | (21.739) | 37.956 |
| 1261 | Social service and other interventions | 902.000 | 5.000 | (153.876) | 753.124 |
| 1271 | External services (PMO) | 435.279 | 0 | (26.700) | 408.579 |
| 1281 | Internal meetings, events and reception | 25.000 | 16.000 | 2.000 | 43.000 |
| 1291 | Missions (administrative) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Title 1 | Staff expenditure | 46.305.169 | 1.856.353 | (701.688) | 47.459.834 |
| 2111 | Rental of building and associated costs | 6.314.045 | 60.000 | 631.156 | 7.005.201 |
| 2121 | Fitting out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2211 | Hardware, software and linked expenses | 562.000 | 0 | 75.699 | 637.699 |
| 2221 | ICT services | 2.182.800 | (70.000) | 77.825 | 2.190.625 |
| 2311 | Furniture, Material and Technical installations | 143.480 | 3.000 | (21.500) | 124.980 |
| 2321 | Works of handling and removal of services | 5.280 | (2.000) | 6.720 | 10.000 |
| 2331 | Paper mill, office supplies | 10.000 | 0 | 6.000 | 16.000 |
| 2341 | Correspondence stamping and carriage costs | 43.500 | 0 | (5.850) | 37.650 |
| 2351 | Acquisition of information | 7.000 | 0 | 1.105 | 8.105 |
| 2361 | Other current expenses (financial, legal, assurance,...) | 30.500 | 0 | 4.500 | 35.000 |
| Title 2 | Infrastructure and operating expenditure | 9.298.605 | (9.000) | 775.655 | 10.065.260 |
| 3111 | Experts, studies, representation and external meeting expenses | 146.500 | (32.000) | 15.000 | 129.500 |
| 3121 | Missions and related costs | 240.000 | 0 | (72.000) | 168.000 |
| 3131 | Audit expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3141 | Expenses of Information, Publications and Communication | 218.000 | (4.000) | 4.028 | 218.028 |
| 3151 | Expenses of translation | 22.000 | 4.500 | (20.410) | 6.090 |
| 3161 | Conferences, seminars, trainings and other specific expenditure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3171 | Operational related IT costs | 1.200.000 | 0 | (586) | 1.199.414 |
| Title 3 | Programme support expenditure | 1.826.500 | (31.500) | (73.968) | 1.721.032 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | | 57.430.274 | 1.815.853 | 0 | 59.246.127 |

On basis of the draft budget presented to the Budgetary Authority, the ERCEA Steering Committee adopted on 25 February 2021 the ERCEA draft annual budget 2022 for €59.386.900.

Due to the absence of several associated agreements with the third countries, the ERCEA initial budget 2022 was adopted by the ERCEA Steering Committee on 17 December 2021 for only €57.430.274.

Following the communication on the high indexation of salary costs for 2022 (6.2%), a first amendment to the budget 2022 (€+1.872.853) was adopted by the Steering Committee on 23 September 2022. A second amendment was adopted by the Steering Committee on 20 October 2022 (€-57.000) to rectify the salary costs, due to the reduction of the indexation to 4.5%. The final adopted administrative budget for 2022 amounts to €59.246.127.

In view of optimizing the administrative budget execution, the Agency has proceeded to transfers between items, chapters and budget lines. Four transfers were adopted by the Steering Committee on 11 May 2022, 7 July 2022, 1 December 2022 and 16 December 2022 and two transfers were authorised by the Director on 24 May 2022 and 28 October 2022.

Amendments

| Date | | Impact on commitment and payment appropriations in EUR | Main subject - description |
|------|-------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 23 September 2022 | Chapter 11 – Remunerations : 1.840.388 | The increase of €1 788 368 for salaries staff relates to: the indexation paid already in July (2,4%), in addition to the indexation expected still to be paid in December this year (6,2%), the recent recruitments and the reclassification exercise Additional need for interim staff due to recent unforeseen departures (€+70 000) |
| | | Chapter 12 - Professional development: 72.965 | Increase in several SLAs (canteen's costs and medical services) |
| | | Chapter 21 – Building expenditure: 60.000 | Additional amount in several SLAs (notably energy costs and salary fees to be paid to OIB) |
| | | Chapter 22 – ICT: (70.000) | Reduction of ABAC costs charged by DG BUDG |
| | | Chapter 23 – Furniture and other: 1.000 | Extra needs identified for removals, office supplies (in view of offices rearrangements) and correspondence costs |
| | | Chapter 31 - Programme management expenditure: (31.500) | Estimated savings even if the resumption of physical presence and events is notable especially in the second semester of the year |
| | | Income: 434.282 | Assigned revenues (IC4) amounting to €152.071, as a result of the agency's Service Level agreement formed with 10 other entities for the provision of the access and usage to/of Speedwell and Bluebell (IT tools). Other received incomes for a total amount of €282.211 EUR: - re-invoicing to the REA of the part already paid by the ERCEA to the contractor for the renting of a part of the 19th floor of COV2 building and for the period from 1 January 2022 to 23 September 2022 (€235.211,08) - the recovery of amount overpaid to the European Commission for the services provided to the Agency by DG DUDG (€47.000) |
| 2 | 20 October 2022 | Chapter 11 – Remunerations : (57.000) | Rectification of the Chapter 11 and the salary costs following DG BUDG request to all services to update the salary indexation to 4.5% as from 1 July 2022 instead of 6.2% previously announced. Taking into account the most recent execution, the new salary indexation rate together with the pace of recent recruitments and the reclassification exercise the proposed amendment to the budget represents a low decrease. |

List of transfers

| | Date | Impact on commitment and payment appropriations in EUR | Main subject - description |
|---|------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 11 May 2022 | Chapter 11 – Remunerations: (100.000) Chapter 12 – Professional Development: 100.000 | Increase relates to team building activities that were budgeted prudently in the initial adopted budget given the COVID 19 crisis in 2021 Temporary Agents budget line was selected as more appropriate to support this transfer and to best optimise the overall budget execution until the amendment of the budget is approved in September (reinforcement) |
| 2 | 24 May 2022 | Chapter 11 – Remunerations: 0 Chapter 23 - Movable property expenditure: 0 | Addition of a supplementary amount for the interim staff budget (€300.000), in order to cover several open posts until the formal recruitment process is completed. Salaries budget lines were selected to support this transfer temporarily until the amendment of the budget is approved in September (reinforcement) |
| 3 | 7 July 2022 | Chapter 11 - Remunerations: (385.933) | Need to cover several open posts with interim staff, until the formal recruitment process is completed due to a high turnover of staff (€285.000) Budget line for contract agents reduced temporarily (€690.933) in order to cover the needs in other budget lines until the amendment of the budget is approved in September |
| | | Chapter 12 - Professional development: (14.586) | Adjustment of needs in several budget lines, based on the most recent consumption and re-estimation of the yearly expenditure |
| | | Chapter 21- Building expenditure: 208.156 | Additional amount needed to cover the municipality tax for the years 2021 and 2022 |
| | | Chapter 22 - ICT: 161.524 | Mainly increase of needs related to the DIGIT SLA yearly costs, based on the recent communication received and to cover the existing consumption. |
| | | Chapter 23 - Movable property expenditure: 5.339 | Extra needs identified for removals, office supplies (in view of offices rearrangements) and correspondence costs |
| | | Chapter 31 - Programme management expenditure: 25.500 | Resumption of physical presence in meetings and events after the pandemic |
| 4 | 28 October 2022 | Chapter 22 - ICT: 0 | Upgrade of two big meeting rooms with more recent technologies and equipping some small meeting rooms with video conference standalone module (€110.699) |
| 5 | 1 December 2022 | Chapter 11 - Remunerations: 100.000 | Reinforcement of the salary costs for the final salary payments of December, which include the final indexation amount and additional delayed allowances. |
| | | Chapter 12 - Professional development: (103.000) | |
| | | Chapter 22 - ICT: 2.000 | |
| | | Chapter 23 - Movable property expenditure: 1.000 | |
| 6 | 16 December 2022 | Chapter 11 - Remunerations: (126.264,53) | Collection of most of the available funds to mainly reinforce the OIB maintenance SLA commitment and in particular the cost of energy. In addition, all the staff fees claimed by OIB and DG HR were also adapted to the latest salary indexation. |
| | | Chapter 12 – Professional development: (171.904,23) | |
| | | Chapter 21- Building expenditure: 423.000 | |
| | | Chapter 22 – ICT: (10.000) | |
| | | Chapter 23 - Movable property expenditure: (15.363,56) | |
| | | Chapter 31 - Programme management expenditure: 99.467,68 | |

