

DIRECTOR DECISION 2012-019

on budget transfers - June 2012

HAVING REGARD to the Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and in particular Article 17(5),

HAVING REGARD to the ACER Financial Regulation and in particular Article 23 and 24,

Whereas,

The Director shall take the necessary measures, notably as regards adopting internal administrative instructions to ensure the functioning of the Agency in accordance with the relevant Regulations, implementing rules and procedures,

The Director:

- may make transfers of the appropriations for the financial year without limit from one chapter to the other and from one article to another within the Titles, and from one Title to another up to a maximum of 10% of the appropriation for the financial year shown on the line from which the transfer is made.
- the transfers carried out shall be accompanied by appropriate and detailed supporting documents showing the implementation of appropriations and estimates of requirements up to the end of the financial year; and
- informs the Administrative Board as soon as possible of all the transfers made.

In order to ensure an efficient use of resources, the Director has decided to adopt the budget transfers within Titles, as provided in Annex I.

This Decision shall take effect on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Ljubljana on 4 June 2012.


Alberto Pototschnig
Director

ANNEX I

BUDGET TRANSFER OVERVIEW AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Title 1		Budget line	Budget line description	Initial credit	Transfer IN	Transfer OUT	Credit after transfer
(1)	A01100	Basic salaries and corrections		2,367,485		(115,000)	2,252,485
(2)	A01110	Contract agents		104,592	75,000		179,592
(3)	A01111	Seconded National Experts		514,572		(50,000)	464,572
(4)	A01120	Training and information for staff		75,000	50,000		125,000
(5)	A01161	Travel expenses taking up duty		10,802	10,000		20,802
(6)	A01163	Temporary daily subsistence allowances		72,782	30,000		102,782
TOTAL				3,145,233	165,000	(165,000)	3,145,233

Title 2		Budget line	Budget line description	Initial credit	Transfer IN	Transfer OUT	Credit after transfer
(7)	A02000	Rent		-	20,000		20,000
(8)	A02041	Audio & Video equipment-maintenance		5,000		(4,000)	1,000
(9)	A02100	Consumables		15,000		(5,000)	10,000
(10)	A02102	Subscriptions IT		82,388	57,000		139,388
(11)	A02331	Board of Regulators meetings		278,758		(20,000)	258,758
(12)	A02410	Telecommunications subscriptions and charges		60,000		(23,000)	37,000
(13)	A02420	Hardware and other equipment		60,000		(25,000)	35,000
TOTAL				501,146	77,000	(77,000)	501,146

- (1) Savings are foreseen under the main salaries budget line as one vacant post has not yet been occupied and staff recruited last year have were not able to take up duty in the first month of 2012. An amount of 115,000€ is made available to cover for needs under other budgetary positions.
- (2) The additional contractual agents and the returning from maternity leave of another contract agent resulted in more funding need under this budget line.
- (3) The departure of one SNE resulted in 50,000€ savings under this budget line that can be freed to cover for the training needs of staff.
- (4) The conclusion of the first annual appraisal exercise identified the training needs of staff resulting in a better estimation of the budgetary needs to cover these costs. An amount of 50,000€ is needed to be transferred into this budget line.
- (5) For the newly recruited staff and the staff to be recruited as a result of resignations additional funding is required under this budget line to cover for the costs incurred in relation to taking up of duties.
- (6) The recruitment of the new staff members resulted in an under-estimation of the allowance for the daily subsistence. An amount of 30,000€ needs to be transferred under this budget line.
- (7) ACER is in the process of recruiting additional resources in order to fulfil its mission under the REMIT regulation and finds itself under an office space

constraint during this year. The need of extra offices will be covered through a rental agreement for additional office space and an amount of 20,000€ would be needed to cover this obligation.

- (8) The needs for the maintenance of the video and audio equipment proved to be much less than expected, therefore an amount of 4,000€ could be freed to cover the needs of additional IT subscriptions.
- (9) With a less than expected consumption of IT miscellaneous an amount of 5,000€ can be freed from this budget line to cover for the need of additional IT subscriptions.
- (10) An underestimation of IT subscriptions and licences resulted in additional funds needed to cover the costs of these subscriptions. An amount of 57,000€ is required under this budget line.
- (11) The cancelation of one of the Board of Regulators meeting at the beginning of this year resulted in some budgetary savings under this budget line. An amount of 20,000€ can be freed to cover the costs of additional office space.
- (12) An analysis of the telecommunication charges for the first part of the year revealed a lower than estimated consumption of these services. An amount of 23,000€ can be freed to cover for the IT subscriptions needed by the Agency.
- (13) Favourable prices offered to ACER as a result of a tender procedure for hardware equipment resulted in a lower than estimated budget. An amount of 25,000€ can be freed to cover for the IT subscription needs of the Agency.