

OPINION No 1/2018
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS
of 7 June 2018
on the approval of the final accounts for the financial year 2017

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 Regulators¹, and, in particular, Article 24(5) thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 22/2013 of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 12 December 2013 on the adoption of the Financial Regulation of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, and, in particular, Article 99(2) and (3) thereof,

Having regard to the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors on the annual accounts of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2017,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 April 2018, the European Court of Auditors issued its preliminary observations with a view to report on the annual accounts of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agency') for the financial year 2017.
- (2) In particular, the Court of Auditors is of the opinion that the accounts of the Agency for the year ended 31 December 2017 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency at 31 December 2017, the results of its operations, its cash flows, and the changes in net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with its Financial Regulation and with accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer. These are based on internationally accepted accounting standards for the public sector.
- (3) The Court of Auditors is of the opinion that revenue and payments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 is legal and regular in all material respects.
- (4) On 7 June 2018, the Director submitted to the Administrative Board the final accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS OPINION:

Article 1

¹ OJ L211, 14.8.2009, p.1.

The Administrative Board hereby endorses the final accounts of the Agency for the financial year 2017, attached as Annex I to this Opinion.

Article 2

The Administrative Board invites the Director to take immediate actions to address the comments made by the Court of Auditors in its preliminary observations, where relevant, and to report, in due course, on the actions taken.

Article 3

This Opinion shall be communicated, together with the final accounts, to the accounting officer of the Commission, the Court of Auditors, the European Parliament, and the Council by 1 July 2018.

Done at Ljubljana, 7 June 2018.

For the Administrative Board



The Chair

Dr. R. JORDAN

ANNEX I



Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

–Annual Accounts–

Financial year 2017

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CERTIFICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts of ACER, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, for the year 2017 have been prepared in accordance with Title IX of the Financial Regulation of ACER and the accounting rules adopted by myself in my capacity as the Commission's Accounting Officer, as are to be applied by all the institutions and union bodies.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts of ACER in accordance with Article 50(4) of the Financial Regulation of ACER.

I have obtained from the authorising officer, who certified its reliability, all the information necessary for the production of the accounts that show ACER's assets and liabilities and the budgetary implementation.

I hereby certify that 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 ACER.

[signed]

Rosa ALDEA BUSQUETS

Accounting Officer

July 2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ACER

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with seat in Ljubljana (Slovenia) has been established by Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 (the "founding Regulation").

ACER's mission and tasks are defined by the Directives and Regulations of the Third Energy Package, especially Regulation (EC) 713/2009 establishing the Agency. In 2011, ACER received additional tasks under Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT) and in 2013 under Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure.

The overall mission of the Agency, according to its founding Regulation, is to complement and coordinate national regulatory authorities (NRAs) in exercising, at Union level, and to work towards the completion of the single EU energy market for electricity and natural gas.

Under the Regulation on Guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure ("TEN-E Regulation"), the Agency contributes to the energy infrastructure challenge through its role in the process of identification and monitoring of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs). Furthermore, the Agency monitors the functioning of gas and electricity markets in general. In line with the REMIT, it monitors wholesale energy trading to detect and prevent trading based on inside information and market manipulation. Finally, additional specific tasks are assigned to the Agency by the Network Codes and Guidelines adopted as part of the secondary legislation required to implement the Internal Electricity and Gas Markets.

ACER plays a central role in the development of EU-wide network and market rules with a view to enhancing competition. The Agency coordinates regional and cross-regional initiatives, which favour market integration. It monitors the work of European Networks of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOs), and notably, their EU-wide network development plans. Finally, ACER monitors the functioning of gas and electricity markets in general, and of wholesale energy trading in particular.

Following Article 92 of the ACER Financial Regulation 2013, adopted by ACER's Administrative Board of 12 December 2013 (decision 22/2013), ACER is required to prepare and adopt its own annual accounts in accordance with the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer (EU Accounting Rules, EAR) that are based on the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The preparation of the annual accounts is entrusted to the ACER's Accounting Officer who is appointed by the Governing Board of ACER. Following the decision of ACER's Governing Board of 21 September 2017, the Accounting Officer of the Commission acts, as of 1 October 2017, as the Accounting Officer of ACER.

AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

FINANCIAL YEAR 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

It should be noted that due to the rounding of figures into thousands of euros, some financial data in the tables below may appear not to add-up.

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BALANCE SHEET

EUR '000

	Note	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
<i>Intangible assets</i>	2.1	2 545	3 815
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>	2.2	389	439
		2 934	4 254
CURRENT ASSETS			
<i>Pre-financing</i>	2.3	160	625
<i>Exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables</i>	2.4	3 555	6 062
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	2.5	2	802
		3 717	7 489
TOTAL ASSETS		6 651	11 743
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
<i>Payables</i>	2.6	(306)	(577)
<i>Accrued charges</i>	2.7	(571)	(597)
		(877)	(1 175)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(877)	(1 175)
NET ASSETS		5 774	10 568
<i>Accumulated surplus</i>		10 568	9 049
<i>Economic result of the year</i>		(4 795)	1 519
NET ASSETS		5 774	10 568

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

EUR '000

	Note	2017	2016
REVENUE			
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
<i>Funds from the Commission</i>	3.1	12 979	15 344
		12 979	15 344
Revenue from exchange transactions			
<i>Other exchange revenue</i>		2	1
		2	1
Total Revenue		12 980	15 345
EXPENSES			
<i>Operating costs</i>	3.2	(6 128)	(3 025)
<i>Staff costs</i>	3.3	(6 920)	(6 591)
<i>Finance costs</i>	3.4	(11)	–
<i>Other expenses</i>	3.5	(4 715)	(4 209)
Total Expenses		(17 775)	(13 825)
ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR		(4 795)	1 519

CASHFLOW STATEMENT¹

		EUR '000	
	Note	2017	2016
<i>Economic result of the year</i>		(4 795)	1 519
Operating activities			
<i>Depreciation and amortization</i>		1 487	1 463
<i>(Increase)/decrease in pre-financing</i>		465	1 050
<i>(Increase)/decrease in exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables</i>		2 507	(5 829)
<i>Increase/(decrease) in payables</i>		(271)	(175)
<i>Increase/(decrease) in accrued charges</i>		(26)	52
Investing activities			
<i>(Increase)/decrease in intangible assets and property, plant and equipment</i>		(167)	(259)
NET CASHFLOW		(800)	(2 179)
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>		(800)	(2 179)
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</i>	2.5	802	2 981
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at year-end</i>	2.5	2	802

¹ Following the appointment of the Accounting Officer of the Commission as the Accounting Officer of ACER, the treasury of ACER was integrated into the Commission's treasury system. Because of this, ACER does not have any bank accounts of its own except for an imprest account. All payments and receipts are processed via the Commission's treasury system and registered on intercompany accounts which are presented under the heading exchange receivables.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

EUR '000

	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	Economic result of the year	Net Assets
BALANCE AS AT 31.12.2015	7 685	1 364	9 049
<i>Allocation of the 2015 economic result</i>	<i>1 364</i>	<i>(1 364)</i>	<i>–</i>
<i>Economic result of the year</i>	<i>–</i>	<i>1 519</i>	<i>1 519</i>
BALANCE AS AT 31.12.2016	9 049	1 519	10 568
<i>Allocation of the 2016 economic result</i>	<i>1 519</i>	<i>(1 519)</i>	<i>–</i>
<i>Economic result of the year</i>	<i>–</i>	<i>(4 795)</i>	<i>(4 795)</i>
BALANCE AS AT 31.12.2017	10 568	(4 795)	5 774

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The objective of financial statements is to provide information about the financial position, performance and cashflows of an entity that is useful to a wide range of users.

The overall considerations (or accounting principles) to be followed when preparing the financial statements are laid down in EU Accounting Rule 1 'Financial Statements' and are the same as those described in IPSAS 1: fair presentation, accrual basis, going concern, consistency of presentation, aggregation, offsetting and comparative information. The qualitative characteristics of financial reporting are relevance, faithful representation (reliability), understandability, timeliness, comparability and verifiability.

1.2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.2.1. Reporting period

Financial statements are presented annually. The accounting year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

1.2.2. Currency and basis for conversion

The annual accounts are presented in thousands of euros, the euro being the EU's functional and reporting currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated into euros 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 re-translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of financial performance. Different conversion methods apply to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, which retain their value in euros at the date when they were purchased.

Year-end balances of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euros on the basis of the European Central Bank (ECB) exchange rates applying on 31 December.

Euro exchange rates

Currency	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	Currency	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
BGN	1.9558	<i>1.9558</i>	PLN	4.177	<i>4.4103</i>
CZK	25.5350	<i>27.0210</i>	RON	4.6585	<i>4.5390</i>
DKK	7.4449	<i>7.4344</i>	SEK	9.8438	<i>9.5525</i>
GBP	0.8872	<i>0.8562</i>	CHF	1.1702	<i>1.0739</i>
HRK	7.4400	<i>7.5597</i>	JPY	135.01	<i>123.4000</i>
HUF	310.3300	<i>309.8300</i>	USD	1.1993	<i>1.0541</i>

1.2.3. 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; accrued and deferred revenue and charges, provisions, financial risk on accounts receivables, contingent assets and liabilities, and degree of impairment of assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reasonable estimates are 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.

1.3. BALANCE SHEET

1.3.1. Intangible assets

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 lives. The estimated useful lives of intangible assets depend on their specific economic lifetime or legal lifetime determined by an agreement. 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 when incurred.

1.3.2. Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment 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 entity 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. Land and works of art are not depreciated as they are deemed to have an indefinite useful life. Assets under construction are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Type of asset	Straight line depreciation rate
<i>Buildings</i>	4 % to 10 %
<i>Plant and equipment</i>	10 % to 25 %
<i>Furniture and vehicles</i>	10 % to 25 %
<i>Computer hardware</i>	25 % to 33 %
<i>Other</i>	10 % to 33 %

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.