5.2. Implementation of commitment and payment appropriations of the current budget

The below budgetary tables depict the details of the Agency's budget implementation in 2022.

Fund Source: C1 + C4

| Budget line | Official Budget Item Desc (Fr) | Appropriation (1) | Committed Amount (2) | % Committed (2/1) | Paid (3) | % Paid (3/1) | Total unused appropriations current year (1-2) | Appropriations to carry forward to 2023 (2-3) |
|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|---|
| Title 1 | Staff expenditure | 47.459.834,24 | 47.408.179,04 | 99,89% | 46.867.828,75 | 98,75% | 51.655,20 | 540.350,29 |
| Chapter 11 - Remunerations, Allowances and Charges | | 45.524.735,47 | 45.491.577,00 | 99,93% | 45.277.673,59 | 99,46% | 33.158,47 | 213.903,41 |
| 1 1 1 1 | Temporary agents | 19.112.000,00 | 19.108.314,96 | 99,98% | 19.108.314,96 | 99,92% | 3.685,04 | 0,00 |
| 1 1 1 2 | Contract Agents | 23.871.000,00 | 23.865.763,14 | 99,98% | 23.865.763,14 | 99,98% | 5.236,86 | 0,00 |
| 1 1 2 1 | Seconded National Experts | 926.763,49 | 912.617,50 | 98,47% | 912.617,50 | 98,99% | 14.145,99 | 0,00 |
| 1 1 2 2 | Interimaires & stagiaires | 1.614.971,98 | 1.604.881,40 | 99,38% | 1.390.977,99 | 73,65% | 10.090,58 | 213.903,41 |
| Chapter 12 - Professional Development and Social expenditure | | 1.935.098,77 | 1.916.602,04 | 99,04% | 1.590.155,16 | 82,17% | 18.496,73 | 326.446,88 |
| 1 2 1 1 | Recruitment, entering and leaving the service, transfer costs | 1.905,72 | 1.905,72 | 100,00% | 1.905,72 | 93,71% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 2 1 | Restaurant Canteens | 101.028,00 | 101.028,00 | 100,00% | 68.000,00 | 90,82% | 0,00 | 33.028,00 |
| 1 2 3 1 | Medical service | 106.879,40 | 106.879,40 | 100,00% | 56.805,00 | 59,85% | 0,00 | 50.074,40 |
| 1 2 4 1 | Training | 482.626,77 | 466.599,90 | 96,68% | 330.279,63 | 62,51% | 16.026,87 | 136.320,27 |
| 1 2 5 1 | Mobility and Public transportation | 37.956,00 | 36.586,86 | 96,39% | 26.489,12 | 80,90% | 1.369,14 | 10.097,74 |
| 1 2 6 1 | Social service and other interventions | 753.123,88 | 753.123,88 | 100,00% | 677.699,08 | 99,98% | 0,00 | 75.424,80 |
| 1 2 7 1 | External services (PMO) | 408.579,00 | 408.483,82 | 99,98% | 408.483,82 | 94,51% | 95,18 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 8 1 | Internal meetings events and reception | 43.000,00 | 41.994,46 | 97,66% | 20.492,79 | 78,92% | 1.005,54 | 21.501,67 |
| Title 2 | Infrastructure | 10.065.260,44 | 10.037.890,84 | 99,73% | 8.501.696,62 | 84,47% | 27.369,60 | 1.536.194,22 |
| Chapter 21 - Building expenditure | | 7.005.201,00 | 7.004.494,43 | 99,99% | 5.766.912,23 | 82,32% | 706,57 | 1.237.582,20 |
| 2 1 1 1 | Rental of building and associated costs | 7.005.201,00 | 7.004.494,43 | 99,99% | 5.766.912,23 | 88,67% | 706,57 | 1.237.582,20 |
| Chapter 22 - ICT | | 2.828.324,00 | 2.810.535,18 | 99,37% | 2.588.110,88 | 91,51% | 17.788,82 | 222.424,30 |
| 2 2 1 1 | Hardware software and linked expenses | 637.699,00 | 629.905,17 | 98,78% | 421.919,51 | 74,42% | 7.793,83 | 207.985,66 |
| 2 2 2 1 | ICT services | 2.190.625,00 | 2.180.630,01 | 99,54% | 2.166.191,37 | 99,04% | 9.994,99 | 14.438,64 |
| Chapter 23 - Movable property and Current Operating expenditure | | 231.735,44 | 222.861,23 | 96,17% | 146.673,51 | 63,29% | 8.874,21 | 76.187,72 |
| 2 3 1 1 | Furniture Material and Technical installations | 124.980,00 | 119.010,79 | 95,22% | 79.414,69 | 87,25% | 5.969,21 | 39.596,10 |
| 2 3 2 1 | Works of handling and removal of services | 10.000,00 | 7.095,00 | 70,95% | 4.553,38 | 86,60% | 2.905,00 | 2.541,62 |
| 2 3 3 1 | Paper mill office supplies | 16.000,00 | 16.000,00 | 100,00% | 0,00 | 90,00% | 0,00 | 16.000,00 |
| 2 3 4 1 | Correspondence stamping and carriage costs | 37.650,00 | 37.650,00 | 100,00% | 29.600,00 | 87,30% | 0,00 | 8.050,00 |
| 2 3 5 1 | Acquisition of information | 8.105,44 | 8.105,44 | 100,00% | 8.105,44 | 187,30% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 6 1 | Other current expenses (financial legal assurance) | 35.000,00 | 35.000,00 | 100,00% | 25.000,00 | 87,30% | 0,00 | 10.000,00 |
| Title 3 | Programme Support expenditure | 1.721.032,32 | 1.690.323,30 | 98,22% | 1.198.932,66 | 69,66% | 30.709,02 | 491.390,64 |
| Chapter 31 - Programme Management expenditure | | 1.721.032,32 | 1.690.323,30 | 98,22% | 1.198.932,66 | 69,66% | 30.709,02 | 491.390,64 |
| 3 1 1 1 | Experts, studies, representation and external meeting expenses | 129.500,00 | 120.783,76 | 93,27% | 76.183,51 | 74,63% | 8.716,24 | 44.600,25 |
| 3 1 2 1 | Missions and related costs | 168.000,00 | 160.234,36 | 95,38% | 149.523,52 | 91,37% | 7.765,64 | 10.710,84 |
| 3 1 4 1 | Expenses of Information, Publications and Communication | 218.028,43 | 203.801,29 | 93,47% | 104.170,01 | 39,44% | 14.227,14 | 99.631,28 |
| 3 1 5 1 | Expenses of translation | 6.090,00 | 6.090,00 | 100,00% | 1.000,50 | 96,90% | 0,00 | 5.089,50 |
| 3 1 7 1 | Operational related IT costs | 1.199.413,89 | 1.199.413,89 | 100,00% | 868.055,12 | 67,83% | 0,00 | 331.358,77 |
| TOTAL | | 59.246.127,00 | 59.136.393,18 | 99,81% | 56.568.458,03 | 95,48% | 109.733,82 | 2.567.935,15 |

The implementation of the final budget appropriations, fund source C1 and C4, is at a level of 99.8% for commitments (100% in 2021 and 99.7% in 2020) and 95.5% for payments (94.9% in 2021 and 96.3% in 2021).

