

Amending budget 3/2016: security of the institutions

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PURPOSE: presentation of the draft amending budget No 3 for the year 2016 concerning the institutions' security needs.

CONTENT: following the November 2015 attacks in Paris and those of March 2016 in Brussels, all institutions have reviewed their security needs in the short to medium term.

The draft budget for 2017 incorporates additional elements related to security for almost all institutions. However, in some cases the need to accelerate the reinforcement of security measures and installations requires **additional resources in 2016 already**.

Draft amending budget (DAB) No 3 for the year 2016 proposes to reinforce the budget for security for a total of EUR 15.8 million, as follows:

- European Schools: EUR 3.5 million (security of persons and guarding of buildings);
- European Parliament: **EUR 200 000** (financing of 35 additional posts for the recruitment of additional security agents in order to provide armed protection of the strategic points inside the European Parliament's buildings in all three duty stations);
- European Commission: EUR 5 million to strengthen security for persons and buildings. The following amounts are to be used for the same purposes:
 - Court of Justice: EUR 1.8 million;
 - European Court of Auditors: EUR 2.1 million;
 - European Economic and Social Committee: EUR 400 000;
 - Committee of the Regions: EUR 300 000;
 - European External Action Service: EUR 2.5 million.

The result is an increase of non-differentiated expenditure in the 2016 budget for heading 5 Administration.

However, it is proposed to redeploy the necessary payment appropriations from the ITER operational line in heading 1a to avoid any impact on the global level of payments.

At the end of 2015, the ITER budget item 32 05 01 02 received an amount of assigned revenue which corresponds to the outturn balance from the year 2014 of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER – Fusion for Energy.

Since these appropriations are available, an equivalent amount in fresh payment appropriations can be redeployed elsewhere in the 2016 budget. As the requirements of this DAB in heading 5 are for non-differentiated appropriations, the amount of payment appropriations needed must correspond to the commitments, thus the Commission proposes to offset the increase of EUR 15.8 million in payment appropriations in heading 5 by a reduction of the same amount from budget item 32 05 01 02 in heading 1a.