Amending budget 1/2023: technical adjustments stemming from the political agreements reached on several legislative proposals, including with respect to REPowerEU, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the Union Secure Connectivity programme

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On 16 March 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 1 to the general budget for 2023 concerning technical adjustments stemming from the political agreements reached on several legislative proposals, including with respect to REPowerEU, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the Union Secure Connectivity programme.

The aim of this proposal is to:

- adjust the budgetary nomenclature and remarks following the adoption of the REPowerEU plan and Regulation with targeted amendments to the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation (RRF), the Emissions Trading Schemes (ETS) Directive, as well as the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) Regulation;

- transfer the operational line of the CBAM from heading 1 to heading 3 of the multiannual financial framework (MFF), in line with the final agreement reached in December 2022 by the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment of the CBAM, while adjusting the staffing and other administrative appropriations under heading 7 as per the revised legislative financial statement;

- reinforce the Space Secure Connectivity programme for an amount of EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations, in order to complete the financing of the programme for the period until the end of 2027;

- adjust the EU contribution and/or staff numbers of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA), the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), the Agency for support to the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to take account of changes in their mandates;

- adjust the establishment plan of the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) to take account of a minor change in the staff structure of the executive agency;

- increasing the level of appropriations of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) to finance legal fees following an increase of litigation cases relating to the application of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Overall, the net impact of DAB 1 on expenditure amounts to an increase of **EUR 52.6 million in commitment appropriations**. No additional payment appropriations are requested.

The Council adopted its position on DAB No 1 to the general budget for 2023 as set out in the technical annex contained in this explanatory memorandum.