The cancellation of commitment and payment appropriations totalled €109.733,82 which represents 0.2% of the budget (0.001% in 2021 and 0.3% in 2020).

4.3% (€2.567.935,15) of the undifferentiated commitment and payment appropriations are carried forward to 2023 to cover the payment of services/goods delivered in 2022 but not invoiced at the end of December 2022 or to be delivered in 2023 (5.1% - €2.848.896,48 in 2021).

As regards Title 1 - Staff expenditure, end 2022, 130 temporary agents, 373 contracts agents, 13 Seconded National Experts (in total 516 agents against 500 in 2021), were employed. Compared to last year, staff costs have increased by approximately €2.9 million (+8.6%). This is mainly explained by the indexation (+6.9%), seniority progression and reclassifications and the increase of the number of positions occupied (+16).

The breakdown by type of expenditure shows that the total staff expenditure (excluding the interim agents and trainees) accounts for about 74.2% of total commitments (in comparison to 73.9% in 2021).

92.6% of the amount committed covers the remuneration, allowances and charges of the staff (interim agents and trainees excluded). 4.1% of the committed amount is related to professional development and social expenditure. The remaining balance concerns the "interimaires" costs (3.4%).

As regards Title 2 - Infrastructure and operating expenditure, the main post is the rental and charges of the building (chapter 21) which is 69.8% of the amount committed under this title (68.9% in 2021). Building charges come from the services provided by DG HR (caretaking costs, technical and security controls of the building, badges to the staff, etc.) and by OIB (maintenance, cleaning, participation to the Covent Garden canteen costs, renting). The rest consists mainly in the purchases of IT equipment and IT services (28.0% against 28.9% in 2021).

The Title 3 - Programme support expenditure, that represents 2.9% of the total commitments (2.6% in 2021), consists mainly in the IT consultants costs with 69.7% (78.3% in 2021), the rest consists in external experts meetings, the missions and the communication budget (30.3% against 21.7% in 2021).

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| Budget line | Official Budget Item Desc (Fr) | C8 Appropriations (1) | Committed Amount (2) | % Committed (2/1) | Paid (2) | % Paid (2/1) | Total unused (de-committed) appropriations (1-2) | Appropriations to carry forward to 2021 (2-3) |
|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|---|
| Title 1 | Staff expenditure | 556.214,87 | 355.249,33 | 63,87% | 355.249,33 | 63,87% | 200.965,54 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 11 - Remunerations, Allowances and Charges | | 231.432,32 | 226.334,13 | 97,80% | 226.334,13 | 97,80% | 5.098,19 | 0,00 |
| 1 1 2 1 | Seconded National Experts | 187,34 | 187,34 | 100,00% | 187,34 | 100,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 1 1 2 2 | Interimaires & stagiaires | 231.244,98 | 226.146,79 | 97,80% | 226.146,79 | 97,80% | 5.098,19 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 12 - Professional Development and Social expenditure | | 324.782,55 | 128.915,20 | 39,69% | 128.915,20 | 39,69% | 195.867,35 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 1 1 | Recruitment, entering and leaving the service, transfer costs | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 2 1 | Restaurant Canteens | 36.000,00 | 24.217,28 | 67,27% | 24.217,28 | 67,27% | 11.782,72 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 3 1 | Medical service | 30.681,00 | 28.308,62 | 92,27% | 28.308,62 | 92,27% | 2.372,38 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 4 1 | Training | 29.834,00 | 16.878,50 | 56,57% | 16.878,50 | 56,57% | 12.955,50 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 5 1 | Mobility and Public transportation | 7.000,00 | 3.114,00 | 44,49% | 3.114,00 | 44,49% | 3.886,00 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 6 1 | Social service and other interventions | 209.608,29 | 56.396,80 | 26,91% | 56.396,80 | 26,91% | 153.211,49 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 7 1 | External services (PMO) | 11.659,26 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 11.659,26 | 0,00 |
| 1 2 8 1 | Internal meetings events and reception | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Title 2 | Infrastructure | 1.680.247,23 | 1.542.083,75 | 91,78% | 1.542.083,75 | 91,78% | 138.163,48 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 21 - Building expenditure | | 1.179.377,80 | 1.069.430,40 | 90,68% | 1.069.430,40 | 90,68% | 109.947,40 | 0,00 |
| 2 1 1 1 | Rental of building and associated costs | 1.179.377,80 | 1.069.430,40 | 90,68% | 1.069.430,40 | 90,68% | 109.947,40 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 22 - ICT | | 392.413,43 | 390.413,22 | 99,49% | 390.413,22 | 99,49% | 2.000,21 | 0,00 |
| 2 2 1 1 | Hardware software and linked expenses | 385.473,43 | 385.473,22 | 100,00% | 385.473,22 | 100,00% | 0,21 | 0,00 |
| 2 2 2 1 | ICT services | 6.940,00 | 4.940,00 | 71,18% | 4.940,00 | 71,18% | 2.000,00 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 23 - Movable property and Current Operating expenditure | | 108.456,00 | 82.240,13 | 2,88 | 82.240,13 | 75,83% | 26.215,87 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 1 1 | Furniture Material and Technical installations | 67.354,24 | 65.461,14 | 97,19% | 65.461,14 | 97,19% | 1.893,10 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 2 1 | Works of handling and removal of services | 1.301,76 | 1.013,76 | 77,88% | 1.013,76 | 77,88% | 288,00 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 3 1 | Paper mill office supplies | 9.000,00 | 7.810,41 | 86,78% | 7.810,41 | 86,78% | 1.189,59 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 4 1 | Correspondence stamping and carriage costs | 30.800,00 | 7.954,82 | 25,83% | 7.954,82 | 25,83% | 22.845,18 | 0,00 |
| 2 3 6 1 | Other current expenses (financial legal assurance) | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Title 3 | Programme Support expenditure | 612.434,38 | 601.643,70 | 98,24% | 601.643,70 | 98,24% | 10.790,68 | 0,00 |
| Chapter 31 - Programme Management expenditure | | 612.434,38 | 601.643,70 | 98,24% | 601.643,70 | 98,24% | 10.790,68 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 1 1 | Experts, studies, representation and external meeting expenses | 500,00 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 500,00 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 2 1 | Missions and related costs | 3.332,48 | 1.628,06 | 48,85% | 1.628,06 | 48,85% | 1.704,42 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 3 1 | Audit expenses | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 4 1 | Expenses of Information, Publications and Communication | 146.226,27 | 137.640,01 | 94,13% | 137.640,01 | 94,13% | 8.586,26 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 5 1 | Expenses of translation | 742,50 | 742,50 | 100,00% | 742,50 | 100,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 3 1 7 1 | Operational related IT costs | 461.633,13 | 461.633,13 | 100,00% | 461.633,13 | 100,00% | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| | TOTAL | 2.848.896,48 | 2.498.976,78 | 87,72% | 2.498.976,78 | 87,72% | 349.919,70 | 0,00 |

The 2021 appropriations that were carried forward to 2022 as C8 appropriations amounted to €2.848.896,48 (5,1% of the budget). Out of this amount, €2.498.976,78 have been paid (87,7%, to be compared to 87,7% in 2021). The 2021 appropriations (budget of €55.410.593,73) have been finally paid at 99,4 % (€52.560.900,29 on C1 appropriations and €2.498.976,78 on C8 appropriations).

