

**DECISION AB [NN]/2015**

**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS**

**of [DD] [Month] 2015**

**on the estimate of revenue and expenditure of the Agency for the Cooperation of  
Energy Regulators for the financial year 2016**

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION  
OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators<sup>1</sup>, and, in particular, Articles 1(1) and 23(1) thereof,

Having regard to the preliminary draft budget of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2016 drawn up by the Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators,

Having regard to the Multi-Annual Staff Policy Plan 2016-2018 of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators,

**[IN CASE THE BoR DELIVERS A REASOND OPINION]** Having regard to the reasoned opinion of the Board of Regulators of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of [DD] [Month] 2015 on the preliminary draft budget of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2016,

Whereas:

- (1) **[CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY]** In its Communication of 25 February 2015 the European Commission proposed the creation of a new European Energy Union, to fulfil one of the main priorities of its political agenda, as defined in July 2014. A new European Energy Union entails, *inter alia*, the creation of a single internal energy market and the enhancement of security of supply.
- (2) The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) performs tasks and responsibilities that are at the heart of the creation of the European Energy Union with the integration of the electricity and gas markets. In spite of that, the human and financial resources currently

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 211 14.8.2009, p. 1.

assigned to the Agency are not sufficient to fulfil its mission, as defined in its legislative mandate and so as fully to support the creation of the European Energy Union.

- (3) Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulation (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the TEN-E Regulation”), entrusts the Agency with important tasks related to the integration of the European energy systems and the removal of energy islands, through its role in the process for the selection and in the monitoring of the implementation of projects of common interest (PCIs), involving electricity transmission lines, gas pipelines, electricity storage projects, underground gas storage projects, LNG terminals, and smart grid projects.
- (4) A new Union-wide PCI list will be published in the course of 2015. The implementation of the 2013 Union-wide PCI list has determined an increase in activities for the Agency. In particular, the referral of investment requests to the Agency, pursuant to Article 12(6) of the TEN-E Regulation, with the consequent need to issue decisions on cross-border cost allocation, has shown the need to provide additional human resources and consequential financial support to the Agency, to ensure an adequate functioning of the electricity and gas departments, whereas implementing measures on the setting of fees for such decisions within the meaning of Articles 22 of Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 and 20 of the TEN-E Regulation are missing.
- (5) Against this background, in order to monitor the implementation of PCIs, while at the same time continuing to contribute to the PCI selection process for the second and subsequent lists, it is advisable to ensure that the Agency is assigned the full staffing requirement.
- (6) Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “REMIT”) entrusts the Agency with the responsibility of monitoring trading in wholesale energy products in the EU and to ensure that national regulatory authorities (NRAs) carry out their monitoring, investigation and enforcement tasks in a coordinated and consistent way, not only by establishing and maintaining a centralised transaction monitoring system, but also by conducting initial assessments or analysis with the aim of requesting NRAs to commence an investigation of suspected abusive market practices and to take appropriate action to remedy any abuse found.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1.

- (7) In this context, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1348/2014 of 17 December 2014<sup>4</sup> has defined the dates in 2015 and 2016 by which the new sector-specific monitoring framework for wholesale energy markets will have to become fully operational and the Agency will have to start monitoring the EU wholesale energy markets using the framework and the purposely-developed IT system.
- (8) The current estimate of expenditure and revenue is based on the assumption that the Agency will substantially complete in 2015 the development of the IT platforms and data exchange protocols for the operation of market monitoring under REMIT. However, the forecasts of the expected large volume of data to be received by the Agency from markets participants, the monitoring of wholesale energy markets and the subsequent follow-up of suspected market abuse instances show the need for additional human resources and financial support to ensure a proper functioning of the REMIT operations in the course of the financial year 2016.
- (9) The Agency budget for the financial year 2016 covers the additional staffing for the implementation of the above mentioned tasks in the form of nine (9) additional staff members to support the implementation of the tasks attributed to the Agency by the TEN-E Regulation and of thirty (30) additional staff members to support the implementation of the tasks attributed to the Agency by REMIT. The achievement of the objectives foreseen for the financial year 2016 requires a further increase in human resources devoted to function of horizontal support. It is therefore estimated that five (5) additional staff members are essential to ensure a balanced development of the operational activities, avoiding shortages in the daily functioning of the Agency.

**HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:**

**Article 1**

The estimate of revenue and expenditure of the Agency for the financial year 2016, as detailed in Annex I, amounts to Euro 20 078 441.

**Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption and shall be transmitted to the Commission.

Done at Bucharest, [DD] [Month] 2015.

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L363, 18.12.2014, p. 1.

*For the Administrative Board*

*The Chairman*

Razvan Eugen Nicolescu

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### Annex I: Agency Draft Budget 2016

| Title Chapter  | Heading   | EU contribution   | Assigned revenue 2014 surplus | Total budget 2016 |
|----------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|                |   | €s                | €s                            | €s                |
| <b>TITLE 1</b> | <b>EXPENDITURE RELATING TO STAFF AND RESOURCES</b>    |                   |                               |                   |
| CHAPTER 11     | STAFF IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT                            | 11,078,003        | 546,521                       | 11,624,523        |
| CHAPTER 12     | MISSIONS AND DUTY TRAVEL                              | 153,335           | 7,565                         | 160,900           |
| CHAPTER 13     | SOCIOMEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE                           | 70,170            | 3,462                         | 73,632            |
| CHAPTER 14     | SOCIAL SERVICES                                       | 41,216            | 2,033                         | 43,250            |
|                | <b>TOTAL TITLE 1</b>                                  | <b>11,342,724</b> | <b>559,581</b>                | <b>11,902,305</b> |
| <b>TITLE 2</b> | <b>AGENCY'S BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED COSTS</b>         |                   |                               |                   |
| CHAPTER 20     | AGENCY'S PREMISES COSTS                               | 952,247           | 46,978                        | 999,225           |
| CHAPTER 21     | DATA PROCESSING                                       | 326,350           | 16,100                        | 342,450           |
| CHAPTER 22     | MOVABLE PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED COSTS                 | 316,868           | 15,632                        | 332,500           |
| CHAPTER 23     | CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE                    | 1,210,016         | 59,695                        | 1,269,711         |
| CHAPTER 24     | COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE TELECOMMUNICATION AND POSTAGE | 202,986           | 10,014                        | 213,000           |
|                | <b>TOTAL TITLE 2</b>                                  | <b>3,008,467</b>  | <b>148,419</b>                | <b>3,156,886</b>  |
| <b>TITLE 3</b> |   |                   |                               |                   |
| CHAPTER 30     | REPRESENTATION EXPENSES                               | 24,950            | 0                             | 24,950            |
| CHAPTER 31     | OPERATIONAL MISSIONS                                  | 340,000           | 0                             | 340,000           |
| CHAPTER 32     | STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND WEB     | 280,500           | 0                             | 280,500           |
| CHAPTER 33     | TRANSLATIONS  | 65,800            | 0                             | 65,800            |
| CHAPTER 34     | PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY                                | 8,000             | 0                             | 8,000             |
| CHAPTER 35     | REMIT OPERATIONS                                      | 4,200,000         | 0                             | 4,300,000         |
|                | <b>TOTAL TITLE 3</b>                                  | <b>4,919,250</b>  | <b>0</b>                      | <b>5,019,250</b>  |
|                | <b>TOTAL BUDGET 2016</b>                              | <b>19,270,441</b> | <b>708,000</b>                | <b>20,078,441</b> |

