

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL AND SMES EXECUTIVE AGENCY (EISMEA)

# FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (EASME)

**Financial Year 2020** 

**Financial Statements Reports on the budget implementation** 

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# **CERTIFICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS**

I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) in accordance with Title XIII of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union and in accordance with Title VI of the Standard Financial Regulation for the Executive Agencies.

I hereby certify that the annual accounts of EASME for the year 2020 have been prepared in accordance with Title VI of the Standard Financial Regulation for the Executive Agencies and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer, as are to be applied by all the institutions and union bodies.

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

Brussels, 25/06/2021

/e-signed/

Olga Ciesielska

Accounting Officer of EISMEA

# **INTRODUCTION**

#### LEGAL BASIS

The accounts of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), hereafter: the Agency, are kept in accordance with:

- Commission Regulation 1653/2004, of 21 September 2004, on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation 58/2003<sup>1</sup> laying down the Statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes amended by Commission Regulation 1821/2005 and by Commission Regulation 651/2008 of 9 July 2008;
- The accounting rules, methods and guidelines as adopted and provided by the Accountant of the Commission according to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2019/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2019, on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 The Commission Regulation (EC) No 2909/2000 of 29 December 2000 on the accounting management of the European Communities' non-financial fixed assets.
- The 20 accounting rules on accrual accounting adopted by the Accounting Officer of the Commission in December 2004 and last updated in DEcember 2020.
- The European Commission's 2020 closure consolidation instructions.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Executive Agencies are established by the Commission in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No  $58/2003^1$  with the purpose of delegating certain tasks relating to the management of Union programmes, including budget implementation. This enables the Commission to focus on its core activities and to dispose of sufficient technical expertise for the management of such programmes with the goal to achieve a more efficient implementation.

The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)<sup>2</sup> is entrusted with the management of parts of the following Union programmes:

- the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2021) 2014-2020;
- the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) 2014-2020;
- the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) 2014-2020;
- the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF);
- the legacy of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) 2007-2013 limited to the following parts<sup>3</sup>: "Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE II)" and the "Eco-innovation initiative".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes (OJ L 11 of 16.01.2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Following the establishment of the Intelligent Energy Executive Agency (IEEA) by Commission Decision 2004/20/EC of 23 December 2003 (OJ L 5 of 9.01.2004), the Commission decided to transform the IEEA into the EACI (Commission Decision 2007/372/EC of 31 May 2007 amending Decision 2004/20/EC (OJ L 140 of 1.06.2007). End 2013, the EACI was replaced and succeeded by the EASME (Commission Implementing Decision C(2013/771/EU) of 17 December 2013 establishing the 'Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises' and repealing Decisions 2004/20/EC and 2007/372/EC). The related Act of Delegation (Commission Decision C(2013)9414 delegating powers to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of energy, environment, climate action, competitiveness and SMEs, research and innovation and ICT, comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union) - hereinafter referred as Act of Delegation - was adopted on 23 December 2013.

EASME's mission is to ensure that actions funded by these programmes deliver results and provide the Commission with valuable input for its policy tasks as well as provide high quality support to its beneficiaries, turning EU policy into action.

The Agency has its own legal identity and its tasks are specified in the Act of Delegation . This means that EASME implements the delegated programmes autonomously with the Director acting as Authorising Officer by Delegation (AOD). EASME implements the EU programme budgets under direct management (Article 62(1)a and 69(2) of the Financial Regulation). To this end, the Agency mainly awards grants through open calls for proposals while a small, but increasing, share of the programmes' budgets is also implemented through procurement contracts.

The Agency has its own administrative budget for which it receives from the EU an annual subsidy (in 2020: EUR 49 240 804). The administrative budget covers the running costs of the Agency, mainly staff expenditure, office related costs, experts and other services. The EASME's Director is the Authorising Officer (AO) for this budget.

EASME operates under full control of the Commission: it reports to the Directors-General of the parent Directorates-General (DGs) and to the Steering Committee, on the performance of the tasks assigned to the Agency. The Agency implements delegated tasks in close cooperation with its seven parent DGs: (1) DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, (2) DG for Research Science and Innovation, (3) DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, (4) DG for Climate Action, (5) DG for Energy, (6) DG for Environment and (7) DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

2020 is the final year of EASME's mandate. In 2021 Executive Agencies will begin new mandates with new portfolios. The main successor agency of EASME will be the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA). It will bring together the European Innovation Council (EIC), the Interregional Innovation Investment initiative and parts of the Single Market Programme related to small and medium-sized enterprises, consumers, internal market and standardisation. Other programmes currently managed by EASME will move to the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) and the Research Executive Agency (REA).

EASME's preparation for this transition intensified in 2020, stepping up cooperation with the numerous agencies and DGs involved as well as keeping its staff well informed of the changes and the new delegated programmes.

On 1 April 2020, Luisa Prista was appointed Acting Director of the Agency.

#### **External Audit**

The European Court of Auditors is required to prepare a specific annual report on the Agency in line with the requirements of Article 248 of the EC Treaty<sup>4</sup>.

#### Discharge

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As from 2014 the new calls for "Enterprise Europe Network", "Your Europe Business Portal", the "European IPR Helpdesk" and the "IPorta Project" are included under the umbrella of the COSME programme.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Art. 65 of the Commission Regulation (EC) n° 1653/2004 of the 21 December 2004 on a standard regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) n° 58/2003 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **BALANCE SHEET**

|  |      |             | EUR        |
|--|------|-------------|------------|
|  | Note | 31.12.2020  | 31.12.2019 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                           |      | 1 273 604   | 1 484 708  |
| Intangible assets                            | 2.1  | 76          | 536        |
| Tangible fixed assets                        | 2.2  | 1 273 528   | 1 484 172  |
| Plant and equipment                          |      | -           | -          |
| Computer hardware                            |      | 40 443      | 36 628     |
| Fixtures and fittings                        |      | 1 194 482   | 1 383 785  |
| Assets under financial lease                 |      | 38 603      | 63 759     |
| CURRENT ASSETS                               |      | 6 695 690   | 5 187 789  |
| Receivables and recoverables                 | 2.3  | 1 375 076   | 83 212     |
| Current receivables                          |      | -           | 2 231      |
| Sundry receivables                           |      | 50 788      | 65 256     |
| Prepaid expenses                             |      | 1 324 288   | 15 725     |
| Pre-financing                                | 2.4  | -           | -          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 2.5  | 5 320 614   | 5 104 577  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                 |      | 7 969 294   | 6 672 497  |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES                      |      | 33 455      | 49 535     |
| Finance lease liabilities                    | 2.10 | 33 455      | 49 535     |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                          |      | 6 842 041   | 3 526 060  |
| Provisions for risks and liabilities         | 2.6  | 56 425      | 26 125     |
| Finance lease liabilities                    | 2.10 | 16 513      | 16 403     |
| Payables                                     |      | 6 769 103   | 3 483 532  |
| Current payables                             | 2.7  | 1 323 236   | 30 130     |
| Accrued charges and deferred income          | 2.8  | 3 123 659   | 2 774 112  |
| Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities | 2.9  | 2 322 208   | 679 290    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                            |      | 6 875 496   | 3 575 595  |
| NET ASSETS                                   |      | 1 093 798   | 3 096 902  |
| Accumulated surplus/(deficit)                |      | 3 096 902   | 2 394 881  |
| Economic result of the year                  |      | (2 003 104) | 702 021    |

|  |       |              | EUR          |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Note  | 2020         | 2019         |
| OPERATING REVENUE                                      |       | 46 946 507   | 47 945 214   |
| Non-exchange revenue                                   | 3.1.1 | 46 936 040   | 47 942 386   |
| European Union Contribution                            |       | 46 936 040   | 47 942 386   |
| Other non-exchange revenue                             |       | -            | -            |
| Exchange revenue                                       | 3.1.2 | 10 467       | 2 828        |
| Income from non-consolidated entities                  |       | 9 938        | 2 231        |
| Income from consolidated entities                      |       | -            | -            |
| Gains from exchange rate differences                   |       | 529          | 597          |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                                     |       | (48 948 361) | (47 242 070) |
| Staff expenditure                                      | 3.2.1 | (36 550 266) | (33 689 861) |
| Administrative expenses with non-consolidated entities | 3.2.2 | ( 4 523 213) | (5 856 547)  |
| Expenses with consolidated entities                    | 3.2.3 | (7 495 432)  | (7 284 456)  |
| Experts and related expenses                           | 3.2.4 | (70 029)     | (96 200)     |
| Fixed assets related expenses                          | 3.2.5 | (306 445)    | (312 251)    |
| Exchange differences                                   |       | (2 976)      | (2 755)      |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM OPERATING<br>ACTIVITIES         |       | (2 001 854)  | 703 144      |
| Financial revenue                                      |       | -            | -            |
| Financial expenses                                     | 3.3   | (1 250)      | (1 123)      |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY<br>ACTIVITIES          |       | (2 003 104)  | 702 021      |
| Extraordinary gains                                    |       | -            | -            |
| Extraordinary losses                                   |       | -            | -            |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM EXTRAORDINARY<br>ITEMS          |       | -            | -            |
| ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR                            |       | (2 003 104)  | 702 021      |

# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

|   |      |             | EUR       |
|---|------|-------------|-----------|
|   | Note | 2020        | 2019      |
| Economic result of the year                                       |      | (2 003 104) | 702 021   |
| Operating activities  | 4.1  | 2 314 483   | (38 453)  |
| Amortisation  |      | 460         | 458       |
| Depreciation  |      | 305 967     | 311 793   |
| (Increase)/Decrease in receivables and recoverables               |      | (1 306 332) | 61 729    |
| (Increase)/Decrease in receivables from consolidated EU entities  |      | 14 469      | (17 874)  |
| (Increase)/Decrease in pre-financing                              |      | -           | -         |
| Increase/(Decrease) in provisions                                 |      | 30 300      | 13 750    |
| Increase/(Decrease) in payables                                   |      | 1 626 683   | 53 918    |
| Increase/(Decrease) in liabilities to consolidated<br>EU entities |      | 1 642 918   | (462 227) |
| (Gains)/losses on sale of property, plant and equipment           |      | 18          | -         |
| Net cash-flow from operating activities                           |      | 311 379     | 663 568   |
| Investing activities  | 4.2  | (95 341)    | (119 389) |
| Purchase of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment   |      | (95 341)    | (119 389) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents              |      | 216 038     | 544 179   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year            |      | 5 104 577   | 4 560 398 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at year-end                             |      | 5 320 615   | 5 104 577 |

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|  |      |                                |                                   | EUR                   |
|--|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Note | Accumulated<br>Surplus/Deficit | Economic<br>result of the<br>year | Net Assets<br>(Total) |
| Balance as at 31 December 2019                     |      | 3 096 902                      | -                                 | 3 096 902             |
| Changes in accounting policies                     |      | -                              | -                                 | -                     |
| Balance as at 1 January 2020                       |      | 3 096 902                      | -                                 | 3 096 902             |
| Allocation of the economic result of previous year |      | -                              | -                                 | -                     |
| Economic result of the year                        |      | -                              | (2 003 104)                       | (2 003 104)           |
| Balance as at 31 December 2020                     |      | 3 096 902                      | (2 003 104)                       | 1 093 798             |

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### 1.1. Legal basis and Accounting rules

These accounts are kept in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004<sup>5</sup> on a standard financial regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) N° 58/2003. Art 2 of the standard financial regulation defines in which cases the executive agencies shall also apply the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Regulation (EU, Euratom) N° 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>6</sup> together with its rules of application (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU), Euratom) N° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012).

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

The accounting system of the Agency comprises general accounts and budget accounts. These accounts are kept in Euro on the basis of the calendar year. The budget accounts give a detailed picture of the implementation of the budget. They are based on the modified cash accounting principle.<sup>7</sup> The general accounts allow for the preparation of the financial statements as they show all charges and income for the financial year and are designed to establish the financial position in the form of a balance sheet at 31 December.

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

#### **1.2.** Accounting principles

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

Article 53 of the standard financial regulation for executive agencies (Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1653/2004 amended by Commission Regulation (EC) N° 651/2008) sets out the accounting principles to be applied in drawing up the financial statements:

#### **Going-concern principle**

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 651/2008 of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This differs from cash-based accounting because of elements such as carryovers.