The main amounts that were unduly carried forward (€349.919,70) and therefore had to be de-committed are mainly the following:

- €147.374,00 related to social services CPE (crèches petite enfance)
- €130.699,92 related to SLA OIB;
- €18.810,13 related to SLA HR;
- €19.764,26 related to other SLAs (EAS, PMO, BUDG);
- €33.271,39 related to different budget lines and contracts.

6. Evolution of commitments outstanding

For current outstanding commitments (C1 2022):

| | 2022 commitments appropriations (C1) | Commitments 2022 | Total unused appropriations current year | Payments 2022 | Appropriations to be carried-forward to 2023 | % of the commitments |
|---|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Title 1 - Staff expenditure | 47.459.834,24 | 47.408.179,04 | 51.655,20 | 46.867.828,75 | 540.350,29 | 1,1% |
| Title 2 - Infrastructure and operating expenditure | 10.065.260,44 | 10.037.890,84 | 27.369,60 | 8.501.696,62 | 1.536.194,22 | 15,3% |
| Title 3 - Programme support expenditure | 1.721.032,32 | 1.690.323,30 | 30.709,02 | 1.198.932,66 | 491.390,64 | 29,1% |
| Total | 59.246.127,00 | 59.136.393,18 | 109.733,82 | 56.568.458,03 | 2.567.935,15 | 4,3% |

| Budget line | Commitment user reference | Open amount RAL (C1 in 2022) |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1122 | D2 - SLA DG EAC - INTERNS 2022 | 53.875,50 |
| 1122 | D2 - RANDSTAD - SALARIES INTERIMAIRES 2022 | 160.027,91 |
| 1221 | SLA OIB 2022 | 33.028,00 |
| 1231 | D2 INTEGRATED HR SLA ERCEA 2022 | 50.074,40 |
| 1241 | D2 SLA EAS - 2022 | 20.865,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - TRAINING MEETINGS EXPENSES 2022 | 645,60 |
| 1241 | D2 - INDIVIDUAL EXTERNAL TRAINING REQUESTS 2022 | 4.673,98 |
| 1241 | D2 - CENTRE DE LANGUES A LOUVAIN LA NEUVE - FWC HR/2020/OP/0014 & LOT 4 - ORDER NUMBER: NO 1 (OFFER DATED 13/12/2021 - INDIVIDUAL LANGUAGE COURSES IN FRENCH (60 HOURS) - JANUARY-JUNE 2022 | 2.880,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - THE GREENHOUSE GROUP BVBA - FWC EPSO/EUSA/PO/2018/028 LOT2 - OFFER OF 01/02/2022 - ORDER NUMBER: 2022-08 - INDIVIDUAL COACHING FOR 15 HEADS OF SECTOR - MARCH 2022 - MARCH 2023 | 49.551,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - ABILWAYS - FWC HR/R1/PO/2019/034 - TRAINING/CONSULTATION IN PROCESS ENGINEERING/ CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT - 12/09/2022 TO 31/03/2023 | 15.340,50 |
| 1241 | D2 - HSDI SRL VIDEO-EVENT - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0039 - MULTI-CAMERA TRAINING FOR ERCEA UNIT A2 - BRUSSELS (ERCEA PREMISES) - 24-25 OCTOBER 2022 AND A THIRD DAY ON EARLY 2023 | 620,00 |
| 1241 | D2-THE GREENHOUSE GROUP- EPSO/EUSA/PO/2018/028 LOT 2- OF 2022-12- UNIT B2 TEAM COACHING - PERIOD OCTOBER 2022_ MARCH 2023 | 13.982,64 |
| 1241 | D2 - FAST LANE BENELUX - FWC: HR/2020/OP/0015 - LOT 2 - OF2022-1 - TRAINING ON QLIK SENSE - NOV- MARCH 2023 | 15.516,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - ABILWAYS - FWC HR/2020/OP/0011 & LOT 3 - TRAINING ON FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AT WORK - DECEMBER 2022-MARCH 2023 | 7.640,00 |
| 1241 | D2- CENTRES DE LANGUES A LOUVAIN LA NEUVE ET EN WOLUWE- FWC HR/2020/OP/0014 LOT 4- OF 3- INDIVIDUAL LANGUAGE COURSES IN FRENCH- NOVEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023 | 2.061,80 |
| 1241 | A2/D2 - TRIPLE A & C TRADING - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0052 - PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR ERCEA STAFF | 2.543,75 |