## Annex II: ACER Detailed Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2016

| Title<br>Chapter<br>Article<br>Item | Heading  | EU subsidy       | Assigned<br>revenue 2014<br>surplus | Total budget<br>for the<br>Financial<br>year 2016 | Remarks   |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>9</b>                            | <b>REVENUE</b>   |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>90</b>                           | <b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>   |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 901                                 | Subsidy from the EU general budget                                       |                  |                                     | 19,270,441  | This represents the annual operating subsidy from the European Union budget.  |
| 902                                 | Others   |                  |                                     | 708,000   | Other revenue including assigned revenue of year N-2.   |
| 903                                 | Bank interest  |                  |                                     | p.m.  | This represents the interest received on the balance of the bank accounts.  |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 9 0 — TOTAL</b>   |                  |                                     | <b>20,078,441</b>                                 |   |
|                                     | <b>TITLE 9 — TOTAL</b>   |                  |                                     | <b>20,078,441</b>                                 |   |
|                                     | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   |                  |                                     | <b>20,078,441</b>                                 |   |
|                                     | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>   |                  |                                     |   |   |
|                                     | <b>EXPENDITURE RELATING TO STAFF AND RESOURCES</b>                       |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>1</b>                            | <b>RESOURCES</b>   |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>11</b>                           | <b>STAFF IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>110</b>                          | <b>Temporary staff holding a post provided in the establishment plan</b> |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 1100                                | Basic salaries and correction  | 5,092,798        | 251,247                             | 5,344,045   | Staff Regulations of officials and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 62 and 66 thereof. This appropriation is intended to cover basic salaries and corrections for temporary staff.  |
| 1101                                | Family allowances  | 1,154,909        | 56,976                              | 1,211,885   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 62, 67 and 68 thereof and section I of Annex VII thereto. This appropriation is intended to cover the household, dependent child and education allowances for temporary staff  |
| 1102                                | Expatriation and foreign residence allowances                            | 1,004,629        | 49,562                              | 1,054,191   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 62 and 69 thereof and Article 4 of Annex VII thereto. This appropriation is intended to cover the expatriation and foreign-residence allowances for temporary staff.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 0 — Total</b>   | <b>7,252,335</b> | <b>357,786</b>                      | <b>7,610,121</b>                                  |   |
| <b>111</b>                          | <b>Other agents</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 1110                                | Contract agents  | 1,510,987        | 74,543                              | 1,585,530   | Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, and in particular Article 4 and Title IV thereof. This item is intended to cover the remuneration and the employer's share of social security contributions for contract agent staff.   |
| 1111                                | Seconded National Experts  | 184,163          | 9,085                               | 193,248   | Various Seconded National Experts are placed at ACER to fulfil the need for assistance to the agency's work programme. This appropriation includes their daily and monthly allowances   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 1 — Total</b>   | <b>1,695,150</b> | <b>83,628</b>                       | <b>1,778,778</b>                                  |   |
| <b>112</b>                          | <b>Further training, retraining and information for staff</b>            |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 1120                                | Training and information for staff                                       | 171,537          | 8,463                               | 180,000   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 24 a) thereof. This also includes costs related to missions for training events and trainer expenses.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 2 — Total</b>   | <b>171,537</b>   | <b>8,463</b>                        | <b>180,000</b>                                    |   |
| <b>113</b>                          | <b>Insurance against sickness, accidents and unemployment</b>            |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 1130                                | Insurance against sickness   | 211,689          | 10,443                              | 222,132   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 72 thereof. Rules on sickness insurance for officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 23 thereof. This appropriation is intended to cover the employer's contribution and the official's contribution of the basic salary. |
| 1131                                | Insurance against accidents and occupational disease                     | 55,568           | 2,741                               | 58,310  | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 73 thereof. This appropriation is intended to cover the employer's contribution to insurance against accidents and occupational disease (0,875 % of the basic salary).  |
| 1132                                | Unemployment insurance for temporary staff                               | 71,601           | 3,532                               | 75,133  | Council Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 2799/85 of 27 September 1985 amending the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities. This appropriation is intended to insure temporary staff against unemployment.                          |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 3 — Total</b>   | <b>338,857</b>   | <b>16,717</b>                       | <b>355,574</b>                                    |   |