#### Principle of prudence

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

#### Principle of consistent accounting methods

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

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

(a) in the event of a significant change in the nature of the entity's operations;

(b) where the change made is for the sake of a more appropriate presentation of the accounting operations.

#### Principle of comparability of information

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

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

#### **Principle of materiality**

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

Transactions may be aggregated where:

(a) the transactions are identical in nature, even if the amounts are large;

(b) the amounts are negligible;

(c) aggregation makes for clarity in the financial statements.

#### **Principle of no-netting**

The no-netting principle means that receivables and debts may not be offset against each other, nor may charges and income, except when offsetting reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

#### Principle of reality over appearance

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

#### Accrual-based accounting principle

In order to meet their objectives, financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, the effects of transactions and other events are recognised when they occur (and not as cash or its equivalent is received or paid) and they are recorded in the accounting records and reported in the financial statements of the periods to which they relate.

#### Exception to the accounting principles

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

#### 1.3. Basis of preparation

#### Functional and reporting currency

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

#### **Transactions and balances**

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

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

#### **Chart of Accounts**

The chart of accounts used by the Agency follows the structure of the chart of accounts of the European Commission (PCUE).

#### Use of estimates

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts presented and disclosed in the Financial Statements of the Agency. Significant estimates and assumptions in these financial statements require judgment and are used for, but not limited to, accrued income and charges, provisions, contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results reported in future periods may be different from these estimates. Changes in estimates are reflected in the period in which they become known.

#### 1.4. Balance Sheet

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

#### **1.4.1. Intangible fixed assets**

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

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

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

Internally developed intangible assets are capitalised when the relevant criteria of the EU Accounting rules are met. The costs capitalisable include all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce, and prepare the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Costs associated with research activities, non-capitalisable development costs and maintenance costs are recognised as expenses as incurred.

#### **1.4.2.** Tangible fixed assets

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

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

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

The depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method with the following rates:

| Type of asset                  | Straight line depreciation rate |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 12.5 - 25%                      |
| Fixtures and fittings          | 5 - 25%                         |
| Computer hardware              | 25%                             |

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

#### 1.4.3. Leases

Leases of tangible assets, where the Agency 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. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in other 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 recognised as an expense in the statement of financial performance on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 1.4.4. Financial assets

The Agency has as financial assets its receivables and current bank accounts. Receivables arise when the Agency provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for maturities more than 12 months of the balance sheet date. See notes 1.4.5 and 1.4.6 below for more information.

#### 1.4.5. Receivables

Receivables are carried at original amount less write-down for impairment. A write-down for impairment of receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Agency will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. 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.

See note 1.4.10 below concerning the treatment of accrued income at year-end.

#### 1.4.6. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are financial instruments and classified as available for sale financial assets. They include cash at hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### **1.4.7.** Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Agency has a present legal or constructive obligation towards third parties as a result of past events, it is more likely that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated. The amount of the provision is the best estimate of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

#### 1.4.8. Financial liabilities

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

#### 1.4.9. Payables

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

#### 1.4.10. Accrued and deferred income and charges

According to the EU Accounting rules, transactions and events are recognised in the financial statements 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 Commission and by the Agency which aim at ensuring that the financial statements reflect a true and fair view.

Revenue is also accounted for in the period to which it relates. At year-end, if an invoice is not yet issued but the service has been rendered, the supplies have been delivered by the Agency or a contractual agreement exists (i.e. by reference to a treaty), an accrued income 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 or charges will be deferred and recognised in the subsequent accounting period.

#### **1.5.** Statement of financial performance

#### 1.5.1. Revenue

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

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

Interest income consists of received bank interest.

#### 1.5.2. Expenses

According to the principle of accrual-based accounting, the financial statements take account of expenses relating to the reporting period, without taking into consideration the payment date; meaning when the goods or services are used or consumed.

Exchange expenses arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised when the supplies are delivered and accepted by the Agency. They are valued at original invoice cost.

Non-exchange expenses 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 (Financial Regulation, Staff Regulations, or other regulation) or a contract 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 expenses.

#### 1.6. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

#### 1.6.1. Contingent assets

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

#### **1.6.2.** Contingent liabilities

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

#### 1.7. Consolidation

According to Article 57 of Commission Regulation 1653/2004, the Agency's accounts are consolidated with the Commission's annual accounts.

#### 2. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

#### **NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

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

#### 2.1. Intangible fixed assets

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

The intangible fixed assets at the Agency consist of computer software.

|  | EUR               |
|--|-------------------|
|  | Computer Software |
| A. Acquisition value                                       |                   |
| Gross book value at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019         | 46 039            |
| Variations of the year:                                    |                   |
| Additions  | -                 |
| Disposals  | -                 |
| Total gross book value at 31st December 2020               | 46 039            |
|  |                   |
| B. Depreciation and value reduction                        |                   |
| Accumulated depreciation at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 | 45 503            |
| Variations of the year:                                    |                   |
| Depreciation   | 460               |
| Disposals  | -                 |
| Total accumulated depreciation at 31st December 2020       | 45 963            |
| NET BOOK VALUE (A-B)                                       | 76                |

#### 2.2. Tangible fixed assets

As a general rule, the Agency books as the fixed tangible assets only items with the purchase price above EUR 700. Items with lower value, such as digital cameras, monitors, furniture etc., are treated as expenses of the year but are however registered in the physical inventory.

The Agency's tangible fixed assets consist of technical equipment, furniture, kitchen equipment, computer hardware, telecommunication and audio-visual equipment.

In addition, the Agency entered lease agreements for copiers, which are included in the table below (for the details see note 2.10.).

|  | Plant &<br>equip. | Computer<br>hardware* | Assets<br>under<br>financial<br>leases* | Fixtures &<br>fittings | EUR<br>Total |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|
| A. Acquisition value                                       |                   |                       | Teuses                                  |                        |              |
| Gross book value at 31 <sup>st</sup> December<br>2019      | 2 421             | 232 390               | 82 451                                  | 3 284 516              | 3 601 778    |
| Variations of the year:                                    |                   |                       |   |                        |              |
| Additions  | -                 | 34 693                | -                                       | 60 648                 | 95 341       |
| Disposals  | -                 | (22 395)              | -                                       | (3 888)                | (26 283)     |
| Transfers  | -                 | -                     | -                                       |                        |              |
| Total gross book value at 31<br>December 2020              | 2 421             | 244 688               | 82 451                                  | 3 341 276              | 3 670 836    |
| B. Depreciation and value reduction                        |                   |                       |   |                        |              |
| Accumulated depreciation at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 | 2 421             | 195 762               | 18 692                                  | 1 900 731              | 2 117 606    |
| Variations of the year:                                    |                   |                       |   |                        |              |
| Depreciation   | -                 | 30 860                | 25 156                                  | 249 951                | 305 967      |
| Disposals  | -                 | (22 377)              | -                                       | (3 888)                | (26 265)     |
| Transfers  | -                 | -                     | -                                       | -                      | -            |
| Total accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2020         | 2 421             | 204 245               | 43 848                                  | 2 146 794              | 2 397 308    |
| NET BOOK VALUE (A-B)                                       | -                 | 40 443                | 38 603                                  | <b>1 194 482</b>       | 1 273 528    |

\* In January 2021 the Agency signed MoU with DIGIT for services of Digital Workplace Solutions (DWP) and as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 most of the Computer Hardware was transferred to DIGIT and all the assets under financial lease will be transferred as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

#### **CURRENT ASSETS**

#### 2.3. Receivables and recoverables

|                                   |           | EUR    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
|                                   | 2020      | 2019   |
| Current receivables               | -         | 2 231  |
| Less amounts written down         | -         | -      |
| Sub-total current receivables     | -         | 2 231  |
| Sundry receivables                | 50 788    | 65 256 |
| Prepaid expenses/deferred charges | 1 324 288 | 15 725 |
| Total                             | 1 375 076 | 83 212 |

The income from non-consolidated entities represents recovery of expenses for services delivered by the suppliers in previous years and received in 2020.

Sundry receivables relate to the monthly salary regularizations concerning staff members and other balances linked to payroll paid to staff on behalf of the Commission and other institutions and not yet claimed by the Agency.

The prepaid expenses and deferred charges consist of the anticipated charges for 2021 (rent, transport costs and supplies not yet received) for which the invoices were received before 31 December 2020.

#### 2.4. Pre-financing

The zero balance of pre-financing (which relates to the communication contract) is shown net after accrued charges which reduced the full pre-financing payment of EUR.

#### 2.5. Cash and cash equivalents

|                          |           | EUR       |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                          | 2020      | 2019      |
| Bank accounts            | 5 320 614 | 5 104 577 |
| Cash and imprest account | -         | -         |
| Total                    | 5 320 614 | 5 104 577 |

This amount corresponds to the cash balance held by the Agency on 31 December 2020 on its bank account in EUR at ING bank. The Agency does not hold any petty cash.

#### LIABILITIES

#### 2.6. Provisions for risks and liabilities

The provision of EUR 56 425 covers the legal services fees for the representation of the Agency in the national courts. The ongoing legal case relate to the grant (covered by the operational budget of the Agency).

#### 2.7. Current payables

The accounts payable as at 31 December 2020 comprise outstanding unpaid invoices and claims from suppliers and other public bodies.

|   |           | EUR    |
|---|-----------|--------|
|   | 2020      | 2019   |
| Amounts payable – suppliers and public bodies | 1 323 236 | 19 634 |
| Amounts payable - staff                       | -         | 10 496 |
| Total   | 1 323 236 | 30 130 |

#### 2.8. Accrued charges and deferred income

|   |           | EUR       |
|---|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2020      | 2019      |
| Staff related expenses (incl. holiday compensation) | 1 270 526 | 893 949   |
| Rent and rental expenses                            | 945 200   | 720 015   |
| External audits                                     | 285 249   | 346 482   |
| IT Software and maintenance                         | 257 571   | 282 739   |
| Communication and publications                      | 199 461   | 219 882   |
| Trainings   | 26 357    | 74 329    |
| Support and services                                | 104 634   | 86 484    |
| Missions  | -         | 60 300    |
| Other   | 34 661    | 89 932    |
| Total   | 3 123 659 | 2 774 112 |

Accrued charges are expenses that have been incurred but not yet paid.

According to the EU Staff Regulation, Annex V: Leave, Article 4, if the person at the time of leaving the service has not used up their annual leave, they shall be paid compensation equal to one thirtieth of their monthly remuneration for each leave's day due to them. The calculated amount of the holiday compensation (included in staff related expenses in the above table) is recognised as accrued expense and amounts EUR 910 000 (2019: EUR 701 000).

#### 2.9. Accounts payable to consolidated EU entities

|  |           | EUR     |
|--|-----------|---------|
|  | 2020      | 2019    |
| Repayable positive budgetary outturn       | 2 304 764 | 655 279 |
| Other payables to consolidated EU entities | 17 444    | 24 011  |
| Total                                      | 2 322 208 | 679 290 |

Repayable positive budgetary outturn - this amount will be reimbursed to the Commission in 2021 (for detailed calculations of the budgetary outturn please refer to the reports on the budget implementation).

Other payables to consolidated EU entities consist open invoices payable on the 31 December 2020 to the European Commission.

#### 2.10. Finance lease liabilities

There were no new contracts concluded by the Agency in 2020. After repayments done during 2020, the liability for the financial leases at the reporting date amounts to EUR 49 968. The lease is treated according to EC Accounting Rule Nr. 8 Leases. The copy machines were registered in the inventory as fixed IT assets and have been depreciated.

|                                       |        | EUR    |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                       | 2020   | 2019   |
| Non-current finance lease liabilities | 33 455 | 49 535 |
| Current finance lease liabilities     | 16 513 | 16 403 |
| Total                                 | 49 968 | 65 938 |

|  |          |                           | EUR    |  |  |
|--|----------|---------------------------|--------|--|--|
|  | F        | Future amounts to be paid |        |  |  |
|  | < 1 year | 1 – 5 years               | Total  |  |  |
| Tangible fixed assets                            | 16 513   | 33 455                    | 49 968 |  |  |
| Total at 31 December 2020                        | 16 513   | 33 455                    | 49 968 |  |  |
| Interest element                                 | 911      | 805                       | 1 716  |  |  |
| Total minimum lease payments at 31 December 2020 | 17 424   | 34 260                    | 51 684 |  |  |
| Total minimum lease payments at 31 December 2019 | 17 424   | 50 871                    | 68 295 |  |  |

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As of 1 April 2021 all the leased assets will be transferred to DIGIT under the MoU for services of Digital Workplace Solutions (DWP).