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| 1251 | D0 - CONTRIBUTION TO STAFF TRANSPORT EXPENSES 2022 | 3.497,20 |
| 1251 | D2 - CONTRIBUTION TO STAFF COMMUTING BY BIKE 2022 | 2.944,50 |
| 1251 | SLA OIB 2022 | 2.216,00 |
| 1251 | SLA OIB 2022 | 1.440,04 |
| 1261 | D2 - CHAIRS AND SCREENS REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME FOR TELEWORKING 2022 | 529,00 |
| 1261 | D2 - SOCIAL SERVICES CPE 2022 | 22.352,00 |
| 1261 | D2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DOMESTIC HELP) 2022 | 39.960,20 |
| 1261 | A2 - INTERNAL COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES 2022 | 2.329,97 |
| 1261 | D2 - EUROPEAN SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2022 | 2.283,63 |
| 1261 | SLA OIB 2022 | 2.000,00 |
| 1261 | A2/D2 - TRIPLE A & C TRADING - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0052 - PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR ERCEA STAFF | 5.970,00 |
| 1281 | D0 - INTERNAL MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION 2022 | 2.169,31 |
| 1281 | A2 - STAFF EVENTS (SCHUMAN TROPHY, ETC.) - SMALL EXPENSES 2022 | 708,15 |
| 1281 | B5- INTERNAL MEETINGS 2022 | 127,00 |
| 1281 | A2 - COUSTO BV (DIGI TAAL) - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0047 - SUPPLY AND PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE FOR ERCEA EVENT ON THE 15/12 - DELIVERY ON THE 07/12/2022 | 2.235,35 |
| 1281 | A2- LES FRÈRES DEBEKKER TRAITEUR- ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0051 - CATERING SERVICES FOR ERCEA EVENT ON 15/12/2022 | 15.000,00 |
| 1281 | A2- ESL GROUP- ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0045- SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR LIVE MUSIC CONCERT ON 15/12/2022 | 1.261,86 |
| 2111 | D0 - BUILDING INSURANCE 2022 IRR | 37.700,00 |
| 2111 | D2 INTEGRATED HR SLA ERCEA 2022 | 48.243,81 |
| 2111 | D2 - C&W COSTS MANAGEMENT COMMON PARKING FACILITIES 2022 | 8.600,00 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 119.447,00 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 9.018,00 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 684,39 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 228.900,00 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 5.389,00 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2022 | 473.800,00 |
| 2111 | D2- TAX MUNICIPALITY 2022 | 305.800,00 |
| 2211 | D1- INSIGHT- ERC-PROC-0748- FWC DI/07722- OF 0210088877- RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE - WINIMAGE 16/03/2022-15/03/2023 | 129,97 |
| 2211 | D1 - INSIGHT - FWC DI/07722- SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWALS IN EXECUTION OF THE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT DI/07722 FOR NAVICAT AND VYOND - 09/12/2022-13/12/2023 | 1.283,08 |
| 2211 | D1 - BECHTLE AG - FWC DI/07753 - OF 775316019 - ERC-PROC-0772 - PURCHASE OF POWER STORE FOR COV2 | 99.627,08 |
| 2211 | D1 - BECHTLE AG - FWC DI/07753 - OF 775316020 - ERC-PROC-0772 - PURCHASE OF POWER STORE FOR CDMA | 99.627,08 |
| 2211 | D1- PROXIMUS- FWC SCIC/2021/OP/0002 AV&C-3 LOT 2- ERC-PROC-0750- OF SCIC 000242- PURCHASE OF AV MATERIAL FOR ROOM COV2 24/144 | 7.318,45 |
| 2221 | D1 - ATOS BELGIUM - FWC DI/07810 SC 070 - ERC-PROC-0738 - SPECIFIC IT SUPPORT FOR 2022 EVALUATIONS - 01/01-31/12/2022 | 7.472,10 |
| 2221 | A1(D1) - INSIGHT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS - FWC DI/07722 OF- 0210247688 - ERC-PROC-0774 - PURCHASE LINGO3G FULL SERVER SINGLE PERPETUAL LICENCE + 1 YEAR UPDATES | 6.966,54 |
| 2311 | SLA OIB 2022 | 1.360,00 |
| 2311 | SLA OIB 2022 | 17.780,00 |
| 2311 | D2 - DROMEAS (PAPAPANAGIOTOU SA) - FWC OIB/2021/NP/0030/CO/LO/A - OF 1- 30 ELECTRIC TABLES FOR STAFF | 20.456,10 |
| 2321 | D2 - WORKS OF HANDLING AND REMOVAL SERVICES 2022 | 1.326,62 |
| 2321 | D2 - OXFAM - OIB/2019/OP/0073/CO/LO_02 - DONATION OF OBSOLETE FURNITURE TO OXFAM | 1.215,00 |
| 2331 | SLA OIB 2022 | 16.000,00 |
| 2341 | SLA OIB 2022 | 500,00 |
| 2341 | SLA OIB 2022 | 7.400,00 |
| 2341 | SLA OIB 2022 | 150,00 |
| 2361 | D3 - MSB ASSOCIATES SPRL - ERCEA/2022/NP/0033 - PROVISION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO ERC CONCERNING THE APPLICATION LODGED BEFORE THE GENERAL COURT (CASE T-388/22) | 10.000,00 |

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| 3111 | A1 - EXTERNAL MEETINGS 2022 | 3.206,00 |
| 3111 | A2 - EXTERNAL MEETINGS 2022 | 1.942,05 |
| 3111 | D0 - EXTERNAL MEETINGS 2022 (CATERING, ETC.) | 5.179,85 |
| 3111 | B3- EXTERNAL MEETINGS 2022 | 14.517,55 |
| 3111 | D2 - FINEST GLOBE SERVICES SA- ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0010 - OF 2022-01 -COFFEE MACHINES FOR EVALUATION EXPERTS ON COV 7TH FLOOR | 12.702,80 |
| 3111 | B0 - WORKSHOP 2022 | 92,00 |
| 3111 | B2 - CATERING 2022 | 6.960,00 |
| 3121 | MISSIONS 2022 | 10.663,97 |
| 3121 | D0 - SLA PMO ASSURANCE MISSIONS 2022 | 46,87 |
| 3141 | A2 - SMALL COMMUNICATION EXPENSES 2022 (A2 EVENTS) | 1.591,66 |
| 3141 | SLA OIB 2022 | 71,36 |
| 3141 | A2 - AMP PARTNER PRESS - FWC EAC/49/2018 OF 2022-01 - SUBSCRIPTION TO E-NEWSPAPERS FOR 22/02/2022-21/02/2023 | 941,48 |
| 3141 | A2 - NTT DATA BELGIQUE SPRL - FWC COMM/2020/OP/0024 & LOT 1 - SC ERCEA 2022/02 - MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE REVAMPED ERC WEBSITE | 49.823,46 |
| 3141 | A2 - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0015 - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNED ERC SCIENCE JOURNALISM INITIATIVE - CZ | 9.963,32 |
| 3141 | A2 - FONDAZIONE ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI TECNOLOGIA - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0026 - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNED ERC SCIENCE JOURNALISM INITIATIVE - SEPTEMBER 2022 - MAY 2023 - IT | 9.940,00 |
| 3141 | A2 - INSTITUT CATALÀ DE NANOCIÈNCIA I NANOTECNOLOGIA (ICN2) - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0037 - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNED ERC SCIENCE JOURNALISM INITIATIVE - OCTOBER2022 - JUNE2023 - ES | 9.500,00 |
| 3141 | A2- MELT WATER THE NETHERLANDS BV- ERCEA/A2/PN/2019/39- TACIT RENEWAL 3- MEDIA MONITORING AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM | 14.900,00 |
| 3141 | A2 - REDCOMMS SRL - ERCEA/2022/VLVP/0043 -PROVISION OF 4 INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COACHING SESSIONS(ONLINE) +STUDIO REHEARSAL + GUIDANCE/FEEDBACK - 15/11 TO 07/12/2022 | 2.900,00 |
| 3151 | CDT - TRANSLATIONS 2022 | 5.089,50 |
| 3171 | D1 - NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM SA - FWC DIGIT-TM LOT 1 & DI/7704 - SC 023466 - ERC-PROC-0577 - APPLICATION ARCHITECT LEV 4 - 150 DAYS | 22.713,61 |
| 3171 | D1- CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA - FWC DI/07702 - SC 023647- ERC-PROC-0599- EXT 2 - PTM - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3)- 140 DAYS | 8.168,42 |
| 3171 | D1- NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM SA -FWC DI/07948- ERC-PROC-0761- SC 001143- ACA L4 - PROFILE: APPLICATION/CLOUD ARCHITECT (ACA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4)- 95 DAYS | 46.328,60 |
| 3171 | D1 - ARHS DEVELOPMENTS S.A - FWC: DI/07958-00 LOT 3 - SC 001095 - ERC-PROC-0766 - BIE L7 - PROFILE: BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE EXPERT (BIE) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 7) - 86 DAYS | 49.161,90 |
| 3171 | D1 - NTT DATA BELGIQUE SRL - FWC DI/7952 SC 001149 - ERC-PROC-0762 TEAS L7 - PROFILE: TEST AUTOMATION SPECIALIST (TEAS) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 8) - 79 DAYS | 45.352,32 |
| 3171 | D1 - CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA -FWC DI/7949 SC 001746 - ERC-PROC-0759 ACA L6 - PROFILE: APPLICATION/CLOUD ARCHITECT (ACA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 6) - 78 DAYS | 40.386,06 |
| 3171 | D1- CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA- FWC DI/07949- SC 001826- ERC-PROC-0763- ACA L9 - PROFILE: APPLICATION/CLOUD ARCHITECT (ACA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 9)- 50 DAYS | 31.714,50 |
| 3171 | D1 - NTT DATA BELGIQUE SRL - FWC DIGIT-TMII LOT 2& DI/07952 SC 002642 - ERC-PROC-0758 DBARC LEVEL 10, - PROFILE: DATABASE ARCHITECT (DBARC) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 10) - 54 DAYS | 38.028,96 |
| 3171 | D1 - NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM SA - FWC DIGIT-TM LOT 1 & DI/7704 - SC 023402 - ERC-PROC-0595 - APPLICATION ARCHITECT, LEVEL 5 - 170 DAYS | 21.114,00 |
| 3171 | D1 - ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA - FWC DIGIT-TM LOT 1 & DI/7701 - SC 23454 - ERC-PROC-0601 - APPLICATION ARCHITECT LEVEL 4 - 170 DAYS | 22.568,15 |
| 3171 | D1 - ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA - FWC DIGIT-TM LOT 1 & DI/7701 - SC 023446 - ERC-PROC-0713 - TECHNOLOGY EXPERT LEVEL 3 - 170 DAYS | 5.822,25 |
| PAYMENTS APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2023 | | 2.567.935,15 |