Leases

Leases of tangible assets, where the entity has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The interest element of the finance lease payment is charged to statement of financial performance over the period of the lease at a constant periodic rate in relation to the balance outstanding. The rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in financial liabilities (non-current and current). The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the statement of financial performance over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic interest rate on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the assets' useful life and the lease term.

Leases where the lessor retains a significant portion of the risks and rewards inherent to ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial performance on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

1.3.3. 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 reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable 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. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. If the reasons for impairments recognised in previous years no longer apply, the impairment losses are reversed accordingly.

1.3.4. Financial assets

The financial assets are classified in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit; loans and receivables; held-to-maturity investments; and available for sale financial assets. The classification of the financial instruments is determined at initial recognition and re-evaluated at each balance sheet date.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by the entity. Derivatives are also categorised in this category. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date. During this financial year, the entity did not hold any investments in this category.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the entity provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. They are included in non-current assets, except for maturities within 12 months of the balance sheet date. Loans and receivables include term deposits with the original maturity above three months.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the entity has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. During this financial year, the entity did not hold any investments in this category.

(iv) Available for sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are classified as either current or non-current assets, depending on the period of time the entity expects to hold them, which is usually the maturity date.

Initial recognition and measurement

Purchases and sales of financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, held-to-maturity and available for sale are recognised on trade date - the date on which the entity commits to purchase or sell the asset. Cash equivalents, loans and term deposits are recognised at settlement date. Financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value. For all financial assets not carried at fair value through surplus or deficit transaction costs are added to the fair value at initial recognition.

Financial instruments are derecognised when the rights to receive cashflows from the investments have expired or the entity has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership to another party.

Subsequent measurement

Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit are subsequently carried at fair value with gains and losses arising changes in the fair value being included in the statement of financial performance in the period in which they arise.

Loans and receivables and held-to maturity investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Available for sale financial assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value are recognised in the fair value reserve. Interest on available for sale financial

assets calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

The entity assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired and whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the statement of financial performance.

1.3.5. Pre-financing amounts

Pre-financing is a payment intended to provide the beneficiary with a cash advance, i.e. a float. It may be split into a number of payments over a period defined in the particular contract, decision, agreement or basic legal act. The float or advance is either used for the purpose for which it was provided during the period defined in the agreement or it is repaid. If the beneficiary does not incur eligible expenditure, he has the obligation to return the pre-financing advance to the entity. The amount of the pre-financing may be reduced (wholly or partially) by the acceptance of eligible costs (which are recognised as expenses).

Pre-financing is, on subsequent balance sheet dates, measured at the amount initially recognised on the balance sheet less eligible expenses (including estimated amounts where necessary) incurred during the period.

1.3.6. Receivables and recoverables

As the EU accounting rules require a separate presentation of exchange and non-exchange transactions, for the purpose of drawing up the accounts, receivables are defined as stemming from exchange transactions and recoverables are defined as stemming from non-exchange transactions (when the entity receives value from another entity without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange).

Receivables from exchange transactions meet the definition of financial instruments and are thus classified as loans and receivables and measured accordingly (see 1.3.4 above).

Recoverables from non-exchange transactions are carried at original amount (adjusted for interests and penalties) 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 recoverables. 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.

1.3.7. Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.3.8. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity 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. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. The amount of the provision is the best estimate of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. Where the provision involves a large number of items, the obligation is estimated by weighting all possible outcomes by their associated probabilities ('expected value' method).

1.3.9. Payables

Included under accounts payable are both amounts related to exchange transactions such as the purchase of goods and services and to non-exchange transactions e.g. to cost claims from beneficiaries, grants or other EU funding.

Where grants or other funding is provided to the beneficiaries, the cost claims are recorded as payables for the requested amount when the cost claim is received. Upon verification and acceptance of the eligible costs, the payables are valued at the accepted and eligible amount.

Payables arising from the purchase of goods and services 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 entity.

1.3.10. Accrued and deferred revenue and charges

Transactions and events are recognised in the financial statements in the period to which they relate. At year-end, if an invoice is not yet issued but the service has been rendered, the supplies have been delivered by the entity or a contractual agreement exists (e.g. by reference to a contract), an accrued revenue will be recognised in the financial statements. In addition, at year-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.

Expenses are also accounted for in the period to which they relate. 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 which aim at ensuring that the financial statements provide a faithful representation of the economic and other phenomena they purport to represent. 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.

1.4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1.4.1. Revenue

Revenue comprises gross inflows of economic benefits or service potential received and receivable by the entity, which represents an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

Depending on the nature of the underlying transactions in the statement of financial performance it is distinguished between:

(i) Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenue from non-exchange transactions are taxes and transfers because the transferor provides resources to the recipient entity without the recipient entity providing approximately equal value directly in exchange.

Transfers are inflows of future economic benefits or service potential from non-exchange transactions, other than taxes. The entity shall recognise an asset in respect of transfers when the entity controls the resources as a result of a past event (the transfer) and expects to receive future economic benefits or service potential from those resources, and when the fair value can be reliably measured. An inflow of resources from a non-exchange transaction recognised as an asset (i.e. cash) is also recognised as revenue, except to the extent that the entity has a present obligation in respect of that transfer (condition), which needs to be satisfied before the revenue can be recognised. Until the condition is met the revenue is deferred and recognised as a liability (pre-financing received).

(ii) Revenue from exchange transactions

Revenue from the sale of goods and services 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.

1.4.2. Expenses

Expenses are decreases in economic benefits or service potential during the reporting period in the form of outflows or consumption of assets or incurrence of liabilities that result in decreases in net assets/equity. They include both the expenses from exchange transactions and expenses from non-exchange transactions.

Expenses from exchange transactions arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised when the supplies are delivered and accepted by the entity. They are valued at original invoice amount. Furthermore, at the balance sheet date expenses related to the service delivered during the period for which an invoice has not yet been received or accepted are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

Expenses from non-exchange transactions relate to transfers to beneficiaries and can be of three types: entitlements, transfers under agreement and discretionary grants, contributions and donations. Transfers are recognised as expenses in the period during which the events giving rise to the transfer occurred, as long as the nature of the transfer is allowed by regulation or an agreement has been signed authorising the transfer; any eligibility criteria have been met by the beneficiary; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

When a request for payment or cost claim is received and meets the recognition criteria, it is recognised as an expense for the eligible amount. At year-end, incurred eligible expenses due to the beneficiaries but not yet reported are estimated and recorded as accrued expense.

1.5. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1.5.1. 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 entity. A contingent asset is disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits or service potential is probable.

1.5.2. 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 entity; 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.

1.6. CONSOLIDATION

The accounts of this entity are fully consolidated in the EU consolidated annual accounts.

2. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

2.1. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	EUR '000
<i>Gross carrying amount at 31.12.2016</i>	5 127
<i>Additions</i>	3
Gross carrying amount at 31.12.2017	5 130
<i>Accumulated amortisation at 31.12.2016</i>	(1 312)
<i>Amortisation charge for the year</i>	(1 273)
Accumulated amortisation at 31.12.2017	(2 585)
NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31.12.2017	2 545
<i>NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31.12.2016</i>	3 815

The above amounts relate to the REMIT Portal, an IT platform built to assist the agency with the monitoring of the wholesale energy markets and other computer software that is amortized at 25 % amortisation rate per year.

2.2. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	EUR '000				TOTAL
	Plant and equipment	Furniture and vehicles	Computer hardware	Other	
<i>Gross carrying amount at 31.12.2016</i>	2	123	1 124	267	1 516
<i>Additions</i>	–	4	160	–	164
Gross carrying amount at 31.12.2017	2	127	1 284	267	1 680
<i>Accumulated depreciation at 31.12.2016</i>	(2)	(45)	(824)	(206)	(1 077)
<i>Depreciation charge for the year</i>	–	(14)	(157)	(43)	(214)
Accumulated depreciation at 31.12.2017	(2)	(59)	(981)	(249)	(1 291)
NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31.12.2017	–	68	303	18	389
<i>NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31.12.2016</i>	–	78	300	61	439

2.3. PRE-FINANCING

	EUR '000	
	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Current pre-financing</i>	160	625
Total	160	625

The amounts under this heading relate to pre-financing given to contractors for services related to the Nasdaq SMARTS project, that is expected to be completed in 2018. A bank guarantee was received to cover the full amount of the pre-financing given for this project.

The decrease of the pre-financing relates to the acceptance of expenses of the suppliers of services for the REMIT Portal.

2.4. EXCHANGE RECEIVABLES & NON-EXCHANGE RECOVERABLES

At 31 December 2017 ACER did not have any non-current receivables and recoverables. The amounts included under this heading are of a current nature and can be broken down as follows:

	Note	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Recoverables from non-exchange transactions</i>	2.4.1	69	44
<i>Receivables from exchange transactions</i>	2.4.2	3 485	6 018
Total		3 555	6 062

EUR '000

2.4.1. RECOVERABLES FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Member States</i>	69	44
Total	69	44

EUR '000

Recoverables from Member States contain VAT amounts to be recovered from the Republic of Slovenia. The Agency benefits from a direct exemption for VAT from the Republic of Slovenia for purchases above the threshold amount of EUR 60. For purchases where the direct exemption is impracticable to obtain, the VAT is refunded by the Republic of Slovenia on a quarterly basis.

2.4.2. RECEIVABLES FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Central treasury liaison accounts</i>	3 259	–
<i>Deferred charges relating to exchange transactions</i>	229	226
<i>Customers</i>	4	4
<i>Impairment on receivables from customers</i>	(3)	–
<i>Receivables from EU entities</i>	1	5 873
<i>Others</i>	(3)	(85)
Total	3 485	6 018

EUR '000

Following the appointment of the Accounting Officer of the Commission as the Accounting Officer of ACER, the treasury of ACER was integrated into the Commission's treasury system. Because of this, ACER does not have any bank accounts of its own since 1 October 2017 (except for an imprest account, see note 2.5 below). All payments and receipts are processed via the Commission's treasury system and registered on inter-company accounts, which are presented under this heading.