#### **NET ASSETS**

The net assets amount to EUR 1 093 798 and comprise the total of the economic result of previous years for the amount of EUR 3 096 902 and the economic result of the current year – a loss for the amount of EUR 2 003 104.

The economic result of the year is different from the budgetary result due to the differences between the general accounts and the budgetary ones. Additional information concerning the reconciliation between both accounts is provided in the reports on the budget implementation.

#### 3. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### 3.1. Operating revenue

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

#### 3.1.1. Non-exchange revenue

| 5  |             | EUR        |
|--|-------------|------------|
|  | 2020        | 2019       |
| Gross European Union contribution            | 49 240 804  | 48 597 665 |
| Subsidy to be reimbursed – budgetary outturn | (2 304 764) | (655 279)  |
| Sub-total of European Union contribution     | 46 936 040  | 47 942 386 |
| Other non-exchange revenue                   | -           | -          |
| Total  | 46 936 040  | 47 942 386 |

The amount under European Union contribution represents the gross subsidy received for 2020 to cover the administrative autonomy of the Agency in 2020 less the budget result for the year (for detailed calculations of the budgetary outturn please refer to the reports on the budget implementation).

Below the split of the received subsidy per parent DG:

|                     |            | EUR        |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2020       | 2019       |
| DG RTD <sup>8</sup> | 30 679 526 | 30 391 893 |
| DG GROW*            | 9 916 195  | 9 908 597  |
| DG ENV <sup>9</sup> | 5 543 517  | 5 073 734  |
| DG MARE             | 3 101 566  | 3 223 441  |
| Total               | 49 240 804 | 48 597 665 |
|                     |            |            |

\*DG GROW paid this subsidy to the Agency on behalf of the remaining parent DGs

#### 3.1.2. Exchange revenue

|                                       |        | EUR   |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
|                                       | 2020   | 2019  |
| Income from non-consolidated entities | 9 938  | 2 231 |
| Income from consolidated entities     | -      | -     |
| Exchange rate gains                   | 529    | 597   |
| Total                                 | 10 467 | 2 828 |

The income from non-consolidated entities represents the recovery of expenses for services delivered by the suppliers in 2019.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 8}$  This amount includes contributions for H2020 from DG ENER and DG CONNECT.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This amount includes contributions for LIFE from DG CLIMA.

The gains from exchange rate differences arose from payments to staff salaries in currencies other than EUR.

### 3.2. Operating expenses

## 3.2.1. Staff expenditure

Staff expenses amounting to EUR 36 550 266 contain personnel related expenses such as salaries, allowances, social security contributions and other welfare expenses.

All salary calculations giving the total staff expenses included in the Statement of financial performance of the Agency are externalized to the Office for administration and payment of individual entitlements (also known as the Paymaster's Office - PMO) which is a central office of the European Commission.

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

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

### 3.2.2. Administrative expenses with non-consolidated entities

Administrative expenses amounted to EUR 4 523 213 with non-consolidated entities contain rental of buildings and associated costs, maintenance and service fees, office running costs as well as the cost of interim staff.

#### 3.2.3. Expenses with consolidated entities

Expenses with consolidated entities amounting to EUR 7 495 432, this heading regroups different types of expenses with consolidated entities mainly for service level agreements (SLAs) with DGs such as DG BUDG, DIGIT, PMO, OIB and HR.

#### 3.2.4. Expert and related expenses

Experts and related expenses amounting to EUR 70 029 consist of the cost relating to the experts for their assistance in project evaluation exercises and other associated costs.

#### 3.2.5. Fixed assets related expenses

Fixed assets related expenses amounting to EUR 306 445 contain the charged amortisation/ depreciation for the non-current intangible assets, property, plant and equipment and loss on disposal of assets (EUR 18).

#### **3.3.** Financial expenses

The amount of EUR 1 250 represents the cost of finance leases.

# 4. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

#### 4.1. Operating activities

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

#### 4.2. Investing activities

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

#### 5. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT DISCLOSURES

#### 5.1. Contingent Assets

There are no contingent assets to disclose for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### 5.2. Contingent Liabilities

As described in note 2.6, the Agency is party of legal proceedings in front of national courts. Depending on the courts' ruling the Agency may be obliged to cover administrative legal costs of those proceedings and additional claims. The Agency estimates that the maximum value of those potential costs is seventy thousand euros.

#### 5.3. Other significant disclosures

#### 5.3.1. Outstanding commitments not yet expensed (carryovers)

|   |             | EUR         |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2020        | 2019        |
| Automatic carryovers C1                                     | 3 058 675   | 4 477 760   |
| Accrued expenses (excluding holiday compensation); deferred |             |             |
| expenses and open invoices                                  | (2 286 475) | (2 134 596) |
| Outstanding commitments not yet expensed                    | 772 200     | 2 343 164   |

The amount disclosed above is the budgetary RAL ("Reste à Liquider") less accruals and plus suppliers invoices received and not yet paid at 31 December 2020 that have been included as expenses in the 2020 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.

#### 5.3.2. Significant legal commitments

|   |           | EUR       |
|---|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2020      | 2019      |
| Operating lease - rental of the office premises | 5 429 483 | 6 543 223 |
| Other contractual commitments                   | -         | -         |
| Future commitments on existing contracts        | 5 429 483 | 6 543 223 |

The future commitment on existing contracts results from the usufruct contract for the building signed by the Agency in 2010. According to this contract, the Agency should pay in total amount of 16 149 KEUR over the 15 years of the usufruct contract (2011-2025).

#### 6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments comprise cash, current receivables and recoverables, current payables, amounts due to and from consolidated entities. Financial instruments give rise to liquidity, credit, interest rate and foreign currency risks, information about which and how they are managed is set out below.

The carrying amounts of financial instruments are as follows:

|                                   |             | EUR       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                   | 2020        | 2019      |
| Financial assets                  |             |           |
| Current receivables               | -           | 2 231     |
| Other receivables                 | 50 788      | 65 256    |
| Cash and deposits                 | 5 320 614   | 5 104 577 |
| Total financial assets            | 5 371 402   | 5 172 064 |
| Financial liabilities             |             |           |
| Long-term payables                | (33 455)    | (49 535)  |
| Current payables                  | (1 323 236) | (30 130)  |
| Other payables                    | (16 513)    | (16 403)  |
| Payables to consolidated entities | (2 322 208) | (679 290) |
| Total financial liabilities       | (3 695 412) | (775 358) |
| Total net financial instruments   | 1 675 990   | 4 396 706 |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that arises from the difficulty of 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.

Liquidity risk arises from the ongoing financial obligations, including settlement of payables.

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

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

The table below provides detail on the contractual maturity of all financial instruments and other assets and liabilities. Liquidity risk on these items is not managed on the basis of contractual maturity because they are not held for settlement according to such maturity and will be settled before contractual maturity at fair value.

|   |             |               |                  |                |                | EUR         |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| As at 31<br>December 2020                 | On demand   | < 3<br>months | 3 - 12<br>months | 1 – 2<br>years | 2 – 5<br>years | Total       |
| Assets                                    |             |               |                  |                |                |             |
| Current receivables                       | -           | -             | -                | -              | -              | -           |
| Other receivables                         | -           | 50 788        | -                | -              | -              | 50 788      |
| Cash and deposits                         | 5 320 614   | -             | -                | -              | -              | 5 320 614   |
| Total financial assets                    | 5 320 614   | 50 788        | -                | -              | -              | 5 371 402   |
| Liabilities                               |             |               |                  |                |                |             |
| Long-term payables                        | -           | -             | -                | (16 860)       | (16 595)       | (33 455)    |
| Current payables                          | (1 323 236) | -             | -                | -              | -              | (1 323 236) |
| Other payables                            | -           | (4 096)       | (12 417)         | -              | -              | (16 513)    |
| Payables to<br>consolidated<br>entities   | -           | (17 444)      | (2 304 764)      | -              | -              | (2 322 208) |
| Total financial<br>liabilities            | (1 323 236) | (21 540)      | (2 317 181)      | (16 860)       | (16 595)       | (3 695 412) |
| Cumulative<br>liquidity surplus/<br>(gap) | 3 997 378   | 29 248        | (2 317 181)      | (16 860)       | (16 595)       | 1 675 990   |

Bank accounts opened in the name of the Agency may not be overdrawn.

Treasury and payment operations are highly automated and rely on modern information systems. Specific procedures are applied to guarantee system security and to ensure segregation of duties in line with the Financial Regulation, the internal control standards, and audit principles.

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

#### Credit 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. Mitigation measures on receivables – monitoring, reminders, etc.

Treasury resources are kept with commercial banks. The subsidy from the European Commission was requested two times during the year based on cash forecasts.

Specific guidelines are applied for the selection of commercial banks in order to further minimise counterparty risk to which the Agency is exposed:

- All commercial banks are selected by call for tenders. The minimum short term credit rating required for admission to the tendering procedures is Moody's P-1 or equivalent (S&P A-1 or Fitch F1). A lower level may be accepted in specific and duly justified circumstances.

– The credit ratings of the commercial banks where the Agency has accounts are reviewed on regular basis.

None of the Agency's financial assets are past due nor impaired. The maximum exposure to credit risk is:

|                               |             |              |           |              |          | EUR       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| 31 December                   |             |              | 2020      |              |          | 2019      |
|                               | Receivables |              |           | Receivables  |          |           |
|                               | non-        | Receivables  |           | non-         |          |           |
|                               |             | consolidated |           | consolidated |          | Bank      |
|                               | entities    | entities     | accounts  | entities     | entities | accounts  |
| Counterparties                |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| with external                 |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| credit rating:                |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| Prime and high grade          | -           | -            | -         | -            | -        | -         |
| Upper medium grade            | -           | -            | 5 320 614 | -            | -        | 5 104 577 |
| Lower medium grade            | -           | -            | -         | -            | -        | -         |
| Non-investment grade          | -           | -            | -         | -            | -        | -         |
| <b>Counterparties without</b> |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| external credit rating:       |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| Debtors who never defaulted   | -           | 50 788       | -         | 2 231        | 65 256   | -         |
| Debtors who defaulted in the  | -           | -            | -         | -            | -        | -         |
| past                          |             |              |           |              |          |           |
| Total                         | -           | 50 788       | 5 320 614 | 2 2 3 1      | 65 256   | 5 104 577 |

The Agency has a current account in ING Belgium. Its credit rating was as follows:

|            | Moody's | Standard&<br>Poor's | Fitch |
|------------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| Short term | P-1     | A-1                 | F`1   |
| Long term  | Aa3     | A+                  | AA-   |

#### Interest rate risk

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.

Interest rate risk at the Agency arises from cash. It is recognised that interest rates fluctuate and the Agency accepts the risk and does not consider it to be material.

The Agency's treasury does not borrow any money; as a consequence it is not exposed to interest rate risk. It does, however, earn interest on balances it holds on its banks accounts. The Agency has therefore put in place measures to ensure that interest earned on its bank accounts regularly reflects market interest rates, as well as their possible fluctuation.

#### Foreign currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the EU's 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.

Most financial assets and liabilities are in EUR, so in these cases the Agency has no foreign currency risk.

When miscellaneous receipts are received in currencies other than EUR, they are either transferred to the Agency's accounts held in the same currencies, if they are needed to cover for the execution of payments, or converted into EUR and transferred to accounts held in EUR.

#### Fair value

The estimated fair values of all financial instruments of the Agency are equal to their book values as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019. All financial assets and liabilities are receivable or repayable on demand or within one year.

# 7. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies for the financial year 2020.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

The related parties of the Agency are the key management personnel. Transactions between the Agency and the key management personnel take place as part of the normal operations and as this is the case, no specific disclosure requirements are necessary for these transactions in accordance with the EU Accounting rules.

| Highest grade description                    | Grade | Number of<br>persons of this<br>grade |
|--|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Director, Heads of Department, Heads of Unit | AD14  | 4                                     |
| Heads of Department, Heads of Unit           | AD13  | 3                                     |

The remuneration equivalent to the grades of the key management personnel in the table can be found in Official Journal L 345/10 of 23 December 2008.