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For outstanding commitments from 2021 (C8 2022):

| Title | Payments appropriations carried-forward from 2021 (RAL C8) | Amounts paid | Total unused payment appropriations carried forward from 2021 | % of implementation on appropriations carried-forward from 2021 | Final amount from 2021 |
|--|--|---------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| Title 1 - Staff expenditure | 556.214,87 | 355.249,33 | 200.965,54 | 63,9% | 0,00 |
| Title 2 - Infrastructure and operating expenditure | 1.680.247,23 | 1.542.083,75 | 138.163,48 | 91,8% | 0,00 |
| Title 3 - Programme support expenditure | 612.434,38 | 601.643,70 | 10.790,68 | 98,2% | 0,00 |
| Total | 2.848.896,48 | 2.498.976,78 | 349.919,70 | 87,7% | 0,00 |

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| 1121 | D2 - INSURANCE ACCIDENT AXA FOR NON-STATUTORY STAFF 2021 | 187,34 | -187,34 |
| 1122 | D2 - SLA DG EAC - INTERNS 2021 | 51.631,44 | -51.631,44 |
| 1122 | D2 - RANDSTAD - SALARIES INTERIMAIRES 2021 | 179.613,54 | -174.515,35 |
| 1221 | SLA OIB 2021 | 36.000,00 | -24.217,28 |
| 1231 | D2 INTEGRATED HR SLA ERCEA 2021 | 30.681,00 | -28.308,62 |
| 1241 | D2 SLA EAS - 2021 | 10.005,00 | -3.900,00 |
| 1241 | D2 2021 INDIVIDUAL EXTERNAL TRAINING REQUESTS | 1.500,00 | -1.500,00 |
| 1241 | D2 THE GREENHOUSE GROUP BVBA - FWC EPSO/EUSA/PO/2018/028 LOT 2 OF 2021-02 INDIVIDUAL COACHING FOR HEAD OF DEPARTMENT D - FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2021 | 597,00 | 0,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - THE GREENHOUSE GROUP BVBA - FWC EPSO/EUSA/PO/2018/028 LOT2 - OFFER OF 21/09/2021 - GROUP COACHING (MANAGEMENT TEAM/MANAGEMENT AWAY DAY OF 13/10/2021 - UP TO MARCH 2022 | 9.340,00 | -4.399,00 |
| 1241 | D2 EUROPEAN COMMISSION - OIB.OS4 - CIE OVERRISE ERCEA/2021/VLVP/0014 RENTAL OF VENUE AND AV MATERIAL FOR TEAM BUILDING EVENT OF UNIT A2 ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2021 | 620,00 | -620,00 |
| 1241 | D2 - THE GREENHOUSE GROUP BVBA - FWC EPSO/EUSA/PO/2018/028 LOT2 - OFFER OF 17/11/2021 - ORDER NUMBER: 2021-06 - "DEVELOPING THE ERCEA COACHING FRAMEWORK FOR HOS" TRAINING - UP TO 01/02/2022 | 6.972,00 | -5.659,50 |
| 1241 | D2/A2 - PO ERCEA/A2/PN/2021/01 - OFFER OF 30/11/2021 - HOLLAND & PARTNERS - INDIVIDUAL MEDIA COACHING FOR THE ERC PRESIDENT (2 HOURS) - 12/2021-01/2022 | 800,00 | -800,00 |
| 1251 | D2 - CONTRIBUTION TO STAFF COMMUTING BY BIKE 2021 | 6.000,00 | -3.114,00 |
| 1251 | SLA OIB 2021 | 1.000,00 | 0,00 |
| 1261 | D2 - SOCIAL SERVICES CPE 2021 | 147.374,00 | 0,00 |
| 1261 | D2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DOMESTIC HELP) 2021 | 37.322,70 | -37.140,12 |
| 1261 | D2 EUROPEAN SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2021 | 21.322,23 | -18.291,46 |
| 1261 | SLA OIB 2021 | 150,00 | -87,22 |
| 1261 | D2 - CHAIRS AND SCREENS REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME FOR TELEWORKING 2021 | 3.439,36 | -878,00 |
| 1271 | D2 SLA PMO 2021 | 11.659,26 | 0,00 |
| 2111 | D2 INTEGRATED HR SLA ERCEA 2021 | 16.437,75 | 0,00 |
| 2111 | D0 - BUILDING INSURANCE 2021 | 30.640,75 | -30.640,75 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 119.000,00 | -112.723,61 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 22.613,82 | -8.589,02 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 210.000,00 | -187.524,18 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 10.722,00 | -8.180,15 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 8.633,09 | -8.320,24 |
| 2111 | SLA OIB 2021 | 91.000,00 | -43.122,06 |
| 2111 | D0 COMMITMENT MUNICIPALITY TAXES 2019-2020-2021 | 670.330,39 | -670.330,39 |

