

DECISION No 05/2024

OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

of 19 June 2024

amending Decision No 17/2023 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2024

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/942 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators(recast)¹ and, in particular, Articles 1(1), 17 and 19(f) thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 93/2017 of 5 May 2017 amending Annex IV (Energy) of the EEA Agreement 2019/205², and, in particular, Article 1(5) thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 08/2019 of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 21 June 2019 on the adoption of the Financial Regulation of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, and, in particular, Articles 31 and 34 thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 02/2023 of 25 January 2023 on amending Decision No 7/2020 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 17 June 2020 on the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and, in particular, Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision (EU) 2020/2152³ of 17 December 2020 on fees due to the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for collecting, handling, processing, and analysing of information reported under Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and, in particular, Articles 5 and 6,

Whereas:

¹ OJ L 158/22, 14.6.2019

² OJ L 36/50, 7.2.2019

³ OJ L 428/68, 18.12.2020

- (1) On 13 December 2023, the Administrative Board adopted the budget of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter ‘the Agency’), for the financial year 2024.⁴
- (2) In January 2024, the Agency established the amount of fees due by applying the approved fees collection model on the records reported by the Registered Reporting Mechanisms (RRMs) for the financial year 2024. The number of records reported by each RRM during the year 2023 has been used as basis for the fees’ calculation. The amount of fees envisaged for the financial year 2024 at the time of the budget adoption was EUR 12,439,431, while the total amount of debit notes issued in January 2024 amounted to EUR 11,619,750. Therefore, the Agency’s fee revenue for 2024 needs to be adjusted downward by the difference between the initially planned and established revenue, i.e. EUR 819,681.
- (3) Since the approval of the budget, the Agency processed advanced payments for enrolment from three new RRM, thus collecting EUR 13,500. Therefore, an upward adjustment of the Agency’s fee revenue for this amount is required.
- (4) With the required downward and upward adjustments mentioned in the recitals 2) and 3) above, a net reduction of EUR 806,181 of fees-covered projects is needed. The affected projects will mainly be the ARIS archiving solution for EUR 400,000, IT consultancy services for EUR 100,000 and the REMIT Case Management Tool / Notification Platform related investments in new functionalities and improvements for EUR 200,000, as well as reducing in scope the SMARTS/NMS improvements for the SMARTS/NMS visualisation tools and new alerts to support surveillance for EUR 106,181.
- (5) On 15 of May 2024 three new legislations⁵ were approved by the budgetary authorities thus releasing the EUR 1,830,000 reserve that was recorded in the approved budget of the Agency and making them now available for use. The revision of the Electricity Market Design regulation, that took place in 2024, after the approval of the budget, provides for additional human and financial resources that require an upward amendment of the budget with EUR 2,656,000 and 11 establishment plan posts (seven temporary agents whose grades are indicated in the establishment plan of Annex II and four contract agents that are not part of the establishment plan). Out of the incoming amount, EUR 485,000 will be distributed towards Title 1 to cover the salaries related expenditure, while the difference of

⁴ Decision No 17/2023 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 13 December 2023 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2024.

⁵ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) 2019/943 and (EU) 2019/942 as well as Directives (EU) 2018/2001 and (EU) 2019/944 to improve the Union’s electricity market design.

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast).

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942.



EUR 2,171,000 will be distributed towards Title 2 and Title 3 to cover the operational expenditure, mainly (a) the development of the database and tools needed for the collection and analysis of the Power Purchase Agreements' data, (b) investment in tools and models to comply with the EU-level assessment of flexibility needs and (c) the additional investments in information security and support/performance/capacity of Agency's IT systems.

- (6) It is therefore appropriate to amend Decision No 17/2023 of 13 December 2023 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2024,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I and II to Decision No 17/2023 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 13 December 2023 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2024, is replaced by Annex I and II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

This Decision shall be published on the website of the Agency, and it shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council, the European Court of Auditors and the European Commission.

Article 3

This Decision and Annex I and II shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union within three months from the date of the current decision.

Done at Ljubljana, on 19 June 2024.

For the Administrative Board

The Chair
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Annex I - Budget

Title Chapter	Description	2024 budget as per DECISION No	Budget amendment no. 1	Amended 2024 budget
	REVENUE			
TITLE 9	Revenue			
901	EU contribution	19,005,275.00	2,656,000.00	21,661,275.00
902	Others	476,978.00		476,978.00
904	EFTA contribution	680,389.00		680,389.00
905	Fees and charges	12,439,431.00	(806,181.00)	11,633,250.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	32,602,073.00	1,849,819.00	34,451,892.00
	EXPENDITURE			
TITLE 1	Expenditure relating to staff and resources			
1100	Basic salaries and correction	7,019,364.00	485,000.00	7,504,364.00
1101	Family allowances	1,151,110.00		1,151,110.00
1102	Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	1,183,550.00		1,183,550.00
1110	Contract agents	2,497,262.00		2,497,262.00
1111	Seconded National Experts	556,991.00		556,991.00
1120	Training and information for staff	400,360.00		400,360.00
1130	Insurance against sickness	312,415.00		312,415.00
1131	Insurance against accidents and occupational disease	37,425.00		37,425.00
1132	Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	122,037.00		122,037.00
1133	Employer pension contribution	600,000.00		600,000.00
1140	Birth and death grants	2,371.00		2,371.00
1141	Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	125,088.00		125,088.00
1142	Schooling fees	1,016,042.00		1,016,042.00
1150	Overtime	34,827.00		34,827.00
1160	Expenditure related to recruitment	26,350.00		26,350.00
1161	Travel expenses taking up duty	13,300.00		13,300.00
1162	Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	147,651.00		147,651.00
1163	Temporary daily subsistence allowances	123,019.00		123,019.00
1170	Supplementary clerical and interim services	833,480.00		833,480.00
1171	Administrative assistance	281,000.00		281,000.00
1172	Trainees	434,172.00		434,172.00
1200	Mission expenses - HR&F	35,200.00		35,200.00
1201	Mission expenses - Director	56,000.00		56,000.00
1202	Mission expenses - Strategy Delivery and Communications	40,000.00		40,000.00
1203	Mission expenses - COL	25,000.00		25,000.00
1300	Medical services and equipment	85,300.00		85,300.00
1401	Social welfare of staff	30,150.00		30,150.00
1410	Staff Committee	23,000.00		23,000.00
	TOTAL TITLE 1	17,212,464.00	485,000.00	17,697,464.00