#### 9. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE AND DISCLOSURES

#### 9.1. Brexit

On 1 February 2020 the United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union. Following the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (the 'Withdrawal Agreement') between the two parties, the United Kingdom committed to pay all its obligations under the current MFF and previous financial perspectives following from its membership of the Union. The United Kingdom has paid into the 2020 EU Budget during the year, and received payments, as if it were a Member State.

At the date of transmission of these accounts, and based on the Withdrawal Agreement concluded and already in operation, there is no financial impact to be reported in these accounts. For further information on the impact of the Withdrawal Agreement on the EU, please see the 2020 consolidated EU annual accounts.

#### 9.2. COVID-19

The coronavirus outbreak has had huge impacts on the EU economy in 2020. Despite the challenges faced at the beginning of the pandemic, EASME managed to quickly adapt its processes, way of working and deliver. Based on the information available at the date of the signature of these annual accounts, the main financial effects of the coronavirus outbreak on the Agency's activities have been described in the reports on the implementation of the budget and in the notes to the financial statements.

Indeed, the Agency had to reduce its 2020 budget. Additional transfers were also introduced. The detailed credit operations are detailed under point 5.1 of the reports on the implementation of the budget of the EASME.

With respect to the statement of financial performance, compared to 2019 annual accounts, some expenses decreased due to the pandemic, even though the impact of the latter cannot be assessed precisely. The detailed explanation is available in the notes related to the statement of financial performance under point 3.

# **REPORTS ON THE BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION**

# OF THE EXCUTIVE AGENCY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (EASME)

# 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. EASME budget and its implementation

The first 2020 operating budget (hereafter referred to as administrative budget) of the Agency was adopted by Steering Committee on 17 December 2019 and it amounted to EUR 51 527 150. During the year 4 amending budgets were adopted by the Steering Committee which reduced the overall initial amount by EUR 2 286 346, resulting in a final budget of EUR 49 240 804. The final subsidy requested on the general budget amounted to EUR 49 240 804. The execution of commitment appropriations amounts to EUR 48 376 713 (99% of the available budget) and the execution of payment appropriations amounts to EUR 45 318 038 (92% of the available budget).

### **Budgetary** structure and principles

#### 1.1.1. Budgetary structure

The budgetary accounts are kept in accordance with the Financial Regulation and its rules of application. The budget is the instrument which, for each financial year, forecasts and authorises the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the implementation of the Agency's Decision.

Every year, the Agency estimates its revenue and expenditure for the year and draws up a draft budget which it sends to the Commission. The Commission then sends it to the budgetary authority. On the basis of this draft budget, the Council draws its position which is then the subject of negotiations between the two arms of the budgetary authority. The President of the Parliament declares that the joint draft has been finally adopted, thus making the budget enforceable. The task of executing the budget is the responsibility of the Agency.

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

The appropriations are split into commitment and payment appropriations:

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

# **Origin of Appropriations**

The main source of appropriations is the Agency's budget for the current year. However, there are other types of appropriations resulting from the provisions of the Financial Regulation. They come from previous financial years or outside sources:

– Initial budget appropriations adopted for the current year can be supplemented with transfers between lines and by amending budgets.

– Appropriations carried over from previous year or made available again also supplement the current budget.

# **Composition of Appropriations Available**

- Initial budget = appropriations voted in year N-1;

- Final budget appropriations = initial budget appropriations adopted + amending budget appropriations + transfers + additional appropriations;

- Additional appropriations = assigned revenue (see above) + appropriations carried over from the previous financial year.

The final budget is distributed in the following titles:

| Budget title                             | Year 2020<br>Appropriations | Carried-over<br>from 2019 | EUR<br>Total Budget<br>2020 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Staff expenditure                     | 39 725 400                  | 733 656                   | 40 459 056                  |
| 2. Infrastructure and operating expenses | 7 794 154                   | 2 054 224                 | 9 848 378                   |
| 3. Programme support expenditure         | 1 721 250                   | 1 689 880                 | 3 411 130                   |
| Total                                    | 49 240 804                  | 4 477 760                 | 53 718 564                  |

### 1.1.2. Budgetary principles

The budget of the Agency has been established and implemented in compliance with the principles of unity, budget accuracy, annuality, equilibrium, unit of account, universality, specification, sound financial management and transparency.

- **Unity and budget accuracy** all Agency's expenditure and revenues must be incorporated in a single budget documents, must be booked on a budget line and expenditure must not exceed authorised appropriation;
- **Annuality** the appropriations entered are authorised for a single year and must therefore be used during that year;
- **Equilibrium** the revenue and expenditure shown in the budget must be in balance (estimated revenue must equal payment appropriations);
- **Unit of account** the budget is drawn up and implemented in euro (EUR) and the accounts are presented in euro;
- **Universality** this principle comprises of two rules:
  - ✓ The rule of non-assignment, meaning that budget revenue must not be earmarked for specific items of expenditure (total revenue must cove total expenditure);
  - ✓ The gross budget rule, meaning that revenue and expenditure are entered in full in the budget without any adjustments against each other;
- **Specification** each appropriation is assigned to specific purpose and specific objective;
- **Sound financial management** budget appropriations are used in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, namely in accordance with the principle of economy, efficiency and effectiveness;
- **Transparency** the budget is established and implemented and the accounts presented in compliance with the principle of transparency the budget and amending budgets are published in the website of EASME.

# 2. BUDGET RESULT

# 2.1. Calculation of the Budget Result

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

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

- the net balance of cancellations of payment appropriations carried over from previous years and any payments which, because of fluctuations in the euro rate, exceed non-differentiated appropriations carried over from the previous year; and
- the balance of exchange-rate gains and losses recorded during the year.

Payment appropriations carried over include: automatic carryovers and carryovers by decision. The cancellation of unused payment appropriations carried over from the previous year shows the cancellations on appropriations carried over automatically and by decision.

#### 2.2. Budget outturn table

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|--|------------|------------|
| BUDGET RESULT - 1.1.2020 - 31.12.2020                            | 2020       | 2019       |
| REVENUE  |            |            |
| Balancing Commission subsidy/Union contribution, cashed          | 49 240 804 | 48 597 665 |
| Other subsidy from Commission                                    | -          | -          |
| Free income  | -          | -          |
| Other income   | 19 243     | -          |
| TOTAL REVENUE  | 49 260 047 | 48 597 665 |
| EXPENDITURE  |            |            |
| Title 1: Staff   |            |            |
| Payments   | 38 773 351 | 36 042 042 |
| Appropriations carried over                                      | 652 591    | 733 656    |
| Title 2: Administrative Expenses                                 |            |            |
| Payments   | 5 978 878  | 6 565 096  |
| Appropriations carried over                                      | 1 353 007  | 2 054 224  |
| Title 3: Operating Expenditure                                   |            |            |
| Payments   | 565 810    | 1 259 447  |
| Appropriations carried over                                      | 1 053 077  | 1 689 880  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE  | 48 376 714 | 48 344 345 |
|  |            |            |
| BUDGET RESULT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEFORE SPECIAL              |            |            |
| ITEMS  | 883 333    | 253 320    |
| Cancellation of unused appropriations carried over from previous |            |            |
| year   | 1 423 877  | 404 117    |
| Exchange rate differences  | (2 446)    | (2 158)    |
| BUDGET RESULT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR                             | 2 304 764  | 655 279    |

The budget result for 2020 amounts to EUR 2 304 764 and is comprised of:

- EUR 864 091 not used appropriations current year (budget 2020 not committed nor carried over),
- EUR 1 423 877 not used payment appropriations carried forward from 2019,
- EUR 19 243 other income relating to recovery of expenses for services delivered in 2019,
- (EUR 2 446) exchange rate differences.

## 3. RECONCILIATION OF ECONOMIC RESULT WITH BUDGET RESULT

|  |             | EUR        |
|--|-------------|------------|
|  | 2020        | 2019       |
| ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR  | (2 003 104) | 702 021    |
|  |             |            |
| Adjustments for accrual items (items included in the economic result but not in the budget result)   |             |            |
| Accrual Cut-off (reversal 31 December 2019)  | (2 774 112) | (2 636 853 |
| Accrual Cut-off (cut-off 31 December 2020)   | 3 123 659   | 2 774 112  |
| Unpaid invoices at year end but booked in charges  | 1 340 679   | 19 634     |
| Depreciation/amortisation of intangible and tangible assets  | 306 445     | 312 251    |
| Provisions   | 30 300      | 13 750     |
| Recovery Orders issued in year 2020 and not yet cashed   | -           | (2 231)    |
| Payments made from carry-over of payment appropriations  | 3 053 884   | 3 078 190  |
| Deferred expenses (reversal 31 December 2019)  | 15 725      | 79 685     |
| Deferred expenses (cut-off 31 December 2020)   | (1 324 288) | (15 725    |
| Other (open invoices 2019, accrued income 2020 and reversal  |             |            |
| 2019, etc )  | (41 280)    | (73 257    |
|  |             | •          |
| Adjustments for budgetary items (items included in the budget result but not in the economic result) |             |            |
| Asset acquisitions (less unpaid amounts)   | (95 341)    | (177 934   |
| Pre-financing paid   | -           |            |
| New pre-financing received in year 2020 and remaining open as  |             |            |
| at 31 December 2020  | 2 304 764   | 655 279    |
| Budgetary recovery orders issued before year 2020 and not  |             |            |
| cashed in the year   | 2 231       |            |
| Budgetary recovery orders issued in year 2020 on balance sheet accounts and cashed                   | -           |            |
| Payment appropriations carried over to year 2020   | (3 058 675) | (4 477 760 |
| Cancellation of unused carried over payment appropriations   |             |            |
| from previous year   | 1 423 877   | 404 112    |
| Other  | -           |            |
| Total  | 4 307 868   | (46 742)   |
|  |             |            |
| BUDGET RESULT OF THE YEAR  | 2 304 764   | 655 279    |

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

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

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

The net effect of pre-financing is the combination of (1) the new pre-financing amounts paid in the current year and recognised as budgetary expenditure of the year and (2) the clearing of the pre-financing paid in current year or previous years through the acceptance of eligible costs. The latter represent an expense in accrual terms but not in the budgetary accounts since the payment of the initial pre-financing had already been considered as a budgetary expenditure at the time of its payment.