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| 2211 | D1 - IT SMALL EXPENSES 2021 | 312,00 | -311,79 |
| 2211 | D1 - BECHTLE BRUSSELS NV - FWC DI/07720 OF 1015534 - ERC-PROC-0711 - PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE LICENCES MAINTENANCE - ADOBE ETLA 2021 - 1 MONTH | 858,97 | -858,97 |
| 2211 | D1 INSIGHT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS BELGIUM ERC-PROC-0730 FWC DI/07722 OF Q0063997 PURCHASE OF NAVICAT SOFTWARE | 519,49 | -519,49 |
| 2211 | D1 - CANCOM - FWC DI/07631 LOT1 OF 1016 - ERC-PROC-0732 - PURCHASE OF A MACBOOK AIR | 2.449,41 | -2.449,41 |
| 2211 | D1 - BECHTLE BRUSSELS - FWC DI/07753 OF775316017 - ERC-PROC-0741- DATADOMAIN 6900 FOR CDMA | 102.129,30 | -102.129,30 |
| 2211 | D1 NTT BELGIUM FWC DI/07890 OF 1 00560 ERC-PROC-0736 PURCHASE OF NETWORK SWITCHES FOR MEETING ROOMS | 1.610,16 | -1.610,16 |
| 2211 | D1 - NTT BELGIUM - FWC DI/07890 OF3_00561 - ERC-PROC-0736 -PURCHASE OF NETWORK CODECS FOR MEETING ROOMS | 68.312,16 | -68.312,16 |
| 2211 | D1 - AUTOCONT - FWC DI/07754 - OF 0039 - ERC-PROC-0731 - PURCHASE OF 3 SERVERS + ACCESSORIES | 79.529,64 | -79.529,64 |
| 2211 | D1 BECHTLE BRUSSELS FWC DI/07753 SC OF775313853 ERC-PROC-0731 PURCHASE OF 2 SWITCHES | 27.623,00 | -27.623,00 |
| 2211 | D1 BECHTLE BRUSSELS N.V. FWC DI/07753 SC OF775316018, ERC-PROC-0741, PURCHASE OF DATADOMAIN 6900 FOR COV2 | 102.129,30 | -102.129,30 |
| 2221 | D1 - SLA DG BUDG - ABAC 2021 | 2.000,00 | 0,00 |
| 2221 | D1 - AUSY IT CONSULTING - ERCEA/2021/VLVP/0009 - ERC-PROC-0722 - HOSTING, SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ERC WEBSITE - 9 MONTHS | 4.940,00 | -4.940,00 |
| 2311 | D2 - 2021 SUPPLIES (PETITES FOURNITURES) | 1.000,00 | 0,00 |
| 2311 | SLA OIB 2021 | 1.500,00 | -1.190,00 |
| 2311 | SLA OIB 2021 | 5.750,00 | -5.750,00 |
| 2311 | SLA OIB 2021 | 17.800,00 | -17.800,00 |
| 2311 | D2 - BEDDELEEM - FWC OIB.02/PO/2018/058/785/CO/LO OF 2021-1 - PURCHASE OF SOFTLINE CONVIVIAL FURNITURE | 14.986,56 | -14.986,56 |
| 2311 | D2 - DROMEAS - BON DE COMMANDE N° 1 - QUOTATION PRF-SK-14417 OF 03/12/2021 - FWC OIB/2021/NP/0030/CO/LO/A - PURCHASE OF 49 WORK DESKS WITH ELECTRICAL HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT AND CONTROLLERS | 19.650,46 | -19.067,36 |
| 2311 | D2 - INTERSTUHL - FWC OIB/2019/OP/0064/CO/LO/A OF 1 2021 - PURCHASE OF OFFICE CHAIRS | 6.667,22 | -6.667,22 |
| 2321 | D2 - MOZER BELUX - FWC OIB.02/PO/2017/005/748/CO/L1, LOT 1 - SC MOZER - ERCEA.2021.01 - REMOVAL SERVICES FOR 2021 | 1.301,76 | -1.013,76 |
| 2331 | SLA OIB 2021 | 9.000,00 | -7.810,41 |
| 2341 | SLA OIB 2021 | 25.800,00 | -7.830,00 |
| 2341 | SLA OIB 2021 | 5.000,00 | -124,82 |
| 3111 | EXTERNAL MEETINGS 2021 | 500,00 | 0,00 |
| 3121 | MISSIONS 2021 | 3.312,48 | -1.620,52 |
| 3121 | D0 - ASSURANCE MISSIONS 2021 - 01/04/2021-31/12/2021 | 20,00 | -7,54 |
| 3141 | A2 - AMP PARTNER PRESS - FWC EAC/49/2018 OF 2021-01 - SUBSCRIPTION TO E-NEWSPAPERS FOR 2021 | 231,00 | -209,99 |
| 3141 | A2 - AUSY BELGIUM - FWC PO/2016-20/A5 - SC NO ERCEA 2021-01 - TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF THE ERC WEBSITE - 10 MONTHS DURATION | 19.955,00 | -11.389,75 |
| 3141 | A2- ACADEMIC POSITIONS MEDIA GROUP AB- ERCEA/2021/VLVP/0008- PROVISION OF PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING SERVICES | 14.000,00 | -14.000,00 |
| 3141 | A2 INTRASOFT INTERNATIONAL SA FWC COMM/2020/OP/0024 LOT 2 SC ERCEA 2021/02- MIGRATE THE CONTENT OF THE ERC WEBSITE INTO THE NEW DRUPAL 9 ECOSYSTEM | 97.850,00 | -97.850,00 |
| 3141 | A2 - MELTWATER THE NETHERLANDS BV - ERCEA/A2/PN/2019/39 TACIT RENEWAL 2 - MEDIA MONITORING AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM | 14.190,27 | -14.190,27 |
| 3151 | CDT - TRANSLATIONS 2021 | 742,50 | -742,50 |

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| 3171 | D1 NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM ERC-PROC-0728 FWC BUDG16/PO/01 LOT 2 - DIMOS 0824996 SC 02-798 NEW SERVICE QT&M CONTRACT - ERCEA TOOLS ENHANCEMENTS | 62.117,44 | -62.117,44 |
| 3171 | D1 ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA ERC-PROC-0594 FWC 7701 SC 015965 EXT2 - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 1) 220 DAYS | 34.879,44 | -34.879,44 |
| 3171 | D1 ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA NV ERC-PROC-0713 FWC 7701 SC 018367 - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) 80 DAYS | 9.426,50 | -9.426,50 |
| 3171 | D1 - ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA - FWC 07701 SC 015967 - ERC-PROC-0601 - EXT 3 - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) - 220 DAYS | 43.870,28 | -43.870,28 |
| 3171 | D1 ARHS DEVELOPMENTS ERC-PROC-0690 FWC 7701 SC 015968 - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 1) 220 DAYS | 59.418,63 | -59.418,63 |
| 3171 | D1 NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM ERC-PROC-0577 FWC 07704 SC 015959 - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4), 220 DAYS | 55.779,18 | -55.779,18 |
| 3171 | D1 NETWORK RESEARCH BELGIUM SA ERC-PROC-0595 FWC 07704 SC 016286 - EXT 3 - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) 220 DAYS | 52.189,24 | -52.189,24 |
| 3171 | D1 CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA ERC-PROC-0599 FWC 07702 SC 016388 - PTM - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3),220 DAYS | 64.351,80 | -64.351,80 |
| 3171 | D1 ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA ERC-PROC-0713 FWC 7701 SC 021154 - TECHNICAL - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) 60 DAYS | 33.270,00 | -33.270,00 |
| 3171 | D1 - ARHS DEVELOPMENTS - FWC DI/07701 LOT 1 SC 018606 - ERC-PROC-0704 - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 2) - 30 DAYS | 15.122,70 | -15.122,70 |
| 3171 | D1 ARHS DEVELOPMENTS ERC-PROC-0696 FWC 07701 SC 016996 EXT 1 - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 1) 200 DAYS | 31.207,92 | -31.207,92 |
| TOTAL | | 2.848.896,48 | -2.498.976,78 |
| UNUSED PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE COMMISSION | | | 349.919,70 |