Deferred charges consist of pre-payments made during the year for services that will be delivered in 2018. They mainly relate to subscriptions, insurance premium and school fees.

In 2016, the receivables from the EU entities related to the Commission subsidy instalment that was collected in January 2017. At 31 December 2017, there were no uncollected amounts from the Commission. The open balance related to receivables from the EU agency OSHA.

2.5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Current accounts</i>	–	795
<i>Imprest accounts</i>	2	6
Total	2	801

Following the appointment of the Accounting Officer of the Commission as the Accounting Officer of ACER, the treasury of ACER was integrated into the Commission's treasury system. The majority of payments and receipts are processed via the Commission's treasury system and registered on liaison accounts, which are shown under receivables from exchange transactions (see note 2.4.2).

The amounts remaining under this heading relate to an imprest account that is managed by ACER and reserved for small local payments where it would be impractical to process them through the central treasury system.

LIABILITIES

2.6. PAYABLES

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Balancing subsidy surplus to be returned to the EC</i>	294	529
<i>Sundry payables</i>	12	41
<i>Vendors</i>	0	7
Total	306	577

The balancing subsidy surplus to be returned to the EC represents the unused amount of the 2017 Commission balancing subsidy that is to be reimbursed by ACER. This positive budgetary result will be returned to the Commission upon request in the course of 2018.

The sundry payables relate mainly to the goods delivered in 2017 for which no invoice was received at year-end. In 2016, this heading contained outstanding amounts from salaries (medical insurance, unemployment insurance, accident insurance) which were settled at the beginning of 2017.

2.7. ACCRUED CHARGES

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Accrued charges</i>	571	597

Accrued charges are composed of estimated operating expenses of kEUR 255 that relate to expenses incurred in relation to operational activities of ACER in 2017 for which no invoices were received or validated at year end.

Also included under this heading are accrued administrative expenses, i.e. estimated costs of services and goods delivered in year 2017 but not yet invoiced or processed by the end of the year of kEUR 168, for supplies and maintenance (kEUR 66), non-IT services (kEUR 43), maintenance and security of buildings (kEUR 33) and communications and publications (kEUR 11).

The heading also includes accrued charges for untaken leave of kEUR 141.

3. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

REVENUE

NON-EXCHANGE REVENUE

3.1. FUNDS FROM THE COMMISSION

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	2017	2016
<i>Balancing subsidy from the Commission</i>	12 979	15 344

Funds from the Commission represent the annual balancing subsidy received from the Commission (kEUR 13 272), which is received in three instalments during the financial year. The amounts included under this heading correspond to the amounts of the Commission subsidy used during 2017. Unused amounts are shown under payables and will be reimbursed to the Commission in 2018.

EXPENSES

3.2. OPERATING COSTS

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	2017	2016
<i>Operating costs</i>	6 128	3 025

Included under this heading are operating expenses incurred in relation to operational missions, workshops, public hearings, REMIT project related costs and other operational expenditure incurred for the functioning of the Agency.

3.3. STAFF COSTS

	<i>EUR '000</i>	
	2017	2016
<i>Staff costs</i>	6 920	6 591

Included under this heading are salary expenses and other employment-related allowances and benefits. Calculations related to staff costs are, based on the service level agreement, entrusted to the Office for administration and payment of individual entitlements (also known as the Paymaster's Office-PMO).

ACER staff members are part of the Pensions Scheme of European Officials. The administration of pensions is entrusted to the Commission, which also accounts for underlying pension expenses and liabilities.

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that generally defines an amount of benefit an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age and years of service. Both the ACER staff and the Commission contribute to the pension scheme in the function of the basic salary of the staff. The contribution percentage is yearly revised to reflect the changes in staff regulation. The cost to the Commission is not reflected in ACER's accounts.

Future benefits payable to ACER staff under the Pension Scheme of European Officials are accounted for in the Commission accounts as it is the Commission who pays these benefits. Therefore, no provisions for such pensions are made in these accounts.

3.4. FINANCE COSTS

This heading almost entirely comprises impairment of short term receivables overdue for more than 2 years that were in line with the applicable impairment model written down to zero.

3.5. OTHER EXPENSES

	EUR '000	
	2017	2016
<i>Property, plant and equipment related expenses</i>	1 559	1 782
<i>Operating lease expenses</i>	972	702
<i>External non IT services</i>	747	579
<i>Office supplies and maintenance</i>	641	400
<i>Experts and related expenditure</i>	473	94
<i>Missions</i>	84	111
<i>Administrative expenses with EU entities</i>	71	262
<i>Training costs</i>	48	119
<i>Communications & publications</i>	46	56
<i>Recruitment costs</i>	45	54
<i>Foreign exchange losses</i>	1	(0)
<i>Other</i>	28	48
Total	4 715	4 209

The leasing expenses included under this heading relate to the rental contract of ACER's offices in Ljubljana. The future payments foreseen for this contract are as follows:

	EUR '000			
	Future amounts to be paid			
	< 1 year	1- 5 years	> 5 years	Total
<i>Buildings</i>	991	4 168	1 188	6 347

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DISCLOSURES

4.1. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS NOT YET EXPENSED

Outstanding commitments not yet expensed amount to kEUR 2 617. The amount comprises the budgetary RAL ("Reste à Liquider") less related amounts that have been included as expenses in the 2017 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. This is the normal consequence of the existence of multi-annual programmes.

4.2. SERVICES IN KIND

During 2017, ACER received from the Council of the European Energy Regulators office space and logistical and secretarial support for the agency's liaison office in Brussels free of charge.

4.3. RELATED PARTIES

The related parties of ACER are the other EU consolidated entities and ACER key management personnel. Transactions between these parties take place as part of the normal ACER operations, thus no specific disclosure requirements are necessary for these transactions in accordance with the EU accounting rules.

4.4. KEY MANAGEMENT ENTITLEMENTS

The highest ranked civil servant of the ACER is the Director, who executes the role of the Authorising Officer by delegation.

	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<i>Director</i>	<i>AD15</i>	<i>AD15</i>

The Director is remunerated in accordance with the Staff Regulations of the European Union that are published on the Europa website, which is the official document describing the rights and the obligations of all officials of the EU. The Director has not received any loans from ACER.

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1. TYPES OF RISK

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows 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 ACER has no significant other price risk).

- (1) *Currency risk* is the risk that the ACER operations or its investments' value will be affected by changes in exchange rates. This risk arises from the change in 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. ACER does not have any securities thus it is not exposed to the interest rate risk.

Credit risk is the risk of loss due to a debtor's/borrower's non-payment of a loan or other line of credit (either the principal or interest or both) or other failure to meet a contractual obligation. The default events include a delay in repayments, restructuring of borrower 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.

5.2. CURRENCY RISKS

Exposure to currency risk at year-end

At 31 December 2017 the financial assets are composed of current bank account (imprest account), exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables. The financial liabilities comprise current payables and accrued charges. The ending balances of both financial liabilities and financial assets are mainly quoted in EUR. The impact of other currencies is individually immaterial. At year-end ACER thus does not have any significant exposure to currency risks.

5.3. CREDIT RISK

Financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired

At 31 December 2017 financial assets are neither past due nor impaired and comprise current bank accounts and current exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables.

Financial assets by risk category

The financial assets comprise exchange receivables with debtors without external credit rating that have never defaulted in the past (kEUR 3 485), non-exchange VAT receivable from the Republic of Slovenia (lower medium investment grade) and an imprest account with UniCredit bank AG (prime and high investment grade).

Carrying amount of the financial assets which are impaired

The financial assets which are impaired include receivables from customers and receivables from staff that are overdue for more than 2 years. In line with the impairment model used for ACER those receivables were for the purpose of the annual accounts fully written down and have remaining net book value of 0 at 31 December 2017.

5.4. LIQUIDITY RISK

Maturity analysis of financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturity

The financial liabilities are composed of accounts payable with contractual maturity of less than 1 year and accrued charges that are also classified under current liabilities.

REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET

It should be noted that due to the rounding of figures into thousands of euros, some financial data in the tables below may appear not to add-up.

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1. BUDGETARY PRINCIPLES, STRUCTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1.1. BUDGETARY PRINCIPLES

The establishment and implementation of the ACER budget is governed by the following basic principles set out in the Title II of the ACER Financial Regulation 2014:

Principles of unity and budget accuracy

This principle means that no revenue shall be collected and no expenditure effected unless booked to a line in the ACER budget. No expenditure may be committed or authorised in excess of the appropriations authorised by the budget. An appropriation may be entered in the budget only if it is for an item of expenditure considered necessary.

Principle of annuality

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

Principle of equilibrium

Revenue and payment appropriations shall be in balance.

Principle of unit of account

The budget shall be drawn up and implemented in euro and the accounts shall be presented in euro.

Principle of universality

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

Principle of specification

Appropriations 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

Appropriations shall be used in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, namely in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Principle of transparency

The budget shall be established and implemented and the accounts presented in accordance with the principle of transparency. The budget and any amending budgets shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union within three months of their adoption.

1.2. STRUCTURE AND PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

Following the provisions of the ACER Financial Regulation approved by Administrative Board decision no 22/2013 of 12 December 2013, the budget accounts shall consist of a statement of revenue and a statement of expenditure. The statement of expenditure must be set out on the basis of a nomenclature with a classification by purpose. That nomenclature shall be determined by ACER and shall make a clear distinction between administrative appropriations and operating appropriations:

Title 1 budget lines relate to staff expenditure such as salaries and allowances for personnel working with ACER. It also includes recruitment expenses, staff missions, expenses for the socio-medical infrastructure and representation costs.