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

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

# 4. BUDGET REVENUE

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

# 5. BUDGET EXPENDITURE

### 5.1. Budget overview - commitment and payment appropriations fund source C1

|                |  |                         |                                      |                                      |   |   | EUR                      |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Budget<br>line | Description  | Initial<br>budget (EUR) | Budget<br>amendment<br>No 1<br>(EUR) | Budget<br>amendment<br>No 2<br>(EUR) | Budget<br>amendment<br>No 3<br>(EUR)<br><i>[transfers</i> | Budget<br>amendment<br>No 4<br>(EUR)<br>[transfers] | Final<br>budget<br>(EUR) |
| 1111           | Temporary Agents -<br>Remunerations                              | 10 600 000              | (170 000)                            | -                                    | -   | (250 000)   | 10 180 000               |
| 1112           | Temporary Agents -<br>Allowances                                 | 2 632 000               | (47 000)                             | -                                    | -   | -   | 2 585 000                |
| 1121           | Contract Agents -<br>Remuneration                                | 18 362 000              | 188 000                              | -                                    | -   | 50 000  | 18 600 000               |
| 1122           | Contract Agents -<br>Allowances                                  | 5 041 000               | 29 000                               | -                                    | -   | -   | 5 070 000                |
| 1141           | Support services & trainees                                      | 1 062 000               | (15 000)                             | 15 000                               | -   | (140 000)   | 922 000                  |
| 1211           | Recruitment expenses   | 35 000                  | (15 000)                             | (10 000)                             | -   | -   | 10 000                   |
| 1221           | Individual entitlements of staff                                 | 518 000                 | 32 000                               | 11 000                               | -   | -   | 561 000                  |
| 1231           | Training   | 710 000                 | (270 000)                            | (70 000)                             | -   | 10 000  | 380 000                  |
| 1241           | Medical Service  | 125 000                 | -                                    | -                                    | -   | 50 000  | 175 000                  |
| 1242           | Mobility & social expenses<br>for the Staff                      | 947 500                 | (23 000)                             | -                                    | -   | 280 000   | 1 204 500                |
| 1251           | Representation expenses,<br>Events and Internal<br>meetings      | 56 400                  | (8 500)                              | (10 000)                             | -   | -   | 37 900                   |
| Title 1        | Staff expenditure  | 40 088 900              | (299 500)                            | (64 000)                             | -   | -   | 39 725 400               |
| 2111           | Rental of building and associated expenses                       | 5 465 500               | (17 346)                             | -                                    | -   | -   | 5 448 154                |
| 2211           | ICT Purchases, Hard - and<br>Software & Maintenances             | 350 000                 | (95 000)                             | -                                    | -   | (100 000)   | 155 000                  |
| 2212           | ICT Services   | 1 805 000               | 50 000                               | -                                    | -   | 130 000   | 1 985 000                |
| 2311           | Furniture, Technical<br>Installations and<br>associated expenses | 150 000                 | -                                    | (100 000)                            | -   | -   | 50 000                   |
| 2312           | Office Supplies,<br>documentation &<br>correspondence            | 58 000                  | (9 000)                              | (5 000)                              | -   | -   | 44 000                   |
| 2313           | Charges, insurances & other operating expenses                   | 40 000                  | 60 000                               | 12 000                               | -   | -   | 112 000                  |
| Title 2        | Infrastructure and operating expenditure                         | 7 868 500               | (11 346)                             | (93 000)                             | -   | 30 000  | 7 794 154                |
| 3111           | Experts and external<br>meetings                                 | 150 750                 | 15 000                               | (58 600)                             | -   | (30 000)  | 77 150                   |
| 3112           | Missions: Programme<br>Management                                | 812 000                 | (402 000)                            | (337 900)                            | -   | -   | 72 100                   |
| 3113           | External Audits  | 1 100 000               | (600 000)                            | (74 000)                             | 30 000  | -   | 456 000                  |
| 3114           | Communication,<br>Information and Linguistic<br>services         | 887 000                 | (228 500)                            | (132 500)                            | -   | -   | 526 000                  |
| 3115           | Seminars & specific<br>Training                                  | -                       | -                                    | -                                    | -   | -   | -                        |
| 3116           | Programme related IT<br>expenses                                 | 620 000                 | 90 000                               | (90 000)                             | (30 000)  | -   | 590 000                  |
| Title 3        | Programme support<br>expenditure                                 | 3 569 750               | (1 125 500)                          | (693 000)                            | -   | (30 000)  | 1 721 250                |
| Total b        | oudget   | 51 527 150              | (1 436 346)                          | (850 000)                            | -   | -   | 49 240 804               |

# 5.2. Budget implementation

The below budgetary tables depict the details of the Agency's budget implementation in 2020

| Fund | Source: | C1 |
|------|---------|----|
|------|---------|----|

| Budget<br>line                                    | Description  | Appropriation<br>(1)<br>(EUR) | Committed<br>(2)<br>(EUR) | %<br>Committed<br>(2/1) | Paid<br>(3)<br>(EUR) | % Paid<br>(3/1) | Balance<br>Commitment<br>(1-2)<br>(EUR) | Balance<br>Payment<br>(2-3)<br>(EUR) |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Title: 1  | Staff expenditure  | 39 725 400                    | 39 425 942                | 99%                     | 38 773 351           | 98%             | 299 458                                 | 652 591                              |
|   | 11 – Remunerations,<br>ces & charges                             | 37 357 000                    | 37 088 039                | 99%                     | 36 940 539           | 99%             | 268 961                                 | 147 500                              |
| 1111  | Temporary Agents -<br>Remunerations                              | 10 180 000                    | 10 106 081                | 99%                     | 10 106 081           | 99%             | 73 919                                  | -                                    |
| 1112  | Temporary Agents -<br>Allowances                                 | 2 585 000                     | 2 528 444                 | 98%                     | 2 528 444            | 98%             | 56 556                                  | -                                    |
| 1121  | Contract Agents -<br>Remuneration                                | 18 600 000                    | 18 542 560                | 100%                    | 18 542 560           | 100%            | 57 440                                  | -                                    |
| 1122  | Contract Agents -<br>Allowances                                  | 5 070 000                     | 5 039 866                 | 99%                     | 5 039 866            | 99%             | 30 134                                  | -                                    |
| 1141  | Support services & trainees                                      | 922 000                       | 871 088                   | 94%                     | 723 588              | 78%             | 50 912                                  | 147 500                              |
|   | 12 – Professional<br>ment & social expenditure                   | 2 368 400                     | 2 337 903                 | 99%                     | 1 832 812            | 77%             | 30 497                                  | 505 091                              |
| 1211  | Recruitment expenses   | 10 000                        | 1 292                     | 13%                     | 1 292                | 13%             | 8 708                                   | -                                    |
| 1221  | Individual entitlements of staff                                 | 561 000                       | 561 000                   | 100%                    | 502 963              | 90%             | -                                       | 58 037                               |
| 1231  | Training   | 380 000                       | 380 000                   | 100%                    | 321 695              | 85%             | -                                       | 58 305                               |
| 1241  | Medical Service  | 175 000                       | 175 000                   | 100%                    | 69 294               | 40%             | -                                       | 105 706                              |
| 1242  | Mobility & social expenses for the Staff                         | 1 204 500                     | 1 202 487                 | 100%                    | 919 444              | 76%             | 2 013                                   | 283 043                              |
| 1251  | Representation expenses,<br>Events and Internal<br>meetings      | 37 900                        | 18 123                    | 48%                     | 18 123               | 48%             | 19 777                                  | -                                    |
| Title: 2 Infrastructure and<br>operating expenses |  | 7 794 154                     | 7 331 885                 | 94%                     | 5 978 878            | 77%             | 462 269                                 | 1 353 007                            |
|   | 21 – Building expenditure  | 5 448 154                     | 5 163 406                 | 95%                     | 4 218 206            | 77%             | 284 748                                 | 945 200                              |
| 2111  | Rental of building and associated expenses                       | 5 448 154                     | 5 163 406                 | 95%                     | 4 218 206            | 77%             | 284 748                                 | 945 200                              |
| Chapter   | 22 – ICT expenses  | 2 140 000                     | 1 989 036                 | 93%                     | 1 681 074            | 79%             | 150 964                                 | 307 962                              |
| 2211  | ICT Purchases, Hard - and<br>Software & Maintenances             | 155 000                       | 98 125                    | 63%                     | 61 748               | 40%             | 56 875                                  | 36 376                               |
| 2212  | ICT Services   | 1 985 000                     | 1 890 911                 | 95%                     | 1 619 325            | 82%             | 94 089                                  | 271 586                              |
|   | 23 – Movable property and<br>operating expenditure               | 206 000                       | 179 443                   | 87%                     | 79 598               | 39%             | 26 557                                  | 99 845                               |
| 2311  | Furniture, Technical<br>Installations and<br>associated expenses | 50 000                        | 39 779                    | 80%                     | 17 203               | 34%             | 10 221                                  | 22 576                               |
| 2312  | Office Supplies,<br>documentation &<br>correspondence            | 44 000                        | 40 905                    | 93%                     | 26 436               | 60%             | 3 095                                   | 14 469                               |
| 2313  | Charges, insurances & other operating expenses                   | 112 000                       | 98 759                    | 88%                     | 35 959               | 32%             | 13 241                                  | 62 800                               |
| Title: 3<br>expendi                               | Programme support<br>ture  | 1 721 250                     | 1 618 886                 | 94%                     | 565 809              | 33%             | 102 364                                 | 1 053 077                            |
| Chapter   | 31 - Programme   | 1 721 250                     | 1 618 886                 | 94%                     | 565 809              | 33%             | 102 364                                 | 1 053 077                            |
| <b>manage</b><br>3111                             | ment expenditure<br>Experts and external                         | 77 150                        | 51 786                    | 67%                     |                      | 67%             | 25 364                                  |                                      |
| 3111  | meetings<br>Missions: Programme                                  | 77 150                        | 42 049                    | 58%                     | 51 786<br>42 049     | 58%             | 30 051                                  | -                                    |
| 3112  | Management<br>External Audits                                    | 456 000                       |                           | 100%                    |                      |                 |   | 425 588                              |
|   | Communication,   |                               | 454 282                   |                         | 28 694               | 6%              | 1 718                                   |                                      |
| 3114  | Information and Linguistic services                              | 526 000                       | 488 100                   | 93%                     | 85 202               | 16%             | 37 900                                  | 402 898                              |
| 3116  | Programme related IT<br>expenses                                 | 590 000                       | 582 669                   | 99%                     | 358 078              | 61%             | 7 331                                   | 224 591                              |
| Total   |  | 49 240 804                    | 48 376 713                | 98%                     | 45 318 038           | 92%             | 864 091                                 | 3 058 675                            |

EUR

The breakdown by type of expenditure shows that the total staff expenditure accounts for about 79% of total commitments, i.e. EUR 38 773 351. Throughout the year 2020, the salaries were calculated by PMO with which the Agency has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) since 2005.

The infrastructure and operating expenditure of the Agency (EUR 5 978 878) comprises mainly purchases of office rent of 71% and IT equipment and IT services of about 28%.

Programme support expenditure amounted to EUR 565 809 of which 63% are allocated to programme IT related expense. The rest consists mainly of communication expenses (15%) and experts and external meetings (9%).

In 2020, the difference between commitments and payments amounted to EUR 3 058 675. This amount was carried forward to 2021 as it corresponds to legal commitments contracted in 2020 but not yet paid on 31 December 2020 (building, communication, ex-post audits related expenses, trainings, programme IT and ICT expenses).

| Fund S                | und Source: C8 EUR   |                      |             |                 |                                |                                |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Budget<br>line        | Description  | Appropriation<br>(1) | Paid<br>(2) | % Paid<br>(2/1) | Balance<br>Commitment<br>(1-2) | Balance<br>carried-<br>forward |
| Title: 1              | Staff expenditure  | 733 656              | 330 671     | 45%             | 402 986                        | -                              |
| Chapt                 | er 11 - Remunerations, allowances & charges                | 152 730              | 86 484      | 57%             | 66 246                         | -                              |
| 1141                  | Support services & trainees                                | 152 730              | 86 484      | 57%             | 66 246                         | -                              |
| Chapte                | r 12 - Professional development & social expenditure       | 580 926              | 244 187     | 42%             | 336 739                        | -                              |
| 1221                  | Recruitment expenses                                       | 3 511                | 1 644       | 47%             | 1 867                          | -                              |
| 1221                  | Individual entitlements of staff                           | 64 273               | 18 057      | 28%             | 46 216                         | -                              |
| 1231                  | Training   | 387 114              | 120 507     | 31%             | 266 607                        | -                              |
| 1241                  | Medical Service  | 19 561               | 19 561      | 100%            | -                              | -                              |
| 1242                  | Mobility & social expenses for the Staff                   | 92 470               | 75 748      | 82%             | 16 722                         | -                              |
| 1251                  | Representation expenses, Events and Internal meetings      | 13 997               | 8 670       | 62%             | 5 327                          | -                              |
| Title: 2              | Infrastructure and operating expenses                      | 2 054 224            | 1 302 379   | 63%             | 751 845                        | -                              |
| Chapte                | r 21 - Building expenditure                                | 1 262 150            | 636 512     | 50%             | 625 638                        | -                              |
| 2111                  | Rental of building and associated expenses                 | 1 262 150            | 636 512     | 50%             | 625 638                        | -                              |
| Chapter               | r 22 – ICT expenses  | 609 654              | 502 194     | 82%             | 107 460                        | -                              |
| 2211                  | ICT Purchases, Hard - and Software & Maintenances          | 174 693              | 141 437     | 81%             | 33 256                         | -                              |
| 2212                  | ICT Services   | 434 961              | 360 757     | 83%             | 74 204                         | -                              |
|                       | r 23 – Movable property and current operating              | 182 420              | 163 673     | 90%             | 18 747                         | -                              |
| <b>expend</b><br>2311 | Furniture, Technical Installations and associated expenses | 125 895              | 120 019     | 95%             | 5 876                          | -                              |
| 2312                  | Office Supplies, documentation & correspondence            | 35 050               | 29 904      | 85%             | 5 146                          | -                              |
| 2313                  | Charges, insurances & other operating expenses             | 21 475               | 13 750      | 64%             | 7 725                          | -                              |
| Title: 3              | Programme support expenditure                              | 1 689 880            | 1 420 834   | 84%             | 269 046                        | -                              |
| Chapte                | r 31 - Programme management expenditure                    | 1 689 880            | 1 420 834   | 84%             | 269 046                        | -                              |
| 3111                  | Experts and external meetings                              | 40 670               | 23 353      | 57%             | 17 317                         | -                              |
| 3112                  | Missions: Programme Management                             | 192 296              | 135 340     | 70%             | 56 956                         | -                              |
| 3113                  | External Audits  | 509 052              | 478 932     | 94%             | 30 120                         | -                              |
| 3114                  | Communication, Information and Linguistic services         | 575 084              | 412 410     | 72%             | 162 674                        | -                              |
| 3116                  | Programme related IT expenses                              | 372 778              | 370 799     | 99%             | 1 979                          | -                              |
| Total                 |  | 4 477 760            | 3 053 884   | 68%             | 1 423 877                      | -                              |

The carry forward 2019-2020 was EUR 4 477 760. The difference between commitments carried forward from 2019 to 2020 and payments on those commitments amounts to EUR 1 423 877and will be reimbursed to the Commission in 2021 (cf. "Budget result" table).