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| <b>114</b>                          | <b>Miscellaneous allowances and grants</b>                          |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 1140                                | Birth and death grants  | 1,906             | 94                                  | 2,000   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 70, 74 and 75 thereof.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover:<br>— the childbirth grant,<br>— Death allowances payable in the event of the death of an official.  |
| 1141                                | Annual travel expenses from the place of work to origin             | 139,997           | 6,907                               | 146,904   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 8 of Annex VII thereto.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover the payment to staff members in each calendar year of a sum equivalent to the cost of travel from the place of employment to the place of origin for themselves and, if they are entitled to the household allowance, for the spouse and dependants. |
| 1142                                | Schooling fees  | 190,597           | 9,403                               | 200,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the additional schooling fees incurred by staff members for their children's education.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 4 — Total</b>  | <b>332,500</b>    | <b>16,404</b>                       | <b>348,904</b>                                    |   |
| <b>115</b>                          | <b>Overtime</b>   |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 1150                                | Overtime  |                   |                                     | p.m.  | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 56 thereof and Annex VI thereto.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover flat-rate payments or hourly-rate payments for overtime worked by temporary agents in categories AST 1 - AST4 whom it has not been possible to compensate by flexi-hours.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 5 — Total</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>  |   |
| <b>116</b>                          | <b>Expenses on entering and leaving the service and on transfer</b> |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 1160                                | Expenditure related to Recruitment                                  | 66,709            | 3,291                               | 70,000  | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 27 to 31 and 33 thereof.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure involved in recruitment procedures.  |
| 1161                                | Travel expenses taking up duty                                      | 179,161           | 8,839                               | 188,000   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 2 and 71 thereof and Article 7 of Annex VII thereto.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover the travel expenses of staff (including members of their families) entering or leaving the service.  |
| 1162                                | Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances                  | 457,362           | 22,563                              | 479,926   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 20 and 71 thereof and Article 9 of Annex VII thereto.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover the removal costs of staff obliged to change residence after taking up their appointment or when transferred to a new place of work or when they definitively cease their duties and settle elsewhere.                |
| 1163                                | Temporary daily subsistence allowances                              | 374,734           | 18,487                              | 393,221   | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 20 and 71 thereof and Article 10 of Annex VII thereto.<br>This appropriation is intended to cover the daily subsistence allowances due to staff able to prove that they were obliged to change their place of residence after taking up their duties (including transfer).   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 6 — Total</b>  | <b>1,077,966</b>  | <b>53,180</b>                       | <b>1,131,146</b>                                  |   |
| <b>117</b>                          | <b>Supplementary services</b>                                       |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 1170                                | Supplementary clerical and interim services                         | 162,008           | 7,992                               | 170,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the services provided by interim agents employed to cover staffing needs where the establishment plan does not cover requirements as well as traineeship expenditure.   |
| 1171                                | Administrative Assistance   | 47,649            | 2,351                               | 50,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the administrative assistance received from PMO in processing the salaries of temporary agents and contract agents, maintenance of the electronic personal files database and budget publication in the EU Official Journal.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 1 7 — Total</b>  | <b>209,657</b>    | <b>10,343</b>                       | <b>220,000</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 1 1 — TOTAL</b>  | <b>11,078,003</b> | <b>546,521</b>                      | <b>11,624,523</b>                                 |   |
| <b>12</b>                           | <b>MISSIONS AND DUTY TRAVEL</b>                                     |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>120</b>                          | <b>Mission expenses, travel expenses and incidental expenditure</b> |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 1200                                | Mission expenses Administrative staff                               | 33,831            | 1,669                               | 35,500  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to mission of the Administrative department.  |
| 1201                                | Mission expenses - Director   | 47,649            | 2,351                               | 50,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to the missions of the Director.  |
| 1202                                | Mission expenses Director office staff                              | 71,855            | 3,545                               | 75,400  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to missions of the Director office staff.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 2 0 — Total</b>  | <b>153,335</b>    | <b>7,565</b>                        | <b>160,900</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 1 2 — TOTAL</b>  | <b>153,335</b>    | <b>7,565</b>                        | <b>160,900</b>                                    |   |