Title 2 budget lines relate to all buildings, equipment and miscellaneous administrative expenditure.

Title 3 budget lines provide for the implementation of the activities and tasks assigned to the ACER by its establishing Regulation (EU) No. 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009.

Assigned revenue budget lines relate to financing of specific items of expenditure. They can be external or internal assigned.

1.3. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGETARY IMPLEMENTATION

The approved subsidy from the Union for the Agency for the financial year 2017 amounted to EUR 13 272 160. There was no agreement reached for any contribution towards the Agency from the EFTA countries.

Other revenue of EUR 979.96 recorded by the Agency as assigned revenue stems from recovered overpaid amounts during the financial year 2017 related to:

- recovery of contribution towards the schooling fees where one kindergarten has ceased activities, and
- recovery of mission expenses from participation in an organiser-paid conference.

None of these assigned revenues have been consumed during the financial year 2017 and are therefore to be returned to the general budget.

In addition to the current year appropriations, an amount of EUR 6 046 149.01 was carried forward from the financial year 2016 to honour the payment appropriations from the commitments estimated by the Agency at that point in time. An amount of EUR 5 923 542.49 was consumed by the end of the financial year 2017 with the difference of EUR 122 606.52 being cancelled and to be returned to the Commission during the financial year 2018. The cancellation of funds was mainly due to overestimation of reimbursements from training courses for staff, annual reconciliation of charges for processing of staff salaries, reimbursement of mission claims for booked administrative missions, actual payment of renewed IT subscriptions, reimbursement of claims of participants to meetings organised by the Agency, reimbursement of operational mission claims and calculated actual cost of translations ordered before year-end.

From the 2017 appropriations an amount of EUR 3 039 915.19 has been carried over into 2018 to cover contractual obligations that remained open at 31 December 2017.

2. RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUDGET

EUR '000

	Title	2017	2016
Revenue		13 273	15 878
<i>of which:</i>			
Revenue	A-9	13 273	15 878
Expenditure		(10 062)	(9 515)
<i>of which:</i>			
Staff expenditure	A-1	(7 581)	(7 097)
Admin expenditure	A-2	(1 857)	(1 630)
Operational expenditure	B0-3	(624)	(788)
Payment appropriat. carried over to the following year		(3 040)	(6 058)
<i>of which:</i>			
Staff expenditure	A-1	(221)	(171)
Admin expenditure	A-2	(968)	(1 008)
Operational expenditure	B0-3	(1 851)	(4 878)
Cancellation of unused appropri. carried over from year n-1		123	223
Evolution of assigned revenue		1	
Exchange rate differences		(0)	1
Budget result		294	529

3. RECONCILIATION OF ECONOMIC RESULT WITH BUDGET RESULT

	EUR '000	
	2017	2016
ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR	(4 795)	1 519
Adjustment for accrual items (items not in the budgetary result but included in the economic result)		
<i>Adjustments for accrual cut-off (net)</i>	(34)	-
<i>Unpaid invoices at year end but booked in expenses</i>		7
<i>Depreciation, amortization and impairment of intangible and tangible assets</i>	1 487	1 463
<i>Recovery orders issued in the year and not yet cashed</i>	(11)	
<i>Pre-financing given in previous year and cleared in the year</i>	625	
<i>Payments made from carry-over of payment appropriations</i>	5 924	2 054
Adjustment for budgetary items (item included in the budgetary result but not in the economic result)		
<i>Asset acquisitions (less unpaid amounts)</i>	(167)	(259)
<i>Payments made from non-budget lines</i>	(82)	
<i>New pre-financing paid in the year and remaining open as at 31 December</i>	160	1 050
<i>New pre-financing received in the year and remaining open as at 31 December</i>	171	529
<i>Payment appropriations carried over to next year</i>	(3 040)	(6 058)
<i>Cancellation of unused carried over payment appropriations from previous year</i>	123	223
<i>Other individually immaterial</i>	(68)	
BUDGET RESULT OF THE YEAR	294	529

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET REVENUE

4.1. Implementation of the budget revenue - Title A-9

EUR '000

	Income appropriations		Entitlements established			Revenue				Outstanding
	Initial budget	Final budget	Current year	Carried	Total	Current year	Carried	Total	%	
	1	2	3	4	5=3+4	6	7	8=6+7	9=8/2	10
A-901 Subsidy from the EU general budget	13 272	13 272	13 272	–	13 272	13 272	–	13 272	100%	–
A-902 Others	–	–	1	4	5	1	–	1	0%	4
Total chapter A-90	13 272	13 272	13 274	4	13 277	13 273	–	13 273	100%	4
Total Title A-9	13 272	13 272	13 274	4	13 277	13 273	–	13 273	100 %	4
GRAND TOTAL	13 272	13 272	13 274	4	13 277	13 273	–	13 273	100 %	4

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET EXPENSES

5.1. Breakdown and changes in commitment appropriations

5.1.1. Breakdown and changes in commitment appropriations - Title A-1

EUR '000

	Budget appropriations			Final budget adopted 4=1+2+3	Carry-overs 5	Additional appropriations		Total 7=5+6	Total approp. available 8=4+7
	Initial adopted budget 1	Amending budgets 2	Transfers 3			Assigned revenue 6			
A-1100 Basic salaries and correction	4 037	–	(322)	3 715	–	–	–	3 715	
A-1101 Family allowances	676	–	(49)	627	–	–	–	627	
A-1102 Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	704	–	(51)	653	–	–	–	653	
A-1110 Contract agents	1 592	–	(541)	1 050	–	–	–	1 050	
A-1111 Seconded national experts	113	–	61	174	–	–	–	174	
A-1120 Training and information for staff	108	–	47	155	–	–	–	155	
A-1130 Insurance against sickness	173	–	(6)	166	–	–	–	166	
A-1131 Insurance against accidents & occupational disease	28	–	(7)	20	–	–	–	20	
A-1132 Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	69	–	(6)	63	–	–	–	63	
A-1140 Birth and death grants	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
A-1141 Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	97	–	(22)	75	–	–	–	75	
A-1142 Schooling fees	208	–	41	249	–	0	0	250	
A-1160 Expenditure related to recruitment	45	–	26	71	–	–	–	71	
A-1161 Travel expense to take up duty	5	–	(0)	5	–	–	–	5	
A-1162 Installation resettlement and transfer allowances	74	–	(25)	49	–	–	–	49	
A-1163 Temporary daily subsistence allowances	80	–	(23)	57	–	–	–	57	
A-1170 Supplementary clerical and interim services	178	–	104	282	–	–	–	282	
A-1171 Administrative assistance	79	–	41	120	–	–	–	120	
A-1172 Trainees	132	–	(22)	110	–	–	–	110	
Total chapter A-11	8 396	–	(754)	7 642	–	0	0	7 642	
A-1200 Mission expenses administrative staff	43	–	–	43	–	–	–	43	
A-1201 Mission expenses director	30	–	6	36	–	0	0	36	
A-1202 Mission expenses director office staff	40	–	12	52	–	–	–	52	
Total chapter A-12	113	–	18	130	–	0	0	131	
A-1300 Medical services and equipment	60	–	(4)	57	–	–	–	57	
Total chapter A-13	60	–	(4)	57	–	–	–	57	
A-1401 Social welfare of staff	24	–	–	24	–	–	–	24	
A-1410 Staff committee	15	–	–	15	–	–	–	15	
Total chapter A-14	39	–	–	39	–	–	–	39	
Total Title A-1	8 608	–	(740)	7 867	–	1	1	7 868	

5.1.2. Breakdown and changes in commitment appropriations - Title A-2

EUR '000

		Budget appropriations				Additional appropriations			Total	Total approp. available
		Initial adopted budget	Amending budgets	Transfers	Final budget adopted	Carry-overs	Assigned revenue			
		1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5	6	7=5+6	8=4+7	
A-2000	Rent	652	-	-	652	-	-	-	652	
A-2001	Removal costs	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	
A-2010	Utilities	125	-	4	129	-	-	-	129	
A-2011	Cleaning and maintenance	106	-	17	123	-	-	-	123	
A-2020	Insurance	7	-	(2)	5	-	-	-	5	
A-2030	Security and surveillance of buildings	78	-	10	88	-	-	-	88	
A-2031	Health and safety at work	8	-	(2)	6	-	-	-	6	
A-2040	Other expenditure on buildings	40	-	(10)	30	-	-	-	30	
Total chapter A-20		1 021	-	16	1 037	-	-	-	1 037	
A-2100	Consumables	15	-	(10)	5	-	-	-	5	
A-2101	Software	60	-	(58)	2	-	-	-	2	
A-2102	Subscriptions IT	444	-	(157)	287	-	-	-	287	
A-2103	Disaster recovery site	50	-	(7)	43	-	-	-	43	
Total chapter A-21		569	-	(232)	336	-	-	-	336	
A-2210	Purchase of furniture	22	-	(16)	6	-	-	-	6	
A-2220	Transportation costs	143	-	14	157	-	2	2	159	
A-2230	Library acquisitions	109	-	39	148	-	-	-	148	
Total chapter A-22		274	-	37	311	-	2	2	313	
A-2300	Stationery and office supplies	30	-	(10)	20	-	-	-	20	
A-2310	Bank charges	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
A-2320	Legal expenses	45	-	-	45	-	-	-	45	
A-2321	Expert consultation - mitd and mscd	50	-	-	50	-	-	-	50	
A-2322	Expert consultation- gas	94	-	217	311	-	-	-	311	
A-2323	Expert consultation - electricity	70	-	144	214	-	-	-	214	
A-2325	External audit expenses	9	-	16	25	-	-	-	25	
A-2326	Information security	45	-	77	121	-	-	-	121	
A-2330	Administrative board meetings	51	-	(18)	33	-	-	-	33	
A-2331	Board of regulators meetings	95	-	-	95	-	-	-	95	
A-2332	Board of appeal	54	-	-	54	-	-	-	54	
A-2333	External participants to meetings	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	10	
A-2334	EU agencies network	12	-	(9)	3	-	-	-	3	
Total chapter A-23		564	-	417	981	-	-	-	981	
A-2400	Postal charges	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	
A-2410	Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	90	-	(45)	46	-	3	3	48	
A-2420	Hardware and other equipment	105	-	58	163	-	-	-	163	
Total chapter A-24		202	-	13	215	-	3	3	218	
Total Title A-2		2 630	-	251	2 881	-	5	5	2 885	