# 6. EVOLUTION OF COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING

| Decident       |   | Origin    |                          | Open                     |
|----------------|---|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Budget<br>Line | Commitment User Reference   | al fund   | FDI                      | amount RAL               |
| LIIIC          |   | source    |                          | (C8 in 2021)             |
| 1141           | INTERIM AGENTS  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 147 500.00               |
| 1221           | PMO: EXPENSES FOR PROVIDED SERVICES   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 42 742.30                |
| 1221           | HR: FEES RELATED TO SPECIFIC SERVICES   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 15 295.00                |
| 1231           | TRAININGS PROVIDED BY COMMISSION SERVICES, EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF<br>ADMINISTRATION & DG HR ANNUAL FEE  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 5 099.00                 |
| 1231           | EXTERNAL TRAININGS, TEAMBUILDINGS; TRAINING VIA EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 53 205.82                |
| 1241           | HR: MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR NEW RECRUITS AND STAFF   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 105 705.96               |
| 1242           | OIB: SOCIAL SERVICES CPE  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 152 585.00               |
| 1242           | OIB: PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND SERVICE BIKES   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 2 500.00                 |
| 1242           | CYCLING CONTRIBUTION  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 7 958.29                 |
| 1242<br>2111   | CONTRIBUTION FOR SCREENS & CHAIRS<br>OIB: EXPENSES FOR PROVIDED SERVICES  | C1<br>C1  | 31/12/2021<br>31/12/2021 | 120 000.00<br>419 200.00 |
| 2111 2111      | OIB: COV2 RENT OF ADDITIONAL FLOORS   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 526 000.00               |
| 2211           | PURCHASE, LEASING, MAINTENANCE OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 4 557.56                 |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/20/069 - PROVISION FOR PRINTING COSTS 2020 - CANON -   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 2 407.68                 |
| 2211           | FWC DI/07560  | U         | 51/12/2021               | 2 407.00                 |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM - EASME/20/078 - RED HAT LICENCES FOR LOCAL SERVERS IN   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 699.14                   |
|                | EASME- FWC DI/07720 - BECHTLE<br>ORDER FORM EASME/20/073 - SOFTWARE: ELA VMWARE - BECHTLE - SIDE II -                                     |           | , ,                      |                          |
| 2211           | DI7720  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 857.03                   |
| 2211           | EASME/20/081 - PURCHASE OF A DEDICATED STUDY FOR MEETING ROOM COV2  | 61        | 31/12/2021               | 5 700 40                 |
| 2211           | 00/152 - FWC AVC&2 SCIC-2016-S5-3471731 - TELMACO   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 5 790.46                 |
|                | ORDER FORM EASME/20/086 - COLLECTION AND RECONDITIONING OF RETIRED  |           |                          |                          |
| 2211           | FURNITURE AND IT HARDWARE - FWC N° OIB/2019/OP/0073/C0/L0 - OXFAM   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 4 527.00                 |
|                | SOLIDARITE<br>ORDER FORM EASME/20/088 - PURCHASE OF 100 ADAPTERS DVI>HDMI AND 150   |           |                          |                          |
| 2211           | MICE - FWC DI/7650 - BECHTLE  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 1 033.50                 |
| 2211           | EASME/20/091 - PURCHASE OF 101 KEYBOARDS - FWC DI/7650 - BECHTLE  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 1 512.98                 |
| 2211           | EASME/20/090 - PURCHASE OF 2 MAC BOOK PRO- FWC DI/7652 - ECONOCOM   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 6 882.94                 |
| 2211           | EASME/20/095 - TESTREACH 51 UNIT TESTS - FWC DI/07722 - INSIGHT   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 1 905.40                 |
| 2211           | EASME/20/96 - TESTREACH - SPECIFIC PRICE CONTRACT FOR SOFTWARE EASME  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 1 037.80                 |
| 2211           | EASME/20/097 LINKEDIN LEARNING LICENCES- FWC DI/07722 - INSIGHT<br>SPECIFIC CONTRACT - EASME/20/019 - PROVISION FOR IT EQUIPMENT MOVE AND | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 5 165.00                 |
| 2212           | INVENTORY IN 2020 - FWC N° DI/007270 - GROUP GISIS (ITIC)   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 24 756.88                |
| 2212           | SPECIFIC FIXED PRICE CONTRACT EASME/20/059 FOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 83 807.25                |
| 2212           | SERVICES FOR EASME IT INFRASTRUCTURE - FWC DI/7810 LOT 1 WITH ATOS  | U         | 51/12/2021               | 03 007.25                |
| 2212           | EASME/20/027 - CC, CS010109, 2020-12212, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA   | 61        | 21 /12 /2021             | 02.045.77                |
| 2212           | EORDER SAINTENOY JEAN-CHRISTOPHE - PROFILE: PROJECT MANAGER (PM) -<br>(LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) -                                      | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 83 845.77                |
|                | EASME/20/034 - CC, CS010511, 2020-12456, TRASYS INTERNATIONAL GEIE  |           |                          |                          |
| 2212           | EORDER RODAS ROMERO JUAN MIGUEL - PROFILE: UX UI SPECIALIST (UIS) -   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 19 413.90                |
|                | (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 1) -  |           |                          |                          |
|                | CC07701, CS012059, 2020-19189, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA   |           |                          |                          |
| 2212           | EORDER FWC DI/07701 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 1 ) - EURORA NOVA<br>FALLISE MICHAEL - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF                 | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 20 203.80                |
|                | EXPERTISE: LEVEL 5) -   |           |                          |                          |
|                | EASME/20/067 - CC07711, CS012781, 2020-24142, CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA   |           |                          |                          |
| 2212           | EORDER FWC DI/07711 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 4) - BORN4ITS  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 39 558.00                |
|                | UMMAIR-ARIF AHMAD - PROFILE: WEB OPERATION MANAGER (WOM) - (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) -   |           | - / / -                  |                          |
|                | ORDER FORM EASME/20/008 - PROVISION FOR MOVERS AND LOGISTIC SERVICES -  |           |                          |                          |
| 2311           | FWC N° OIB.02/PO/2017/005/748/C0/L1 - MOZER   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 21 613.67                |
|                | ORDER FORM EASME/20/086 - COLLECTION AND RECONDITIONING OF RETIRED  |           |                          |                          |
| 2311           | FURNITURE AND IT HARDWARE - FWC N° OIB/2019/OP/0073/C0/L0 - OXFAM   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 963.00                   |
| 2212           | SOLIDARITE  | <u>C1</u> | 21/12/2021               | 8 000 00                 |
| 2312<br>2312   | OIB: COSTS RELATED TO DHL SERVICES<br>OIB: PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES  | C1<br>C1  | 31/12/2021<br>31/12/2021 | 8 000.00                 |
| 2014           | EASME/2020/075 - PURCHASE OF NEWSPAPERS: FINANCIAL TIMES - LE MONDE -   | 01        | 51/12/2021               | 0.000.00                 |
| 2312           | EL MUNDO (DIGITAL) - NEUE ZÜRCHERE ZEITUNG (PRINT) - HARVARD BUSINESS   | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 299.44                   |
| 0017           | REVIEW - TIME MAGAZINE - DIE ZEIT   |           |                          |                          |
| 2312           | EASME/20/085 - PURCHASE OF NEWSPAPER EL PAIS  | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 169.17                   |
| 2313           | EXPENSES RELATED TO DIFFERENT INSURANCES<br>EASME/20/044 / OUTCOME OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR ASSISTING                             | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 25 000.00                |
| 2313           | EASME/20/044 / 001COME OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR ASSISTING<br>EASME IN CASES T-119/20 AND T-132/20                                 | C1        | 31/12/2021               | 10 300.00                |
|                | COMMITMENT EASME/20/078/ OUTCOME OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE   |           |                          |                          |
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| 2313           | EASME/20/084/ OUTCOME OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR ASSISTING<br>EASME FOR THE CASE 457/20  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 21 000.00                          |
| 3113           | EASME/2020/006 CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP LIFE BATCH 4 OPERATING<br>GRANTS - SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 59 425.20                          |
| 3113           | EASME/2020/007 CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP LIFE BATCH 5 ACTION<br>GRANTS - SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 149 441.47                         |
| 3113           | EASME/2020/014 CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP EMFF BATCH 3 - SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 143 757.30                         |
| 3113           | EASME/2020/057 - CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP - COSME BATCH 10 -<br>SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 60 562.02                          |
| 3113           | EASME/2020/058 - CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP - EEN BATCH 12 -<br>SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 12 401.78                          |
| 3114           | EXPENSES FOR TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 30 000.00                          |
| 3114           | EXPENSES FOR THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE OF BROCHURES   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 4 403.39                           |
| 3114           | EASME/EA/003 - HIRING OF AN INTRAMUROS CONSULTANT FOR COSME<br>COMMUNICATION - FWC PO 2016-20 A5   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 84 000.00                          |
| 3114           | EASME/2015/001/LOT 1 - EASME/COMM/2020/167- ICF-NEXT- SOCIAL MEDIA<br>EXPERTS 2020 (INTRAMUROS)  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 92 644.30                          |
| 3114           | EASME/2020/077 MAINTENANCE OF THE MANAGENERGY WEBSITE AND RELATED COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 6 000.00                           |
| 3114           | EASME/EA/004 - HIRING OF AN INTRAMUROS CONSULTANT FOR COMMUNICATION<br>- FWC PO 2016-20 A5 - 4 CONSULTANTS   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 133 000.00                         |
| 3114           | COSME RESULTS 2014-2020 CAMPAIGN   | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 52 850.00                          |
| 3116           | EASME/20/041- LPD UPGRADE EXPERTS FOR LIFE - BECHTLE - SIDE II - DI7720  | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 16 465.68                          |
| 3116           | EASME/20/053 - CC07712, CS011903, 2020-19106, UNISYS BELGIUM<br>EORDER FWC DI/07712 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 4) - EXXEL4EUS<br>VERHAEGEN GILLES - PROFILE: IS SUPPORT MANAGER (SPM) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) -        | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 41 902.46                          |
| 3116           | CC07701, CS011905, 2020-19148, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FWC DI/07701 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 1) - EURORA NOVA<br>MAZZOLA GIUSEPP - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) -              | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 50 509.80                          |
| 3116           | EASME/20/062 - CC07701, CS012181, 2020-20234, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FWC DI/07701 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 1) - EURORA NOVA<br>IORDACHE CATALIN - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) - | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 55 101.60                          |
| 3116           | EASME/20/060 - CC07701, CS012162, 2020-22773, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FWC DI/07701 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 1) - EURORA NOVA<br>MITITELU STEFAN - PROFILE: PROJECT MANAGER (PM) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) -     | C1                          | 31/12/2021 | 60 611.40                          |
| TOTAL          | PAYMENTS APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED OVER TO 2021   | C8                          |            | 3 058 675                          |