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| <b>13</b>                           | <b>SOCIOMEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE</b>                              |                   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>130</b>                          | <b>Medical service</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 1300                                | Medical services and equipment                                  | 70,170            | 3,462                               | 73,632  | Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, and in particular Article 59 thereof and Article 8 of Annex II plus purchase of medical supplies and equipment.                            |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 3 0 — Total</b>                                    | <b>70,170</b>     | <b>3,462</b>                        | <b>73,632</b>                                     |  |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 1 3 — TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>70,170</b>     | <b>3,462</b>                        | <b>73,632</b>                                     |  |
| <b>14</b>                           | <b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>140</b>                          | <b>Social services</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 1400                                | Special assistance grants                                       |                   |                                     |   | This item is intended to cover assistance in the form of cash which may be granted to an official, former official or survivors of a deceased official who find themselves in difficult circumstances. |
| 1401                                | Social welfare of staff   | 26,445            | 1,305                               | 27,750  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure by the Agency on the social welfare activities of its staff, including schooling informative events.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 4 0 — Total</b>                                    | <b>26,445</b>     | <b>1,305</b>                        | <b>27,750</b>                                     |  |
| <b>141</b>                          | <b>Staff Committee</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 1410                                | Staff Committee   | 14,771            | 729                                 | 15,500  | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs such as missions or other administration costs of the Staff Committee representing the staff of ACER.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 1 4 1 — Total</b>                                    | <b>14,771</b>     | <b>729</b>                          | <b>15,500</b>                                     |  |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 1 4 — TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>41,217</b>     | <b>2,033</b>                        | <b>43,250</b>                                     |  |
|                                     | <b>TITLE 1 — TOTAL</b>  | <b>11,342,725</b> | <b>559,581</b>                      | <b>11,902,305</b>                                 |  |
| <b>2</b>                            | <b>AGENCY'S BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED COSTS</b>                   |                   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>20</b>                           | <b>AGENCY'S PREMISES COSTS</b>                                  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>200</b>                          | <b>Rental costs</b>   |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2000                                | Rent  | 574,007           | 28,318                              | 602,325   | This appropriation is intended to cover the rental costs of ACER premises.   |
| 2001                                | Removal costs   | 4,765             | 235                                 | 5,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs related to the removal of furniture and equipment to new premises.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 0 0 — Total</b>                                    | <b>578,772</b>    | <b>28,553</b>                       | <b>607,325</b>                                    |  |
| <b>201</b>                          | <b>Utilities and Services</b>                                   |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2010                                | Utilities   | 133,418           | 6,582                               | 140,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the utility costs like: water, gas, electricity, waste collection.   |