5.1.3. Breakdown and changes in commitment appropriations - Title B0-3

EUR '000

		Budget appropriations				Additional appropriations			Total	Total approp. available
		Initial adopted budget	Amending budgets	Transfers	Final budget adopted	Carry-overs	Assigned revenue			
		1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5	6	7=5+6	8=4+7	
B3-000	Representation expenses - director	4	–	–	4	–	–	–	4	
B3-001	Representation expenses - administration	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
B3-002	Representation expenses - electricity	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	3	
B3-003	Representation expenses - mitd and mscd	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
B3-004	Representation expenses - gas	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	3	
Total chapter B3-0		11	–	–	11	–	–	–	11	
B3-100	Operational missions - gas department	80	–	7	87	–	–	–	87	
B3-101	Operational missions - electricity department	85	–	5	90	–	–	–	90	
B3-102	Operational missions - mitd and mscd	100	–	(30)	70	–	–	–	70	
Total chapter B3-1		265	–	(18)	247	–	–	–	247	
B3-200	Public hearings workshops conferences	70	–	(19)	51	–	–	–	51	
B3-201	Website set up and maintenance	88	–	–	88	–	–	–	88	
B3-202	Publications information material	44	–	(32)	12	–	–	–	12	
Total chapter B3-2		202	–	(51)	151	–	–	–	151	
B3-300	Translation at CDT	200	–	(107)	94	–	0	0	94	
Total chapter B3-3		200	–	(107)	94	–	0	0	94	
B3-400	Insurance	7	–	(3)	5	–	–	–	5	
Total chapter B3-4		7	–	(3)	5	–	–	–	5	
B3-500	Hosting deployment and operations	300	–	405	705	–	–	–	705	
B3-502	Surveillance and BI tools customisation licences and consultancy	650	–	263	913	–	–	–	913	
B3-503	IT and expert consultancy	400	–	–	400	–	–	–	400	
Total chapter B3-5		1 350	–	668	2 018	–	–	–	2 018	
Total Title B0-3		2 035	–	490	2 524	–	0	0	2 525	
GRAND TOTAL		13 272	–	(0)	13 272	–	6	6	13 278	

5.2. Breakdown and changes in payment appropriations

5.2.1. Breakdown and changes in payment appropriations - Title A-1

EUR '000

	Budget appropriations			Final adopted budget 4=1+2+3	Additional appropriations			Total 7=5+6	Total appr. available 8=4+7
	Initial budget adopted 1	Amending budgets 2	Transfers 3		Carry-overs 5	Assigned revenue 6			
A-1100 Basic salaries and correction	4 037	–	(322)	3 715	–	–	–	3 715	
A-1101 Family allowances	676	–	(49)	627	–	–	–	627	
A-1102 Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	704	–	(51)	653	–	–	–	653	
A-1110 Contract agents	1 592	–	(541)	1 050	–	–	–	1 050	
A-1111 Seconded national experts	113	–	61	174	–	–	–	174	
A-1120 Training and information for staff	108	–	47	155	77	–	77	232	
A-1130 Insurance against sickness	173	–	(6)	166	–	–	–	166	
A-1131 Insurance against accidents & occupational disease	28	–	(7)	20	–	–	–	20	
A-1132 Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	69	–	(6)	63	–	–	–	63	
A-1140 Birth and death grants	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
A-1141 Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	97	–	(22)	75	–	–	–	75	
A-1142 Schooling fees	208	–	41	249	5	0	5	255	
A-1160 Expenditure related to recruitment	45	–	26	71	2	–	2	73	
A-1161 Travel expense to take up duty	5	–	(0)	5	–	–	–	5	
A-1162 Installation resettlement and transfer allowances	74	–	(25)	49	–	–	–	49	
A-1163 Temporary daily subsistence allowances	80	–	(23)	57	–	–	–	57	
A-1170 Supplementary clerical and interim services	178	–	104	282	32	–	32	314	
A-1171 Administrative assistance	79	–	41	120	9	–	9	129	
A-1172 Trainees	132	–	(22)	110	–	–	–	110	
Total chapter A-11	8 396	–	(754)	7 642	125	0	126	7 767	
A-1200 Mission expenses administrative staff	43	–	–	43	6	–	6	49	
A-1201 Mission expenses director	30	–	6	36	2	0	2	38	
A-1202 Mission expenses director office staff	40	–	12	52	19	–	19	71	
Total chapter A-12	113	–	18	130	27	0	28	158	
A-1300 Medical services and equipment	60	–	(4)	57	4	–	4	61	
Total chapter A-13	60	–	(4)	57	4	–	4	61	
A-1401 Social welfare of staff	24	–	–	24	15	–	15	39	
A-1410 Staff committee	15	–	–	15	–	–	–	15	
Total chapter A-14	39	–	–	39	15	–	15	54	
Title A-1	8 608	–	(740)	7 867	171	1	172	8 040	

5.2.2. Breakdown and changes in payment appropriations - Title A-2

EUR '000

		Budget appropriations			Additional appropriations			Total	Total approp. available
		Initial budget adopted	Amending budgets	Transfers	Final adopted budget	Carry-overs	Assigned revenue		
		1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5	6	7=5+6	8=4+7
A-2000	Rent	652	–	–	652	–	–	–	652
A-2001	Removal costs	5	–	–	5	7	–	7	12
A-2010	Utilities	125	–	4	129	14	–	14	143
A-2011	Cleaning and maintenance	106	–	17	123	10	–	10	133
A-2020	Insurance	7	–	(2)	5	–	–	–	5
A-2030	Security and surveillance of buildings	78	–	10	88	6	–	6	94
A-2031	Health and safety at work	8	–	(2)	6	–	–	–	6
A-2040	Other expenditure on buildings	40	–	(10)	30	39	–	39	69
Total chapter A-20		1 021	–	16	1 037	76	–	76	1 113
A-2100	Consumables	15	–	(10)	5	1	–	1	6
A-2101	Software	60	–	(58)	2	27	–	27	29
A-2102	Subscriptions IT	444	–	(157)	287	220	–	220	507
A-2103	Disaster recovery site	50	–	(7)	43	–	–	–	43
Total chapter A-21		569	–	(232)	336	248	–	248	585
A-2210	Purchase of furniture	22	–	(16)	6	33	–	33	39
A-2220	Transportation costs	143	–	14	157	0	2	2	159
A-2230	Library acquisitions	109	–	39	148	1	–	1	150
Total chapter A-22		274	–	37	311	35	2	36	348
A-2300	Stationery and office supplies	30	–	(10)	20	13	–	13	33
A-2310	Bank charges	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
A-2320	Legal expenses	45	–	–	45	6	–	6	51
A-2321	Expert consultation - mitd and mscd	50	–	–	50	269	–	269	319
A-2322	Expert consultation- gas	94	–	217	311	129	–	129	440
A-2323	Expert consultation - electricity	70	–	144	214	75	–	75	288
A-2325	External audit expenses	9	–	16	25	25	–	25	50
A-2326	Information security	45	–	77	121	–	–	–	121
A-2330	Administrative board meetings	51	–	(18)	33	18	–	18	51
A-2331	Board of regulators meetings	95	–	–	95	44	–	44	139
A-2332	Board of appeal	54	–	–	54	10	–	10	64
A-2333	External participants to meetings	10	–	–	10	–	–	–	10
A-2334	EU agencies network	12	–	(9)	3	2	–	2	5
Total chapter A-23		564	–	417	981	590	–	590	1 571
A-2400	Postal charges	7	–	–	7	2	–	2	9
A-2410	Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	90	–	(45)	46	8	3	11	57
A-2420	Hardware and other equipment	105	–	58	163	49	–	49	212
Total chapter A-24		202	–	13	215	59	3	62	277
Title A-2		2 630	–	251	2 881	1 008	5	1 013	3 894

5.2.3. Breakdown and changes in payment appropriations - Title B0-3

EUR '000

	Initial budget adopted	Budget appropriations			Final adopted budget	Additional appropriations		Total	Total approp. available
		Amending budgets	Transfers	Carry-overs		Assigned revenue	Total		
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5	6	7=5+6	8=4+7	
B3-000 Representation expenses - director	4	–	–	4	0	–	0	4	
B3-001 Representation expenses - administration	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
B3-002 Representation expenses - electricity	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	3	
B3-003 Representation expenses - mitd and mscd	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	
B3-004 Representation expenses - gas	3	–	–	3	1	–	1	3	
Total chapter B3-0	11	–	–	11	1	–	1	12	
B3-100 Operational missions - gas department	80	–	7	87	7	–	7	94	
B3-101 Operational missions - electricity department	85	–	5	90	12	–	12	102	
B3-102 Operational missions - mitd and mscd	100	–	(30)	70	23	–	23	93	
Total chapter B3-1	265	–	(18)	247	42	–	42	289	
B3-200 Public hearings workshops conferences	70	–	(19)	51	11	–	11	62	
B3-201 Website set up and maintenance	88	–	–	88	130	–	130	218	
B3-202 Publications information material	44	–	(32)	12	5	–	5	17	
Total chapter B3-2	202	–	(51)	151	146	–	146	297	
B3-300 Translation at CDT	200	–	(107)	94	8	0	9	102	
Total chapter B3-3	200	–	(107)	94	8	0	9	102	
B3-400 Insurance	7	–	(3)	5	5	–	5	10	
Total chapter B3-4	7	–	(3)	5	5	–	5	10	
B3-500 Hosting deployment and operations	300	–	405	705	2 114	–	2 114	2 819	
B3-501 Aris development support licences subscriptions & fees	–	–	–	–	950	–	950	950	
B3-502 Surveillance and BI tools customisation licences and consultancy	650	–	263	913	650	–	650	1 563	
B3-503 IT and expert consultancy	400	–	–	400	959	–	959	1 359	
Total chapter B3-5	1 350	–	668	2 018	4 673	–	4 673	6 691	
Title B0-3	2 035	–	490	2 524	4 876	0	4 876	7 400	
GRAND TOTAL	13 272	–	(0)	13 272	6 056	6	6 062	19 334	