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| 1141           | SALARIES INTERIM AGENTS   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 152 730.33                         | (86,484.01)                 |
| 1211           | RECRUITMENT EXPENSES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 3 510.89                           | (1,644.38)                  |
| 1221           | FEES RELATED TO SPECIFIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY PMO   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 52 867.75                          | (16,056.48)                 |
| 1221           | HR: FEES RELATED TO SPECIFIC SERVICES   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 11 405.00                          | (2,000.00)                  |
| 1231           | TRAININGS PROVIDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 19 082.50                          | (4,675.00)                  |
| 1231           | TRAININGS PROVIDED BY EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 368 031.32                         | (115,831.28)                |
| 1241           | MEDICAL SERVICES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 19 561.00                          | (19,561.00)                 |
| 1242           | TRANSPORTS TO THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 9 783.26                           | 0.00                        |
| 1242           | OIB: FEES RELATED TO THE "CENTRE DE LA PETITE ENFANCE"  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 82 246.00                          | (75,307.00)                 |
| 1242           | MOBILITY: FEES RELATED TO TRANSPORT AND SERVICE BIKES   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 441.01                             | (441.01)                    |
| 1251           | CATERING SERVICES FOR INTERNBAL MEETINGS, REPRESENTATION<br>COSTS AND WATER SUPPLIES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 13 997.15                          | (8,670.39)                  |
| 2111           | BUILDING SERVICES PROVIDED BY OIB   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 738 225.16                         | (393,877.23)                |
| 2111           | RENT PAID TO OIB  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 408 903.75                         | (237,936.06)                |
| 2111           | FEES RELATED TO SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDED BUY DG HR  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 97 285.43                          | 0.00                        |
| 2111           | RENT PAID TO CUSHMAN AND WAKEFIELD  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 12 235.63                          | 0.00                        |
|                | CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD: COSTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMON   |                            |            |                                    |                             |
| 2111           | PARKING FACILITIES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 5 500.00                           | (4,699.14)                  |
| 2211           | PURCHASE, LEASING AND MAINTENANCE   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 10 185.55                          | (3,235.93)                  |
|                | ORDER FORM EASME/19/033 - PURCHASE OF 20 QWERTY KEYBOARDS   |                            |            |                                    |                             |
| 2211           | - FWC N° DI/7630 (MEQ IV)- BECHTLE AG   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 10.00                              | 0.00                        |
| 2211           | EASME/19/036 - CREATION OF COMMITMENT YEAR 2 & 3 EMC<br>AVAMAR - FWC DI/007360 - COMPAREX   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 15 485.90                          | 0.00                        |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/042 - SUBSCRIPTION WITH MICROSOFT VIA<br>THE RESELLER COMPAREX NEDERLAND BV   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 0.35                               | 0.00                        |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/107 - PURCHASE OF HEADSETS, HANDSETS,<br>KEYBOARD AND LIGHTNING CABLES - FWC DI/7650 - BECHTLE  | C8                         | 31-01-2020 | 8 007.44                           | (8,007.44)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/102 - PURCHASE OF A PLOTTER AND<br>CONSUMABLES - FWC DI/7640 - MIMEOS   | C8                         | 31-01-2020 | 5 668.33                           | (5,645.53)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM - EASME/19/077 - LANDESK SOFTWARE FOR EASME-<br>FWC DI/007720 - BECHTLE  | C8                         | 31-01-2020 | 5 460.00                           | (4,499.25)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/120 - PURCHASE OF 30 DOCKING STATIONS -<br>FWC DI/7650 - BECHTLE  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 3 338.40                           | (3,338.40)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/139 - PURCHASE OF 8 HARD DISK DRIVES -<br>FWC DI/7210 - BECHTLE   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 2 128.00                           | (2,128.00)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/127 - PURCHASE OF 250 SCREENS & 12 IPADS<br>WITH COVER - FWC DI/7651 - CANCOM   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 38 128.13                          | (28,301.47)                 |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/133 - PURCHASE OF 105 LAPTOPS L390 AND 20 ADAPTORS - FWC DI/7630 - BECHTLE  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 64 772.05                          | (64,772.05)                 |
| 2211           | JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 11 IPHONES XR AND 20 LASERS<br>- FWC DI-07652 - ECONOCOM - EASME/19/124   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 9 076.87                           | (9,076.87)                  |
| 2211           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/136 - PURCHASE OF 105 CASES, 3 SAMSUNG<br>GALAXY S9, DOCKING, MICE, KEYBOARDS, ADAPTERS, CABLES & USB<br>STICKS - FWC DI/7650 - BECHTLE   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 12 431.94                          | (12,431.94)                 |
| 2212           | SPECIFIC FIXED PRICE CONTRACT EASME/19/001 FOR SYSTEM<br>ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR EASME IT INFRASTRUCTURE - FWC  | С8                         | 31-12-2020 | 73 953.60                          | (73,953.60)                 |
| 2212           | DI/7270 WITH GROUP GISIS - PAYAM TAHSILI<br>COSTS RELATED TO IT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 50 523.17                          | 0.00                        |
| 2212           | IT EQUIPMENT MOVES AND INVENTORY IN 2019 - EASME/19/016 -<br>GROUP GISIS (ITIC) - FWC DI/007270   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 29 564.38                          | (29,564.38)                 |
| 2212           | EASME/2019/078 - ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR IT EQUIPMENT MOVE<br>- FWC N°DI/007270-05 - GROUP GISIS (ITIC)  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 15 000.00                          | (11,748.76)                 |
| 2212           | ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR EASME IT INFRASTRUCTURE - FWC<br>DI/7270 WITH GROUP GISIS   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 108 075.80                         | (108,075.80)                |
| 2212           | SPECIFIC CONTRACT - EASME/19/121 - ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR IT<br>EQUIPMENT MOVE - FWC N° DI/007270 - GROUP GISIS (ITIC)  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 10 000.00                          | (1,258.96)                  |
| 2212           | CC07711, CS006941, 2019-41228, CRONOS INTERNATIONAL SA<br>EORDER FWC DI/07711, DIGIT-TM, LOT 4, 1ST CONTRACTOR<br>UMMAIR-ARIF AHMAD - PROFILE: WEB OPERATION MANAGER (WOM) -<br>(LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) -          | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 77 892.00                          | (77,892.00)                 |
| 2212           | CC07700, CS007496, 2019-47042, XPE GROUP*<br>EORDER FWC DI/07700 (DIIGIT-TM, LOT 1) - XPE GROUP<br>FALLISE MICHAEL - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL<br>OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5)                              | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 25 974.00                          | (14,285.70)                 |
| 2212           | CC07704, CS002636, 2019-8452, TRASYS INTERNATIONAL GEIE<br>EORDER FRAMEWORK CONTRACT, DIGIT-TM, LOT 1, 5TH CONTRACTOR<br>RODAS ROMERO JUAN MIGUEL - PROFILE: UX UI SPECIALIST (UIS) -<br>(LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 1) - | С8                         | 31-12-2020 | 43 978.31                          | (43,978.30)                 |

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| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/039 – PURCHASE OF SOFAS, CHAIRS, POUFS,<br>TABLES, BOOKCASES AND LAMPS - AHREND - FWC<br>N°OIB.DR2/PR/2013/038/579/C0/L0.A                              | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 844.40                             | 0.00                        |
| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/051 - PROVISION FOR MOVERS AND<br>LOGISTIC SERVICES - FWC N° OIB.02/PO/2017/005/748/L1 - MOZER  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 11 665.78                          | (6,635.73)                  |
| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/106 - PURCHASE OF OFFICE AND VISITORS<br>CHAIRS - INTERSTUHL - FWC N° OIB.DR.2/PO/2014/055/622/C0/L3A<br>LOT 3  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 17 724.06                          | (17,724.06)                 |
| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/113 - PURCHASE OF 4 HIGH CHAIRS AND 2<br>COFFEE TABLES - BEDDELEEM - FWC N°<br>OIB02/PO/2018/058/785/C0/L0  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 1 999.92                           | (1,999.92)                  |
| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/129 - PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC DESKS,<br>PEDESTALS, CUPBOARDS AND PASSKEY - DROMEAS - FWC N°<br>OIB.DR.2/PO/2014/055/622/C0/L1A                             | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 22 809.12                          | (22,809.11)                 |
| 2311           | ORDER FORM EASME/19/137 - PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR 'HYBRID<br>SPACE' ON THE 12TH FLOOR - BEDDELEEM - FWC N°<br>OIB02/PO/2018/058/785/C0/L0                                 | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 70 851.82                          | (70,849.92)                 |
| 2312           | COSTS RELATED TO CORRESPONDENCE   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 8 000.00                           | (6,403.25)                  |
| 2312           | OFFICE SUPPLIES TO BE PAID TO OIB   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 24 763.07                          | (23,500.43)                 |
| 2312           | PURCHASE OF BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 2 287.40                           | 0.00                        |
| 2313           | EXPENSES RELATED TO INSURANCES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 674.64                             | 0.00                        |
| 2313           | EASME/19/067 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND CONTRACT WITH A<br>NORWEGIAN LAWYER -RAEDER   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 800.00                             | 0.00                        |
| 2313           | EASME/19/134 - LEGAL SERVICES TO ASSIST EASME IN THE CASE T-  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 20 000.00                          | (13,750.00)                 |
| 3111           | 688/19 - ASHURST LLP<br>CATERING WITH EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 16 156.27                          | (5,740.12)                  |
| 3111           | BUDGET RESERVATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF BOOKING MEETING<br>ROOMS OUTSIDE BRUSSELS UNIT B1  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 514.20                             | 0.00                        |
| 3111           | B2 - EASME/19/091 MONITORING AND SUPPORT SERVICES<br>ICT4WATER CLUSTER  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 8 000.00                           | (8,000.00)                  |
| 3111           | B2 - EASME/19/092 MONITORING AND SUPPORT SERVICES<br>ICT4WATER CLUSTER  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 8 000.00                           | (8,000.00)                  |
| 3111           | BUDGET RESERVATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF INVITATION OF TWO<br>EXPERTS TO AAAS - ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE 13-16<br>FEBRUARY 2020   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 8 000.00                           | (1,613.29)                  |
| 3112           | MISSIONS  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 192 295.83                         | (135,339.55)                |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/007 MOORE STEPHENS LLP FOR EMFF BATCH 1 -<br>FRAMEWORK CONTRACT 2016-AUDFWC-01- MS OF EACEA N°30-CE-<br>0800361/00-77  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 39 837.72                          | (36,406.00)                 |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/024 - PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP FOR EMFF BATCH 1 -<br>FRAMEWORK CONTRACT 2016-AUDFWC-02-LJ OF EACEA N°30-CE-<br>0800368   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 6 050.00                           | (6,050.00)                  |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/032 - PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP FOR LIFE BATCH 3 -<br>FRAMEWORK CONTRACT 2016-AUDFWC-02-LJ OF EACEA N°30-CE-<br>0800368   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 106 600.00                         | (106,600.00)                |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/072; CONTRACTOR BDO LLP COSME BATCH 7 - BATCH<br>AUDIT ON 16 BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN 11 PROJECTS - SPECIFIC<br>CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS                     | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 98 624.00                          | (92,149.00)                 |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/073; CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP COSME BATCH<br>8 - BATCH AUDIT ON 6 BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN 12 PROJECTS -<br>SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS           | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 69 000.00                          | (63,250.00)                 |
| 3113           | EASME/2019/074; CONTRACTOR PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP COSME EEN<br>BATCH 11- BATCH AUDIT ON 14 BENEFICIARIES INVOLVED IN 29<br>PROJECTS - SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR EX-POST AUDITS      | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 164 100.00                         | (164,100.00)                |
| 3113           | EASME-2019-110 IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORK CONTRACT OF EACEA<br>NO. 2016-AUDFWC-01 MS- NO 30-CE-0800361 - COSME BATCH 9<br>CONTAINING ONE AUDIT IN FORM OF INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 24 840.00                          | (10,376.93)                 |
| 3114           | EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE BUDGETS AND  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 3 000.00                           | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | ANNUAL ACCOUNTS PUBLICATION WITH OPOCE  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 5 000.00                           | (1,196.28)                  |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/COMM/2018/189 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT2 – EASME AWAY DAY 2019   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 11 330.50                          | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | EASME/2015/001/LOT 1 - EASME/COMM/2019/131- MOSTRA -<br>INTRAMUROS CONSULTANT FOR COSME COMMUNICATIONS  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 64 347.51                          | (60,796.32)                 |
| 3114           | LOT 2 EASME/COMM/2019/193- MOSTRA - LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR<br>EASME PRESENCE AT ECCA 2019 IN LISBON   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 1 389.68                           | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | LOT 2 EASME/COMM/2019/201 - MOSTRA - ORGANISATION OF<br>HORIZON SC5 INFORMATION DAY IN BRUSSELS   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 28.22                              | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | LOT1/EASME/COMM/2019/133 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT1 – SERVICES IN DIGITAL<br>COMMUNICATION  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 11 460.05                          | (10,664.99)                 |