ANNEX: Glossary on terms, abbreviations and acronyms used

| Term | Definition |
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| ABAC | Name given to the Commission's accounting system, which since 2005 has been enriched by accrual accounting rules. Apart from the cash-based budget accounts, the Commission produces accrual-based accounts which recognise revenue when earned, rather than when collected. Expenses are recognised when incurred rather than when paid. This contrasts with cash basis budgetary accounting that recognises transactions and other events only when cash is received or paid. |
| Accounting | The act of recording and reporting financial transactions, including the creation of the transaction, its recognition, processing, and summarisation in the financial statements. |
| Adjustment | Amending budget or transfer of funds from one budget item to another |
| Adopted budget | Draft budget becomes the adopted budget as soon as it is approved by the Budgetary Authority. Cf. Budget |
| Agencies | EU bodies having a distinct legal personality, and to whom budget implementing powers may be delegated under strict conditions. They are subject to a distinct discharge from the discharge authority. |
| Amending budget | Decision adopted during the budget year to amend (increase, decrease, transfer) aspects of the adopted budget of that year. |
| Annuality | The budgetary principle according to which expenditure and revenue is programmed and authorised for one year, starting on 1 January and ending on 31 December. |
| Appropriations | Budget funding. The budget forecasts both commitments (legal pledges to provide finance, provided that certain conditions are fulfilled) and payments (cash or bank transfers to the beneficiaries). Appropriations for commitments and payments often differ — differentiated appropriations — because multiannual programmes and projects are usually fully committed in the year they are decided and are paid over the years as the implementation of the programme and project progresses. Non-differentiated appropriations apply to administrative expenditure, for agricultural market support and direct payments and commitment appropriations equal payment appropriations. |
| Assigned revenue | External/Internal Used to finance specific items of expenditure. The complete list of items constituting assigned revenue is given in the Financial Regulation (FR) Art. 21. |
| Authorising Officer (AO) | The AO is responsible in each institution for authorising revenue and expenditure operations in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and for ensuring that the requirements of legality and regularity are complied with. |
| Budget | Annual financial plan, drawn up according to budgetary principles, that provides forecasts and authorises, for each financial year, an estimate of future costs and revenue and expenditures and their detailed description and justification, the latter included in budgetary remarks. |
| Budget result | The difference between income received and amounts paid, including adjustments for carry-overs, cancellations and exchange rate differences. The resulting amount will have to be reimbursed to the funding authority as provided in the Standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies. |
| Budget implementation | Consumption of the budget through expenditure and revenue operations. |
| Budget item / Budget line / Budget position | As far as the budget structure is concerned, revenue and expenditure are shown in the budget in accordance with a binding nomenclature which reflects the nature and purpose of each item, as imposed by the Budgetary Authority. The individual headings (title, chapter, article or item) provide a formal description of the nomenclature. |
| Budgetary Authority | Institutions with decisional powers on budgetary matters: the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers |
| Budgetary commitment | A budgetary commitment is a reservation of appropriations to cover for subsequent expenses. |
| Cancellation of appropriations | Unused appropriations that may no longer be used. |
| Carryover of appropriations | Exception to the principle of annuality in so far as appropriations that could not be used in a given budget year may, under strict conditions, be exceptionally carried over for use during the following year. |
| Commitment appropriations | Commitment appropriations cover the total cost of legal obligations (contracts, grant agreements/decisions) that could be signed in the current financial year. |
| De-commitment | Cancellation of a reservation of appropriations |

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| Differentiated appropriations | Differentiated appropriations are used to finance multiannual operations; they cover, for the current financial year, the total cost of the legal obligations entered into for operations whose implementation extends over more than one financial year. |
| Earmarked revenue | Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose, such as income from foundations, subsidies, gifts and bequests, including the earmarked revenue specific to each institution. (Cf. Assigned revenue) |
| Economic result | Impact on the balance sheet of expenditure and revenue based on accrual accounting rules. |
| Entitlements established | Entitlements are recovery orders that the European Union must establish for collecting income. |
| Exchange rate difference | The difference resulting from currency exchange rates applied to the transactions concerning countries outside the euro area, or from the revaluation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency at the closure. |
| Expenditure | Term used to describe spending the budget from all types of funds sources. |
| Financial Regulation (FR) | Adopted through the ordinary legislative procedure after consulting the European Court of Auditors, this regulation lays down the rules for the establishment and implementation of the general budget of the European Union. (OJ-L 193/30.07.2018, p.1) |
| Funds Source | Type of appropriations (e.g.: C1, C2, etc.) |
| C1 | Current Appropriations = Initial Budget + Amending Budget + Transfers |
| C8 | Appropriations automatically carried forward from previous year to current year |
| IC1 | Universal revenue voted in the budget |
| Grants | Direct financial contributions, by way of donation, from the budget in order to finance either an action intended to help achieve an objective part of an EU policy or the functioning of a body which pursues an aim of general European interest or has an objective forming part of an EU policy. |
| Implementation | Cf. Budget implementation |
| Income | Cf. Revenue |
| Lapsing appropriations | Unused appropriations to be cancelled at the end of the financial year. Lapsing means the cancellation of all or part of the authorisation to make expenditures and/or incur liabilities which is represented by an appropriation. |
| Legal base (basic act) | The legal base or basis is, as a general rule, a law based on an article in the Treaty giving competence to the Community for a specific policy area and setting out the conditions for fulfilling that competence including budget implementation. Certain Treaty articles authorise the Commission to undertake certain actions, which imply spending, without there being a further legal act. |
| Legal commitment | A legal commitment establishes a legal obligation towards third parties. |
| Non-differentiated appropriations | Non-differentiated appropriations are for operations of an annual nature. (Art. 12 FR). In the EU-Budget non-differentiated appropriations apply to administrative expenditure, for agricultural market support and direct payments |
| Operating (i.e. administrative) appropriations | Operating (i.e. administrative) appropriations cover the running costs of the entity (staff, buildings, office equipment.....). |
| Operational appropriations | Operational appropriations finance the different policies, mainly in the form of grants or procurement. |
| Outstanding commitment | Legal commitments having not fully given rise to liquidation by payments. Cf. RAL. |
| Outturn | Cf. Budget result |
| Payment | A payment is a cash disbursement to honour legal obligations. |
| Payment appropriations | Payment appropriations cover expenditure due in the current year, arising from legal commitments entered in the current year and/or earlier years. |
| RAL | Sum of outstanding commitments. Outstanding commitments (or RAL, from the French ' <i>reste à liquider</i> ') are defined as the amount of appropriations committed that have not yet been paid. They stem directly from the existence of multiannual programmes and the dissociation between commitment and payment appropriations. |
| Recovery | The recovery order is the procedure by which the Authorising officer (AO) registers an entitlement by the Commission in order to retrieve the amount which is due. The entitlement is the right that the Commission has to claim the sum which is due by a debtor, usually a beneficiary. |
| Result | Cf. Outturn |
| Revenue | Term used to describe income from all sources financing the budget. |

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| Rules of application | Detailed rules for the implementation of the financial regulation. They are set out in a Commission regulation adopted after consulting all institutions and cannot alter the financial regulation upon which they depend. |
| Surplus | Positive difference between revenue and expenditure (see Budget result) which has to be returned to the funding authority as provided in the Financial Regulation. |
| Transfer | Transfers between budget lines imply the relocation of appropriations from one budget line to another, in the course of the financial year, and thereby they constitute an exception to the budgetary principle of specification. They are, however, expressly authorised by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union under the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulation (FR). The FR identifies different types of transfers depending on whether they are between or within budget titles, chapters, articles or headings and require different levels of authorization. |