5.3. Implementation of commitment appropriations

5.3.1. Implementation of commitment appropriations - Title A-1

EUR '000

	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	Commitments made				Appropriations carried over to 2018			Appropriations lapsing			Total 13=10+11+12
			from carry-overs	from assign. revenue	Total	%	Assign. revenue	By decision	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. revenue	
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6=5/1	7	8	9=7+8	10	11	12	
A-1100 Basic salaries and correction	3 715	3 714	-	-	3 714	100%	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
A-1101 Family allowances	627	627	-	-	627	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1102 Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	653	653	-	-	653	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1110 Contract agents	1 050	1 050	-	-	1 050	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1111 Seconded national experts	174	174	-	-	174	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1120 Training and information for staff	155	130	-	-	130	84%	-	-	-	25	-	-	25
A-1130 Insurance against sickness	166	166	-	-	166	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1131 Insurance against accidents & occupational disease	20	20	-	-	20	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1132 Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	63	63	-	-	63	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1140 Birth and death grants	1	1	-	-	1	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1141 Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	75	75	-	-	75	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1142 Schooling fees	250	249	-	-	249	100%	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
A-1160 Expenditure related to recruitment	71	63	-	-	63	90%	-	-	-	7	-	-	7
A-1161 Travel expense to take up duty	5	1	-	-	1	13%	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
A-1162 Installation resettlement and transfer allowances	49	48	-	-	48	99%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1163 Temporary daily subsistence allowances	57	57	-	-	57	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
A-1170 Supplementary clerical and interim services	282	275	-	-	275	98%	-	-	-	7	-	-	7
A-1171 Administrative assistance	120	120	-	-	120	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A-1172 Trainees	110	110	-	-	110	100%	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
Total chapter A-11	7 642	7 597	-	-	7 597	99%	0	-	0	45	-	-	45
A-1200 Mission expenses administrative staff	43	27	-	-	27	63%	-	-	-	16	-	-	16
A-1201 Mission expenses director	36	36	-	-	36	99%	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
A-1202 Mission expenses director office staff	52	50	-	-	50	97%	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Total chapter A-12	131	113	-	-	113	86%	0	-	0	18	-	-	18
A-1300 Medical services and equipment	57	57	-	-	57	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total chapter A-13	57	57	-	-	57	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A-1401 Social welfare of staff	24	21	-	-	21	88%	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
A-1410 Staff committee	15	14	-	-	14	97%	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total chapter A-14	39	36	-	-	36	91%	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Total Title A-1	7 868	7 802	-	-	7 802	99%	1	-	1	66	-	-	66

5.3.2. Implementation of commitment appropriations - Title A-2

EUR '000

	Commitments made							Appropriations carried over to 2018			Appropriations lapsing			Total 13=10+11 +12
	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. revenue	Total	%	Assign. revenue	By decision	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. revenue		
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6=5/1	7	8	9=7+8	10	11	12		
A-2000 Rent	652	652	–	–	652	100%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2001 Removal costs	5	4	–	–	4	97%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2010 Utilities	129	129	–	–	129	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2011 Cleaning and maintenance	123	123	–	–	123	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2020 Insurance	5	4	–	–	4	86%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2030 Security and surveillance of buildings	88	88	–	–	88	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2031 Health and safety at work	6	6	–	–	6	96%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2040 Other expenditure on buildings	30	30	–	–	30	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Total chapter A-20	1 037	1 036	–	–	1 036	100%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2100 Consumables	5	5	–	–	5	96%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2101 Software	2	2	–	–	2	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2102 Subscriptions IT	287	268	–	–	268	94%	–	–	–	19	–	–	19	
A-2103 Disaster recovery site	43	43	–	–	43	100%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
Total chapter A-21	336	317	–	–	317	94%	–	–	–	19	–	–	19	
A-2210 Purchase of furniture	6	6	–	–	6	100%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2220 Transportation costs	159	148	–	–	148	93%	–	–	–	10	–	2	11	
A-2230 Library acquisitions	148	148	–	–	148	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Total chapter A-22	313	302	–	–	302	96%	–	–	–	10	–	2	11	
A-2300 Stationery and office supplies	20	14	–	–	14	71%	–	–	–	6	–	–	6	
A-2310 Bank charges	1	0	–	–	0	34%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2320 Legal expenses	45	45	–	–	45	99%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2321 Expert consultation - mitd and mscd	50	50	–	–	50	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2322 Expert consultation - gas	311	310	–	–	310	100%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2323 Expert consultation - electricity	214	214	–	–	214	100%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2325 External audit expenses	25	25	–	–	25	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2326 Information security	121	120	–	–	120	99%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2330 Administrative board meetings	33	31	–	–	31	94%	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	
A-2331 Board of regulators meetings	95	95	–	–	95	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2332 Board of appeal	54	46	–	–	46	86%	–	–	–	8	–	–	8	
A-2333 External participants to meetings	10	3	–	–	3	28%	–	–	–	7	–	–	7	
A-2334 EU agencies network	3	3	–	–	3	96%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
Total chapter A-23	981	956	–	–	956	97%	–	–	–	25	–	–	25	
A-2400 Postal charges	7	6	–	–	6	81%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2410 Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	48	46	–	–	46	94%	–	–	–	–	–	3	3	
A-2420 Hardware and other equipment	163	162	–	–	162	100%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
Total chapter A-24	218	214	–	–	214	98%	–	–	–	2	–	3	5	
Total Title A-2	2 885	2 825	–	–	2 825	98%	–	–	–	56	–	5	61	

5.3.3. Implementation of commitment appropriations - Title B0-3

EUR '000

	Commitments made							Appropriations carried over to 2018			Appropriations lapsing			Total 13=10+11 +12
	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. revenue	Total	%	Assign. revenue	By decision	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. revenue		
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6=5/1	7	8	9=7+8	10	11	12		
<i>B3-000 Representation expenses - director</i>	4	4	–	–	4	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<i>B3-001 Representation expenses - administration</i>	1	0	–	–	0	8%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
<i>B3-002 Representation expenses - electricity</i>	3	2	–	–	2	99%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
<i>B3-003 Representation expenses - mitd and mscd</i>	1	0	–	–	0	44%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
<i>B3-004 Representation expenses - gas</i>	3	3	–	–	3	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Total chapter B3-0	11	9	–	–	9	90%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
<i>B3-100 Operational missions - gas department</i>	87	87	–	–	87	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<i>B3-101 Operational missions - electricity department</i>	90	90	–	–	90	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<i>B3-102 Operational missions - mitd and mscd</i>	70	66	–	–	66	94%	–	–	–	4	–	–	4	
Total chapter B3-1	247	243	–	–	243	98%	–	–	–	4	–	–	4	
<i>B3-200 Public hearings workshops conferences</i>	51	45	–	–	45	88%	–	–	–	6	–	–	6	
<i>B3-201 Website set up and maintenance</i>	88	73	–	–	73	83%	–	–	–	15	–	–	15	
<i>B3-202 Publications information material</i>	12	7	–	–	7	59%	–	–	–	5	–	–	5	
Total chapter B3-2	151	126	–	–	126	83%	–	–	–	26	–	–	26	
<i>B3-300 Translation at CDT</i>	94	77	–	–	77	82%	–	–	–	16	–	0	17	
Total chapter B3-3	94	77	–	–	77	82%	–	–	–	16	–	0	17	
<i>B3-400 Insurance</i>	5	5	–	–	5	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Total chapter B3-4	5	5	–	–	5	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<i>B3-500 Hosting deployment and operations</i>	705	704	–	–	704	100%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
<i>B3-502 Surveillance and BI tools customisation licences and consultancy</i>	913	913	–	–	913	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<i>B3-503 IT and expert consultancy</i>	400	400	–	–	400	100%	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
Total chapter B3-5	2 018	2 016	–	–	2 016	100%	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
Total Title B0-3	2 525	2 476	–	–	2 476	98%	–	–	–	49	–	0	49	
GRAND TOTAL	13 278	13 102	–	–	13 102	99%	1	–	1	170	–	5	175	