| Budget<br>Line | Commitment User Reference   | Original<br>fund<br>source | FDI        | Open amount<br>RAL<br>(C8 in 2020) | Payments<br>(C8 in<br>2020) |
|----------------|---|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3114           | EASME/2015/001/LOT 1 - EASME/COMM/2019/138- MOSTRA - SOCIAL<br>MEDIA EXPERTS INTRAMUROS FOR EASME'S COMMUNUCATION<br>SECTOR   | C8                         | 31-12-2021 | 174 309.06                         | (148,259.58)                |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/COMM/2019/196 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT2 – 13TH GEO EUROPEAN<br>WORKSHOP IN LISBON 03-05 JULY  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 2 414.20                           | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | EASME/2015/001/LOT 1 - PRODUCTION OF 50 EASME T-SHIRTS FOR<br>THE RUNNING GROUP   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 1 319.89                           | (1,319.89)                  |
| 3114           | INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF 1 EVENT FOR<br>EASME - FWC EASME/2015/001/LOT2 -<br>LOT2/EASME/COMM/2019/224  | C8                         | 31-08-2020 | 2 965.48                           | 0.00                        |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/A3/2019/222 - MOSTRA - EMFF INFORMATION DAYS 25<br>NOVEMBER 2019   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 17 529.98                          | (16,672.55)                 |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/COMM/2019/221 - MOSTRA - SUPPORT SERVICES FOR<br>EASME PRESENCE AT ECOMONDO (5-8 NOVEMBER, RIMINI)   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 31 954.78                          | (31,218.09)                 |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/COMM/2019/232 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT2 – EASME AWAY DAY 2020   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 28 562.38                          | (9,517.47)                  |
| 3114           | LOT1/EASME/COMM/2019/153 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT1 – PRODUCTION OF<br>PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR EASME   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 3 095.64                           | (3,095.64)                  |
| 3114           | LOT2/EASME/COMM/2019/227 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT2 – EASME 6 INTERNAL EVENTS   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 27 967.25                          | (3,428.56)                  |
| 3114           | EASME/19/093 COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO<br>ICT4WATER CLUSTER   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 6 000.00                           | (6,000.00)                  |
| 3114           | EASME/COMM/19/159- LOT1 EASME/2015/001 DIGITAL<br>COMMUNICATION SERVICES  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 171 728.34                         | (111,943.13)                |
| 3114           | LOT1/EASME/COMM/2019/160 IN EXECUTION OF FRAMEWORK<br>CONTRACT N° EASME/2015/001 LOT1 – PRODUCTION OF PRODUCTION<br>OF CYCLING MATERIAL FOR THE VELOMAI GROUP   | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 10 680.92                          | (8,297.01)                  |
| 3116           | CC07701, CS004852, 2019-19566, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FRAMEWORK CONTRACT<br>VOICU ADRIAN - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) -                            | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 28 030.45                          | (26,051.83)                 |
| 3116           | CC07712, CS006890, 2019-42259, UNISYS BELGIUM<br>EORDER FWC DI/07712, DIGIT-TM, LOT 4, 2ND CONTRACTOR<br>VERHAEGEN GILLES - PROFILE: IS SUPPORT MANAGER (SPM) - (LEVEL<br>OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) -     | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 40 053.00                          | (40,053.00)                 |
| 3116           | CC07701, CS002725, 2019-4766, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FRAMEWORK CONTRACT<br>MITITELU STEFAN - PROFILE: PROJECT MANAGER (PM) - (LEVEL OF<br>EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) -                                | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 43 529.64                          | (43,529.64)                 |
| 3116           | CC07712, CS002728, 2019-4773, UNISYS BELGIUM<br>EORDER FWC DI/07712, DIGIT-TM, LOT 4 - 2ND CONTRACTOR<br>VERHAEGEN GILLES - PROFILE: IS SUPPORT MANAGER (SPM) - (LEVEL<br>OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 3) -     | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 3 604.77                           | (3,604.77)                  |
| 3116           | CC07701, CS007519, 2019-48294, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER FWC DI/07701 (DIGIT-TM, LOT 1) - EURORA NOVA<br>IORDACHE CATALIN - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) - (LEVEL<br>OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 2) - | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 29 731.20                          | (29,731.20)                 |
| 3116           | CC, CS008264, 2019-54629, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER MITITELU STEFAN - PROFILE: PROJECT MANAGER (PM) -<br>(LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 5) -  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 31 178.16                          | (31 178.16)                 |
| 3116           | CC, CS008911, 2019-57834, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER BORANDA BOGDAN - PROFILE: TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (TEX) -<br>(LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) -  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 129 304.32                         | (129,304.32)                |
| 3116           | CC, CS008766, 2019-56856, ARHS DEVELOPMENTS SA<br>EORDER MAZZOLA GIUSEPP - PROFILE: APPLICATION ARCHITECT (AA)<br>- (LEVEL OF EXPERTISE:LEVEL 4) -  | C8                         | 31-12-2020 | 67 346.40                          | (67,346.40)                 |
| TOTAL          |   |                            |            | 4 477 760                          | (3 053 883)                 |
|                | UNUSED PAYMENT APPROPRIATIONS TO BE REIMBURSED<br>TO THE COMMISSION   |                            |            |                                    | 1 423 877                   |

# ANNEX TO THE BUDGET ACCOUNTS

| Term                     | Definition  |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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<br>Commission produces accrual-based accounts which recognise revenue when earned,   |
|                          | rather than when collected. Expenses are recognised when incurred rather than when paid.<br>This contrasts with cash basis budgetary accounting that recognises transactions and other<br>events only when cash is received or paid.  |
| Accounting               | The act of recording and reporting financial transactions, including the creation of the  |
| Administrative           | transaction, its recognition, processing, and summarisation in the financial statements.<br>Administrative appropriations cover the running costs of the Institutions and entities (staff,  |
| appropriations           | 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<br>Authority. Cf. Budget.  |
| Agencies                 | EU bodies having a distinct legal personality, and to whom budget implementing powers<br>may be delegated under strict conditions. They are subject to a distinct discharge from the<br>discharge authority.  |
| Amending<br>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. |
| Appropriations           | Dedicated revenue received to finance specific items of expenditure.<br>Main sources of external assigned revenue are <i>financial contributions from third countries</i>   |
|                          | to programmes financed by the Union.<br>Main sources of internal assigned revenue is revenue from third parties in respect of goods,<br>services or work supplied at their request; (c) revenue arising from the repayment of amounts   |
|                          | wrongly paid and revenue from the sale of publications and films, including those on an <i>electronic medium</i> . The complete list of items constituting assigned revenue is given in the Financial Regulation Art. 21(2).  |
| Authorising<br>Officer   | 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.   |
| C1                       | Current Appropriations = Initial Budget + Amending Budget + Transfers   |
| C2/C3                    | Appropriations non automatically carried over – carried over on Decision of the College   |
| C4                       | Appropriations non automatically carried over – carried over on Decision of the College   |
| C5                       | Appropriations arising from Internal Assigned Revenue cashed in the previous year and carried over to the current one   |
| C8                       | Appropriations automatically carried forward from previous year to current year   |
| IC1                      | Universal revenue voted in the budget   |
| Budget                   | Annual financial plan, drawn up according to budgetary principles, that provides forecasts<br>and authorises, for each financial year, an estimate of future costs and revenue and<br>expenditures and their detailed description and justification, the latter included in<br>budgetary remarks.   |
| Budget result            | The difference between income received and amounts paid, including adjustments for carry-overs, cancellations and exchange rate differences. The resulting amount will have to be reimbursed to the funding authority as provided in the Financial Regulation for Agencies.   |
| Budget<br>implementation | Consumption of the budget through expenditure and revenue operations.   |
| Budgetary<br>authority   | Institutions with decisional powers on budgetary matters: the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers.   |

| Term                         | Definition  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Budgetary                    | A budgetary commitment is a reservation of appropriations to cover for subsequent   |
| commitment                   | expenses.   |
| Cancellation of              | Unused appropriations that may no longer be used.   |
| appropriations               |   |
| Carryover of                 | Exception to the principle of annuality in so far as appropriations that could not be used in   |
| appropriations               | a given budget year may, under strict conditions, be exceptionally carried over for use   |
| -                            | during the following year.  |
| Commitment<br>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               | Differentiated appropriations are used to finance multiannual operations; they cover, for   |
| appropriations               | 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: <i>Differentiated appropriations are entered for multiannual operations. They consist of commitment appropriations and payment appropriations.</i>   |
| Earmarked                    | Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose, such as income from foundations, subsidies,   |
| revenue                      | 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                 | Entitlements are recovery orders that the European Union must establish for collecting  |
| established                  | income.   |
| Exchange rate<br>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                    | Adopted through the ordinary legislative procedure after consulting the European Court of   |
| regulation (FR)              | 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, p. 1)  |
| 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<br>either an action intended to help achieve an objective part of an EU policy or the<br>functioning of a body which pursues an aim of general European interest or has an<br>objective forming part of an EU policy.   |
| Implementation               | Cf. Budget implementation   |
| Income                       | Cf. Revenue   |
| Joint                        | A legal EU-body established under the TFEU. The term can be used to describe any  |
| Undertakings                 | collaborative structure proposed for the " <i>efficient execution of Union research, technological</i>  |
| (JUs)<br>Lapsing             | <i>development and demonstration programmes</i> ".<br>Unused appropriations to be cancelled at the end of the financial year. <i>Lapsing</i> means the  |
| appropriations               | cancellation of all or part of the authorisation to make expenditures and/or incur liabilities which is represented by an appropriation.  |
| Legal base (basic<br>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                        | A legal commitment establishes a legal obligation towards third parties.  |
| commitment                   |   |
| Non-                         | Non-differentiated appropriations are for operations of an annual nature. (Art. 9 FR). In the   |
| differentiated               | EU-Budget non-differentiated appropriations apply to administrative expenditure, for  |
| appropriations               | agricultural market support and direct payments.  |
| Operational                  | Operational appropriations finance the different policies, mainly in the form of grants or  |
| appropriations               | procurement.  |
| Outstanding                  | Legal commitments having not fully given rise to liquidation by payments. Cf. RAL.  |
| commitment<br>Outturn        | Cf. Budget result   |
| Payment                      | A payment is a cash disbursement to honour legal obligations.   |
| i ayment                     | א payment is a tash uisbui sement to nonour regai obligations.  |

| Term           | Definition   |
|----------------|--|
| Payment        | Payment appropriations cover expenditure due in the current year, arising from legal   |
| appropriations | 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   |
|                | <i>'reste à liquider'</i> ) are defined as the amount of appropriations committed that have not yet  |
|                | been paid. They stem directly from the existence of multiannual programmes and the   |
|                | dissociation between commitment and payment appropriations. (Cf. <i>Outstanding commitments</i> )  |
| Recovery       | The recovery order is the procedure by which the Authorising officer (AO) registers an   |
|                | entitlement by the Commission in order to retrieve the amount which is due. The  |
|                | entitlement is the right that the  |
|                | Commission has to claim the sum which is due by a debtor, usually a beneficiary.   |
| Result         | Cf. Outturn  |
| Revenue        | Term used to describe income from all sources financing the budget.  |
| Rules of       | Detailed rules for the implementation of the financial regulation. They are set out in a   |
| application    | 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  |
| 110110101      | 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.   |
|                |  |