| 2011                                | Cleaning and maintenance  | 121,124           | 5,976                               | 127,100   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of cleaning and maintenance of the premises.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 0 1 — Total</b>                                    | <b>254,542</b>    | <b>12,558</b>                       | <b>267,100</b>                                    |  |
| <b>202</b>                          | <b>Insurance</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2020                                | Insurance   | 5,718             | 282                                 | 6,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the insurance policy premiums including insurance of the building occupied by ACER and its assets.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 0 2 — Total</b>                                    | <b>5,718</b>      | <b>282</b>                          | <b>6,000</b>                                      |  |
| <b>203</b>                          | <b>Security of buildings and persons</b>                        |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2030                                | Security and surveillance of buildings                          | 42,884            | 2,116                               | 45,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on buildings connected with security and safety in particular loss, theft, unauthorized use or access, and other internal or external threats.     |
| 2031                                | Health and safety at work                                       | 9,339             | 461                                 | 9,800   | This appropriation is intended to cover for the costs of health and safety issues at the work place.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 0 3 — Total</b>                                    | <b>52,224</b>     | <b>2,576</b>                        | <b>54,800</b>                                     |  |
| <b>204</b>                          | <b>Other expenditure on buildings</b>                           |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2040                                | Other expenditure on buildings                                  | 38,119            | 1,881                               | 40,000  | This item is intended to cover expenditures on buildings, renovations and refurbishment including the upgrade and maintenance of existing facilities.  |
| 2041                                | Audio & Video equipment-maintenance                             | 22,872            | 1,128                               | 24,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the repair and maintenance costs of audio/video equipment.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 0 4 — Total</b>                                    | <b>60,991</b>     | <b>3,009</b>                        | <b>64,000</b>                                     |  |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 2 0 — TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>952,247</b>    | <b>46,978</b>                       | <b>999,225</b>                                    |  |
| <b>21</b>                           | <b>DATA PROCESSING</b>  |                   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>210</b>                          | <b>Equipment, data processing equipment and operating costs</b> |                   |                                     |   |  |
| 2100                                | Consumables   | 9,530             | 470                                 | 10,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of consumables.   |
| 2101                                | Software  | 53,367            | 2,633                               | 56,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase/licensing of software.  |
| 2102                                | Subscriptions IT  | 181,496           | 8,954                               | 190,450   | This appropriation is intended to cover the subscription costs to various support services and shared applications such as ABAC, Business Objects, ABAC Assets etc.                                    |
| 2103                                | Disaster recovery site  | 81,957            | 4,043                               | 86,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure related to the establishment and maintenance of a disaster recovery site.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 1 0 — Total</b>                                    | <b>326,350</b>    | <b>16,100</b>                       | <b>342,450</b>                                    |  |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 2 1 — TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>326,350</b>    | <b>16,100</b>                       | <b>342,450</b>                                    |  |