Title Chapter	Description	2024 budget as per DECISION No	Budget amendment no. 1	Amended 2024 budget
TITLE 2	Agency's building and associated costs			
2000	Rent	749,687.00		749,687.00
2001	Removal costs	35,000.00		35,000.00
2010	Utilities	366,372.00		366,372.00
2011	Cleaning and maintenance	197,000.00		197,000.00
2020	Insurance	28,000.00		28,000.00
2030	Security and surveillance of buildings	156,800.00		156,800.00
2031	Health and safety at work	4,000.00		4,000.00
2040	Other expenditure on buildings	198,500.00		198,500.00
2104	Corporate IT and Telecommunications	1,301,000.00	250,000.00	1,551,000.00
2210	Purchase of furniture	73,000.00		73,000.00
2220	Commuting to work	60,000.00		60,000.00
2230	Library acquisitions	301,000.00		301,000.00
2300	Stationery and office supplies	27,600.00		27,600.00
2310	Bank charges	150.00		150.00
2320	Legal expenses	945,000.00		945,000.00
2325	External audit expenses	25,000.00		25,000.00
2326	Information security	99,000.00	250,000.00	349,000.00
2328	Data protection	40,000.00		40,000.00
2330	Administrative Board meetings	111,200.00		111,200.00
2331	Board of Regulators meetings	76,800.00		76,800.00
2332	Board of Appeal	1,089,000.00		1,089,000.00
2333	External participants to meetings	6,000.00		6,000.00
2334	EU Agencies Network	6,000.00		6,000.00
2400	Postal charges	7,500.00		7,500.00
	TOTAL TITLE 2	5,903,609.00	500,000.00	6,403,609.00

Title Chapter	Description	2024 budget as per DECISION No	Budget amendment no. 1	Amended 2024 budget
TITLE 3	Operational expenditure			
3000	Representation expenses - Director	5,000.00		5,000.00
3001	Representation expenses - COL	500.00		500.00
3002	Representation expenses - Electricity	2,000.00		2,000.00
3003	Representation expenses - MIT	1,000.00		1,000.00
3004	Representation expenses - GHR	1,000.00		1,000.00
3005	Representation expenses - MSC	1,000.00		1,000.00
3100	Operational missions - GHR	28,000.00		28,000.00
3101	Operational missions - Electricity	50,000.00		50,000.00
3102	Operational missions - MIT	30,000.00		30,000.00
3103	Operational missions - MSC	31,000.00		31,000.00
3104	Operational missions - ESN	22,000.00		22,000.00
3200	Communication	545,500.00		545,500.00
3300	Translation at CDT	316,000.00		316,000.00
3504	Specific data and information services	768,000.00	1,671,000.00	2,439,000.00
3510	REMIT IT Services	3,010,000.00	(300,000.00)	2,710,000.00
3511	REMIT IT Operations	2,750,000.00	(200,000.00)	2,550,000.00
3512	MSC Tools and Services	725,000.00	(306,181.00)	418,819.00
3601	Expert consultations - GHR	140,000.00		140,000.00
3602	Expert consultations - Electricity	180,000.00		180,000.00
3603	Expert consultations - HR&F	200,000.00		200,000.00
3605	DEX projects and activities	570,000.00		570,000.00
3607	Expert consultations - ESN	110,000.00		110,000.00
	TOTAL TITLE 3	9,486,000.00	864,819.00	10,350,819.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,602,073.00	1,849,819.00	34,451,892.00

Annex II

Establishment plan

Category and grade - Temporary Agents	Establishment plan 2022	Establishment plan 2023	Establishment plan 2024	1st amendment 2024	Establishment plan 2024 as amended
AD 16					0
AD 15	1	1	1		1
AD 14					0
AD 13	4	4	5		5
AD 12	3	3	3		3
AD 11	4	7	7	1	8
AD 10	3	6	6		6
AD 9	12	9	8		8
AD 8	9	16	17		17
AD 7	14	19	22	1	23
AD 6	10	6	7		7
AD 5	3	7	15	3	18
Total AD	63	78	91	5	96
AST 11					0
AST 10					0
AST 9					0
AST 8					0
AST 7			1		1
AST 6	2	3	5		5
AST 5	4	6	3		3
AST 4	4	4	4		4
AST 3	3		1	2	3
AST 2					0
AST 1					0
Total AST	13	13	14	2	16
AST/SC6					0
AST/SC5					0
AST/SC4					0
AST/SC3					0
AST/SC2			1		1
AST/SC1			1		1
Total AST/SC	0	0	2	0	2
TOTAL	76	91	107	7	114