5.4. Implementation of payment appropriations

5.4.1. Implementation of payment appropriations - Title A-1

EUR '000

		Payments made						Appropriations carried over to 2018				Appropriations lapsing			Total 14=11+12 +13
		Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. revenue	Total 5=2+3+4	% 6 = 5/1	Autom. carry-overs	By decision	Assigned rev.	Total 10=7+8+9	from final adopt. budget	from carry- overs	from assign. rev.	
		1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6 = 5/1	7	8	9	10=7+8+9	11	12	13	
A-1100	Basic salaries and correction	3 715	3 714	–	–	3 714	100%	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
A-1101	Family allowances	627	627	–	–	627	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1102	Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	653	653	–	–	653	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1110	Contract agents	1 050	1 050	–	–	1 050	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1111	Seconded national experts	174	174	–	–	174	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1120	Training and information for staff	232	65	61	–	127	55%	64	–	–	64	25	16	–	41
A-1130	Insurance against sickness	166	166	–	–	166	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1131	Insurance against accidents & occupational disease	20	20	–	–	20	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1132	Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	63	63	–	–	63	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1140	Birth and death grants	1	1	–	–	1	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1141	Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	75	75	–	–	75	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1142	Schooling fees	255	249	5	–	254	100%	–	–	0	0	–	–	–	–
A-1160	Expenditure related to recruitment	73	46	2	–	47	65%	18	–	–	18	7	0	–	8
A-1161	Travel expense to take up duty	5	1	–	–	1	13%	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	4
A-1162	Installation resettlement and transfer allowances	49	48	–	–	48	99%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1163	Temporary daily subsistence allowances	57	57	–	–	57	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
A-1170	Supplementary clerical and interim services	314	240	30	–	270	86%	35	–	–	35	7	2	–	9
A-1171	Administrative assistance	129	68	3	–	72	55%	52	–	–	52	–	6	–	6
A-1172	Trainees	110	110	–	–	110	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0
Total chapter A-11		7 767	7 428	101	–	7 529	97%	169	–	0	170	45	24	–	69
A-1200	Mission expenses administrative staff	49	27	1	–	27	56%	–	–	–	–	16	6	–	21
A-1201	Mission expenses director	38	27	1	–	28	75%	9	–	0	9	–	0	–	0
A-1202	Mission expenses director office staff	71	41	8	–	49	70%	9	–	–	9	2	11	–	13
Total chapter A-12		158	95	10	–	105	67%	18	–	0	18	18	17	–	35
A-1300	Medical services and equipment	61	25	4	–	29	47%	32	–	–	32	–	1	–	1
Total chapter A-13		61	25	4	–	29	47%	32	–	–	32	–	1	–	1

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	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	Payments made				Total	%	Appropriations carried over to 2018			Appropriations lapsing			Total 14=11+12+13
			from carry-overs	from assign. revenue	Autom. carry-overs	By decision			Assigned rev.	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. rev.		
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6 = 5/1	7	8	9	10=7+8+9	11	12	13		
A-1401 Social welfare of staff	39	20	14	–	34	87%	2	–	–	2	3	1	–	3	
A-1410 Staff committee	15	14	–	–	14	93%	0	–	–	0	1	–	–	1	
Total chapter A-14	54	34	14	–	48	89%	2	–	–	2	3	1	–	4	
Total Title A-1	8 040	7 581	129	–	7 710	96%	221	–	1	222	66	42	–	108	

5.4.2. Implementation of payment appropriations - Title A-2

EUR '000

	Payments made							Appropriations carried over to 2018				Appropriations lapsing			
	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. revenue	Total	%	Autom. carry-overs	By decision	Assigned rev.	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. rev.	Total	
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6 = 5/1	7	8	9	10=7+8+9	11	12	13	14=11+12+13	
A-2000 Rent	652	652	–	–	652	100%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2001 Removal costs	12	–	5	–	5	42%	4	–	–	4	0	2	–	3	
A-2010 Utilities	143	113	14	–	127	89%	16	–	–	16	–	0	–	0	
A-2011 Cleaning and maintenance	133	112	10	–	122	92%	11	–	–	11	–	0	–	0	
A-2020 Insurance	5	4	–	–	4	86%	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
A-2030 Security and surveillance of buildings	94	78	5	–	83	89%	10	–	–	10	–	1	–	1	
A-2031 Health and safety at work	6	6	–	–	6	96%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2040 Other expenditure on buildings	69	7	38	–	45	66%	23	–	–	23	–	1	–	1	
Total chapter A-20	1 113	972	72	–	1 045	94%	64	–	–	64	1	4	–	5	
A-2100 Consumables	6	5	1	–	6	97%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2101 Software	29	2	27	–	29	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
A-2102 Subscriptions IT	507	162	192	–	354	70%	106	–	–	106	19	28	–	47	
A-2103 Disaster recovery site	43	25	–	–	25	59%	18	–	–	18	0	–	–	0	
Total chapter A-21	585	194	220	–	414	71%	124	–	–	124	19	28	–	47	
A-2210 Purchase of furniture	39	1	33	–	35	89%	4	–	–	4	0	–	–	0	
A-2220 Transportation costs	159	148	0	–	148	93%	–	–	2	2	10	–	2	11	
A-2230 Library acquisitions	150	142	1	–	143	96%	6	–	–	6	–	0	–	0	
Total chapter A-22	348	292	34	–	326	94%	10	–	2	12	10	0	2	11	
A-2300 Stationery and office supplies	33	12	12	–	24	73%	2	–	–	2	6	1	–	7	
A-2310 Bank charges	1	0	–	–	0	34%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
A-2320 Legal expenses	51	31	6	–	37	73%	13	–	–	13	0	–	–	0	
A-2321 Expert consultation - mitd and mscl	319	–	268	–	268	84%	50	–	–	50	–	0	–	0	
A-2322 Expert consultation - gas	440	15	129	–	144	33%	295	–	–	295	1	–	–	1	
A-2323 Expert consultation - electricity	288	–	75	–	75	26%	214	–	–	214	0	–	–	0	
A-2325 External audit expenses	50	5	25	–	30	60%	20	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	
A-2326 Information security	121	50	–	–	50	41%	71	–	–	71	1	–	–	1	
A-2330 Administrative board meetings	51	11	7	–	18	35%	20	–	–	20	2	11	–	13	
A-2331 Board of regulators meetings	139	62	39	–	101	73%	32	–	–	32	–	5	–	5	
A-2332 Board of appeal	64	43	6	–	50	79%	3	–	–	3	8	3	–	11	
A-2333 External participants to meetings	10	3	–	–	3	28%	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	7	
A-2334 EU agencies network	5	1	1	–	2	52%	1	–	–	1	0	1	–	1	
Total chapter A-23	1 571	234	569	–	803	51%	722	–	–	722	25	21	–	46	
A-2400 Postal charges	9	4	1	–	4	48%	2	–	–	2	1	1	–	2	
A-2410 Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	57	35	7	–	43	75%	10	–	3	13	–	1	3	4	
A-2420 Hardware and other equipment	212	127	49	–	175	83%	36	–	–	36	1	–	–	1	
Total chapter A-24	277	165	57	–	222	80%	48	–	3	51	2	2	3	7	
Total Title A-2	3 894	1 857	953	–	2 810	72%	968	–	5	972	56	56	5	116	

5.4.3. Implementation of payment appropriations - Title B-03

EUR '000

	Payments made								Appropriations carried over to 2018				Appropriations lapsing		
	Total approp. availab.	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. revenue	Total	%	Autom. carry-overs	By decision	Assigned rev.	Total	from final adopt. budget	from carry-overs	from assign. rev.	Total	
	1	2	3	4	5=2+3+4	6 = 5/1	7	8	9	10=7+8+9	11	12	13	14=11+12+13	
B3-000 Representation expenses - director	4	2	0	–	2	56%	2	–	–	2	–	0	–	0	
B3-001 Representation expenses - administration	1	0	–	–	0	8%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
B3-002 Representation expenses - electricity	3	2	–	–	2	99%	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	0	
B3-003 Representation expenses - mitd and msd	1	0	–	–	0	44%	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	
B3-004 Representation expenses - gas	3	2	1	–	3	89%	0	–	–	0	–	0	–	0	
Total chapter B3-0	12	8	1	–	8	71%	2	–	–	2	1	0	–	1	
B3-100 Operational missions - gas department	94	76	5	–	82	86%	11	–	–	11	–	2	–	2	
B3-101 Operational missions - electricity department	102	77	5	–	81	80%	13	–	–	13	–	7	–	7	
B3-102 Operational missions - mitd and msd	93	45	13	–	58	62%	21	–	–	21	4	11	–	15	
Total chapter B3-1	289	198	23	–	221	76%	45	–	–	45	4	20	–	24	
B3-200 Public hearings workshops conferences	62	44	9	–	53	85%	1	–	–	1	6	2	–	8	
B3-201 Website set up and maintenance	218	–	130	–	130	60%	73	–	–	73	15	–	–	15	
B3-202 Publications information material	17	7	5	–	12	70%	–	–	–	–	5	0	–	5	
Total chapter B3-2	297	51	143	–	194	65%	75	–	–	75	26	2	–	28	
B3-300 Translation at CDT	102	58	5	–	63	62%	19	–	0	19	16	3	0	20	
Total chapter B3-3	102	58	5	–	63	62%	19	–	0	19	16	3	0	20	
B3-400 Insurance	10	5	5	–	9	98%	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	0	
Total chapter B3-4	10	5	5	–	9	98%	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	0	
B3-500 Hosting deployment and operations	2 819	50	2 114	–	2 163	77%	654	–	–	654	1	–	–	1	
B3-501 Aris development support licences subscriptions & fees	950	–	950	–	950	100%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
B3-502 Surveillance and BI tools customisation	1 563	221	650	–	871	56%	692	–	–	692	–	–	–	–	
B3-503 IT and expert consultancy	1 359	34	959	–	993	73%	366	–	–	366	0	0	–	0	
Total chapter B3-5	6 691	305	4 673	–	4 978	74%	1 711	–	–	1 711	1	0	–	2	
Total Title B0-3	7 400	624	4 850	–	5 474	74%	1 851	–	0	1 852	49	26	0	75	
GRAND TOTAL	19 334	10 062	5 932	–	15 994	83%	3 040	–	6	3 046	170	123	5	299	

6. COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING

6.1. Commitments outstanding - Title A-1

		Commitments outstanding at the end of prev. year				Commitments of the year				EUR '000
		Comm. carried forward from prev. year	Decommit. Revaluation Cancellations	Payments	Total	Commitments made during the year	Payment	Cancellation of comm. which cannot be carried forward	Commit. outstanding at year-end	Total commitments outstanding at year-end
		1	2	3	4=1+2-3	5	6	7	8=5-6-7	9=4+8
A-1100	Basic salaries and correction	-	-	-	-	3 714	3 714	-	-	-
A-1101	Family allowances	-	-	-	-	627	627	-	-	-
A-1102	Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	-	-	-	-	653	653	-	-	-
A-1110	Contract agents	-	-	-	-	1 050	1 050	-	-	-
A-1111	Seconded national experts	-	-	-	-	174	174	-	-	-
A-1120	Training and information for staff	77	(16)	61	-	130	65	-	64	64
A-1130	Insurance against sickness	-	-	-	-	166	166	-	-	-
A-1131	Insurance against accidents & occupational disease	-	-	-	-	20	20	-	-	-
A-1132	Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	-	-	-	-	63	63	-	-	-
A-1140	Birth and death grants	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
A-1141	Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	-	-	-	-	75	75	-	-	-
A-1142	Schooling fees	5	-	5	-	249	249	-	-	-
A-1160	Expenditure related to recruitment	2	(0)	2	-	63	46	-	18	18
A-1161	Travel expense to take up duty	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
A-1162	Installation resettlement and transfer allowances	-	-	-	-	48	48	-	-	-
A-1163	Temporary daily subsistence allowances	-	-	-	-	57	57	-	-	-
A-1170	Supplementary clerical and interim services	32	(2)	30	-	275	240	-	35	35
A-1171	Administrative assistance	9	(6)	3	-	120	68	-	52	52
A-1172	Trainees	-	-	-	-	110	110	-	-	-
Total chapter A-11		125	(24)	101	-	7 597	7 428	-	169	169
A-1200	Mission expenses administrative staff	6	(6)	1	-	27	27	-	-	-
A-1201	Mission expenses director	2	(0)	1	-	36	27	-	9	9
A-1202	Mission expenses director office staff	19	(11)	8	-	50	41	-	9	9
Total chapter A-12		27	(17)	10	-	113	95	-	18	18
A-1300	Medical services and equipment	4	(1)	4	-	57	25	-	32	32
Total chapter A-13		4	(1)	4	-	57	25	-	32	32
A-1401	Social welfare of staff	15	(1)	14	-	21	20	-	2	2
A-1410	Staff committee	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	0	0
Total chapter A-14		15	(1)	14	-	36	34	-	2	2
Total Title A-1		171	(42)	129	-	7 802	7 581	-	221	221

6.2. Commitments outstanding - Title A-2

		Commitments outstanding at the end of prev. year				Commitments of the year				EUR '000
		Comm. carried forward from prev. year	Decommit. Revaluation Cancellations	Payments	Total	Commitments made during the year	Payment	Cancellation of comm. which cannot be carried forward	Commit. outstanding at year-end	Total commitments outstanding at year-end
		1	2	3	4=1+2-3	5	6	7	8=5-6-7	9=4+8
A-2000	Rent	–	–	–	–	652	652	–	–	–
A-2001	Removal costs	7	(2)	5	–	4	–	–	4	4
A-2010	Utilities	14	(0)	14	–	129	113	–	16	16
A-2011	Cleaning and maintenance	10	(0)	10	–	123	112	–	11	11
A-2020	Insurance	–	–	–	–	4	4	–	–	–
A-2030	Security and surveillance of buildings	6	(1)	5	–	88	78	–	10	10
A-2031	Health and safety at work	–	–	–	–	6	6	–	–	–
A-2040	Other expenditure on buildings	39	(1)	38	–	30	7	–	23	23
Total chapter A-20		76	(4)	72	–	1 036	972	–	64	64
A-2100	Consumables	1	–	1	–	5	5	–	–	–
A-2101	Software	27	–	27	–	2	2	–	–	–
A-2102	Subscriptions IT	220	(28)	192	–	268	162	–	106	106
A-2103	Disaster recovery site	–	–	–	–	43	25	–	18	18
Total chapter A-21		248	(28)	220	–	317	194	–	124	124
A-2210	Purchase of furniture	33	–	33	–	6	1	–	4	4
A-2220	Transportation costs	0	–	0	–	148	148	–	–	–
A-2230	Library acquisitions	1	(0)	1	–	148	142	–	6	6
Total chapter A-22		35	(0)	34	–	302	292	–	10	10
A-2300	Stationery and office supplies	13	(1)	12	–	14	12	–	2	2
A-2310	Bank charges	–	–	–	–	0	0	–	–	–
A-2320	Legal expenses	6	–	6	–	45	31	–	13	13
A-2321	Expert consultation - mitd and mscd	269	(0)	268	–	50	–	–	50	50
A-2322	Expert consultation- gas	129	–	129	–	310	15	–	295	295
A-2323	Expert consultation - electricity	75	–	75	–	214	–	–	214	214
A-2325	External audit expenses	25	–	25	–	25	5	–	20	20
A-2326	Information security	–	–	–	–	120	50	–	71	71
A-2330	Administrative board meetings	18	(11)	7	–	31	11	–	20	20
A-2331	Board of regulators meetings	44	(5)	39	–	95	62	–	32	32
A-2332	Board of appeal	10	(3)	6	–	46	43	–	3	3
A-2333	External participants to meetings	–	–	–	–	3	3	–	–	–
A-2334	EU agencies network	2	(1)	1	–	3	1	–	1	1
Total chapter A-23		590	(21)	569	–	956	234	–	722	722
A-2400	Postal charges	2	(1)	1	–	6	4	–	2	2
A-2410	Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	8	(1)	7	–	46	35	–	10	10
A-2420	Hardware and other equipment	49	–	49	–	162	127	–	36	36
Total chapter A-24		59	(2)	57	–	214	165	–	48	48
Total Title A-2		1 008	(56)	953	–	2 825	1 857	–	968	968

6.3. Commitments outstanding - Title B0-3

		Commitments outstanding at the end of prev. year				Commitments of the year				EUR '000
		Comm. carried forward from prev. year	Decommit. Revaluation Cancellations	Payments	Total	Commitments made during the year	Payment	Cancellation of comm. which cannot be carried forward	Commit. outstanding at year-end	Total commitments outstanding at year-end
		1	2	3	4=1+2-3	5	6	7	8=5-6-7	9=4+8
B3-000	Representation expenses - director	0	(0)	0	–	4	2	–	2	2
B3-001	Representation expenses - administration	–	–	–	–	0	0	–	–	–
B3-002	Representation expenses - electricity	–	–	–	–	2	2	–	–	–
B3-003	Representation expenses - mitd and mscd	–	–	–	–	0	0	–	–	–
B3-004	Representation expenses - gas	1	(0)	1	–	3	2	–	0	0
Total chapter B3-0		1	(0)	1	–	9	8	–	2	2
B3-100	Operational missions - gas department	7	(2)	5	–	87	76	–	11	11
B3-101	Operational missions - electricity department	12	(7)	5	–	90	77	–	13	13
B3-102	Operational missions - mitd and mscd	23	(11)	13	–	66	45	–	21	21
Total chapter B3-1		42	(20)	23	–	243	198	–	45	45
B3-200	Public hearings workshops conferences	11	(2)	9	–	45	44	–	1	1
B3-201	Website set up and maintenance	130	–	130	–	73	–	–	73	73
B3-202	Publications information material	5	(0)	5	–	7	7	–	–	–
Total chapter B3-2		146	(2)	143	–	126	51	–	75	75
B3-300	Translation at CDT	8	(3)	5	–	77	58	–	19	19
Total chapter B3-3		8	(3)	5	–	77	58	–	19	19
B3-400	Insurance	5	(0)	5	–	5	5	–	–	–
Total chapter B3-4		5	(0)	5	–	5	5	–	–	–
B3-500	Hosting deployment and operations	2 114	–	2 114	–	704	50	–	654	654
B3-501	Aris development support licences subscriptions & fees	950	–	950	–	–	–	–	–	–
B3-502	Surveillance and BI tools customisation licences and consultancy	650	–	650	–	913	221	–	692	692
B3-503	IT and expert consultancy	959	(0)	959	–	400	34	–	366	366
Total chapter B3-5		4 673	(0)	4 673	–	2 016	305	–	1 711	1 711
Total Title B0-3		4 876	(26)	4 850	–	2 476	624	–	1 851	1 851
GRAND TOTAL		6 056	(123)	5 932	–	13 102	10 062	–	3 040	3 040

7. GLOSSARY

ABAC

This is the 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.

Administrative appropriations

Administrative appropriations cover the running costs of the Institutions and entities (staff, buildings, office equipment).

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.

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

Dedicated revenue received to finance specific items of expenditure. The main sources of external assigned revenue are financial contributions from third countries to programmes financed by the Union. The main sources of internal assigned revenue are revenue from third parties in respect of goods, services or work supplied at their request; revenue arising from the repayment of amounts wrongly paid and revenue from the sale of publications and films, including those on an electronic medium. The complete list of items constituting assigned revenue is given in the Financial Regulation Art.21.2.

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 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.

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 Financial Regulation for Agencies.

Budgetary authority

Institutions with decisional powers on budgetary matters: the European Parliament and the Council.

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. Art. 7 FR: Commitment appropriations cover the total cost in the current financial year of legal obligations (contracts, grant agreements/decisions) entered into for operations extending over more than one year.

De-commitment

Cancellation of a reservation of appropriations.

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. Art. 7 FR: Differentiated appropriations are entered for multiannual operations. They consist of commitment appropriations and payment appropriations.

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 298, 26.10.2012)

Funds Source

Type of appropriations (e.g.: C1, C2, etc.)

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

Joint Undertakings (JUs)

A legal EU-body established under the TFEU. The term can be used to describe any collaborative structure proposed for the "efficient execution of Union research, technological development and demonstration programmes".

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. 9 FR). In the EU-Budget non-differentiated appropriations apply to administrative expenditure, for agricultural market support and direct payments

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 (Art. 7 FR).

RAL

Sum of outstanding commitments. Outstanding commitments (or RAL, from the French 'reste à liquider') 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. (Cf. Outstanding commitments)

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.

Revenue

Term used to describe income from all sources financing the budget.

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. 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.