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| <b>22</b>                           | <b>MOVABLE PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED COSTS</b>                     |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>221</b>                          | <b>Purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of furniture</b>       |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2210                                | Purchase of furniture  | 85,769           | 4,231                               | 90,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase of furniture.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 2 1 — Total</b>                                     | <b>85,769</b>    | <b>4,231</b>                        | <b>90,000</b>                                     |   |
| <b>222</b>                          | <b>Transportation</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2220                                | Transportation costs   | 114,358          | 5,642                               | 120,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of parking, cabs and hire of vehicles.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 2 2 — Total</b>                                     | <b>114,358</b>   | <b>5,642</b>                        | <b>120,000</b>                                    |   |
| <b>223</b>                          | <b>Documentation and library expenditure</b>                     |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2230                                | Library Acquisitions   | 116,741          | 5,759                               | 122,500   | This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase of hard copies or electronic material, e.g. books, reference works or CD's etc. to support and strengthen the knowledge of the agency. |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 2 3 — Total</b>                                     | <b>116,741</b>   | <b>5,759</b>                        | <b>122,500</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 2 2 — TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>316,868</b>   | <b>15,632</b>                       | <b>332,500</b>                                    |   |
| <b>23</b>                           | <b>CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE</b>                        |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>230</b>                          | <b>Stationery and office supplies</b>                            |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2300                                | Stationery and office supplies                                   | 37,166           | 1,834                               | 39,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase of paper and office supplies.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 3 0 — Total</b>                                     | <b>37,166</b>    | <b>1,834</b>                        | <b>39,000</b>                                     |   |
| <b>231</b>                          | <b>Financial charges</b>   |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2310                                | Bank charges   | 915              | 45                                  | 960   | This appropriation is intended to cover bank charges in relation to the bank accounts hold by the agency.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 3 1 — Total</b>                                     | <b>915</b>       | <b>45</b>                           | <b>960</b>  |   |
| <b>232</b>                          | <b>Legal expenses</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2320                                | Legal expenses   | 38,119           | 1,881                               | 40,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover legal costs and the services of lawyers or other experts.   |
| 2321                                | Expert consultations - MMD                                       | 190,597          | 9,403                               | 200,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expert consultation costs of the Market Monitoring Department.  |
| 2322                                | Expert consultations - Gas                                       | 190,597          | 9,403                               | 200,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expert consultation costs of the Gas department.  |
| 2323                                | Expert consultations - Electricity                               | 476,493          | 23,507                              | 500,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expert consultation costs of the Electricity department.  |
| 2324                                | Expert consultations - Administration                            | 15,248           | 752                                 | 16,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the expert consultation costs of the Administration department.   |
| 2325                                | External audit expenses  | 8,577            | 423                                 | 9,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenses with the external audit of the Agency's accounts.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 3 2 — Total</b>                                     | <b>919,631</b>   | <b>45,369</b>                       | <b>965,000</b>                                    |   |
| <b>233</b>                          | <b>Other operating expenditure</b>                               |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2330                                | Administrative Board meetings                                    | 34,307           | 1,693                               | 36,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs for the members of the Administrative Board participating to meetings during the year.  |
| 2331                                | Regulators Board meetings  | 167,012          | 8,239                               | 175,251   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs for the members of the Regulatory Board participating to meetings during the year.  |
| 2332                                | Board of Appeal meetings   | 42,884           | 2,116                               | 45,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs for the members of the Appeal Board participating to ACER meetings during the year and the costs of the secretarial support.              |
| 2333                                | External Participants to meetings                                | 6,194            | 306                                 | 6,500   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of external participants to meetings organised by ACER.   |
| 2334                                | EU Agencies Network  | 1,906            | 94                                  | 2,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of the liaison office in Brussels and of the coordination of EU agencies.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 3 3 — Total</b>                                     | <b>252,304</b>   | <b>12,447</b>                       | <b>264,751</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 2 3 — TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>1,210,016</b> | <b>59,695</b>                       | <b>1,269,711</b>                                  |   |
| <b>24</b>                           | <b>COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE<br/>TELECOMMUNICATION AND POSTAGE</b> |                  |                                     |   |   |
| <b>240</b>                          | <b>Postal charges</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2400                                | Postal charges   | 9,530            | 470                                 | 10,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on postal and delivery charges, including parcels.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 4 0 — Total</b>                                     | <b>9,530</b>     | <b>470</b>                          | <b>10,000</b>                                     |   |
| <b>241</b>                          | <b>Telecommunications</b>  |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2410                                | Telecommunications subscriptions and charges                     | 64,803           | 3,197                               | 68,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover all telecom related running costs, including fixed lines, mobile telephones and Internet access.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 4 1 — Total</b>                                     | <b>64,803</b>    | <b>3,197</b>                        | <b>68,000</b>                                     |   |
| <b>242</b>                          | <b>Equipment and Computer infrastructure</b>                     |                  |                                     |   |   |
| 2420                                | Hardware and other equipment                                     | 128,653          | 6,347                               | 135,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase of hardware and other equipment for new post holders.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 2 4 2 — Total</b>                                     | <b>128,653</b>   | <b>6,347</b>                        | <b>135,000</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 2 4 — TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>202,986</b>   | <b>10,014</b>                       | <b>213,000</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>TITLE 2 — TOTAL</b>   | <b>3,008,467</b> | <b>148,419</b>                      | <b>3,156,886</b>                                  |   |

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| <b>3</b>                            | <b>OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE</b>                                 |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>30</b>                           | <b>REPRESENTATION EXPENSES</b>                                 |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>300</b>                          | <b>Entertainment and Representation expenses</b>               |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3000                                | Representation expenses - Director office                      | 5,000             | 0                                   | 5,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs relating to representation on behalf of ACER.   |
| 3001                                | Representation expenses - Administration                       | 3,600             | 0                                   | 3,600   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs relating to representation on behalf of ACER.   |
| 3002                                | Representation expenses - Electricity                          | 5,850             | 0                                   | 5,850   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs relating to representation on behalf of ACER.   |
| 3003                                | Representation expenses - Market Monitoring                    | 6,000             | 0                                   | 6,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs relating to representation on behalf of ACER.   |
| 3004                                | Representation expenses - Gas                                  | 4,500             | 0                                   | 4,500   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs relating to representation on behalf of ACER.   |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 0 0 — Total</b>                                   | <b>24,950</b>     | <b>0</b>                            | <b>24,950</b>                                     |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 0 — TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>24,950</b>     | <b>0</b>                            | <b>24,950</b>                                     |   |
| <b>31</b>                           | <b>OPERATIONAL MISSIONS</b>                                    |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>310</b>                          | <b>Missions</b>  |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3100                                | Operational Missions - Gas Department                          | 90,000            | 0                                   | 90,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover costs of missions related to operational issues of the Gas department.  |
| 3101                                | Operational Missions - Electricity Department                  | 105,000           | 0                                   | 105,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs of missions related to operational issues of the Electricity department.  |
| 3102                                | Operational Missions - Market Monitoring Department            | 145,000           | 0                                   | 145,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover costs of missions related to operational issues of the Market Monitoring department.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 1 1 — Total</b>                                   | <b>340,000</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>340,000</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 1 — TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>340,000</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>340,000</b>                                    |   |
| <b>32</b>                           | <b>STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND WEBSITE</b>   |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>320</b>                          | <b>Stakeholder Involvement, Public Relations &amp; Website</b> |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3200                                | Public hearings, workshops, conferences                        | 133,400           | 0                                   | 133,400   | This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of public relations activities including workshops organised by ACER.  |
| 3201                                | Website set-up and maintenance                                 | 75,000            | 0                                   | 75,000  | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of setting-up and maintenance of the website as primary communication tool with external party in the co-operation process. |
| 3202                                | Publications, information material and reports                 | 72,100            | 0                                   | 72,100  | This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of promotional material informing the public on ACER's activities and reports production.                                    |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 2 0 — Total</b>                                   | <b>280,500</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>280,500</b>                                    |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 2 — TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>280,500</b>    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>280,500</b>                                    |   |
| <b>33</b>                           | <b>TRANSLATIONS</b>  |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>330</b>                          | <b>Translation of documents</b>                                |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3300                                | Translation at CDT   | 65,800            | 0                                   | 65,800  | This appropriation is intended to cover the translation of materials or other operational needs of ACER.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 3 0 — Total</b>                                   | <b>65,800</b>     | <b>0</b>                            | <b>65,800</b>                                     |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 3 — TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>65,800</b>     | <b>0</b>                            | <b>65,800</b>                                     |   |
| <b>34</b>                           | <b>PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY</b>                                  |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>340</b>                          | <b>Liability Insurance</b>                                     |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3400                                | Insurance  | 8,000             | 0                                   | 8,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the liability insurance costs.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 4 0 - Total</b>                                   | <b>8,000</b>      | <b>0</b>                            | <b>8,000</b>                                      |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 4 - TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>8,000</b>      | <b>0</b>                            | <b>8,000</b>                                      |   |
| <b>35</b>                           | <b>REMIT OPERATIONS</b>  |                   |                                     |   |   |
| <b>350</b>                          | <b>REMIT Operations</b>  |                   |                                     |   |   |
| 3500                                | Hosting deployment and operations                              | 2,000,000         | 0                                   | 2,000,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure related to the REMIT hosting services.  |
| 3501                                | ARIS development, licences, subscriptions and fees             | 800,000           | 0                                   | 800,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure related to the development of REMIT applications.   |
| 3502                                | SMARTS development, licences and consultancy                   | 600,000           | 0                                   | 600,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure related to REMIT monitoring software.   |
| 3503                                | IT and expert consultancy                                      | 800,000           | 0                                   | 800,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the expenditure related to consultancy services for REMIT.  |
| 3504                                | REMIT hardware   | 0                 | 0                                   | 100,000   | This appropriation is intended to cover the costs related to IT hardware purchase for REMIT.  |
|                                     | <b>Article 3 5 0 - Total</b>                                   | <b>4,200,000</b>  | <b>0</b>                            | <b>4,300,000</b>                                  |   |
|                                     | <b>CHAPTER 3 5 - TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>4,200,000</b>  | <b>0</b>                            | <b>4,300,000</b>                                  |   |
|                                     | <b>TITLE 3 — TOTAL</b>   | <b>4,919,250</b>  | <b>0</b>                            | <b>5,019,250</b>                                  |   |
|                                     | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   | <b>19,270,441</b> | <b>708,000</b>                      | <b>20,078,441</b>                                 |   |