

Amending budget 4/2006 (ex-draft budget 3 /2006): Section III Commission, Section VIII Part B European Data-protection Supervisor

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In May 2006, the Commission forwarded a Preliminary Draft Amending Budget (PDAB) No. 3/2006 to the Council, which comprised four main elements. Three of the proposed amendments concerned changes to Section III (the Commission) and one amendment proposed a change to Section VIII Part B: the European Data-Protection Supervisor.

In summary, the proposed draft amendments requested:

- Reinforcing staff at the “European Aviation Safety Agency” to cover standardisation inspection programmes. This would involve an additional 6 AD and 2 AST temporary posts.
- Reinforcing staff at the “European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at the External Borders”. This would involve an additional 13 AD and the removal of 2 AST temporary posts.
- Strengthening the European GNSS Supervisory Authority through the financing of an additional 19 AD temporary posts. The GNSS Supervisory Authority has taken over certain tasks from the Galileo Joint Undertaking, hence the need for more staff.
- Increasing the appropriations entered on the line “Translation and interpretation costs” for the European Data-protection Supervisor.

The Commission proposed covering the commitment and payment appropriations necessary for reinforcing the staff of the European Aviation Safety Agency and the European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at the External Borders by redeploying appropriations within the budget.

Both the commitment and payment appropriations needed to strengthen the GNSS Supervisory Authority and the additional translation costs for the European Data-Protection Supervisory Authority, on the other hand, would need to be funded through additional appropriations. The extra funding needed refers to EUR 3 050 000 and EUR 554 545 respectively.

In July 2006, the Council gave its response:

- As far as the establishment plans of the “European Aviation Safety Agency”, the “Galileo Supervisory Authority” and the “European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at External Borders” are concerned, the proposed changes are accepted. Similarly, the Council has agreed to cover the appropriations needed for reinforcing staff at the European Aviation Safety Agency and the European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at External Borders through the redeployment of appropriations within the budget.

- The Council has accepted the Commission's proposal to finance a strengthened GNSS Supervisory Body by decreasing both the commitment and payment appropriations from EUR 3 050 000 to EUR 1 600 000. The remaining amount will be covered by the transfer of appropriations within the budget.
- The Council has accepted the proposed request for additional appropriations concerning translation costs related to the European Data-Protection Supervisor. Taking account of the under-implementation of Chapter 02 01 (Administrative expenditure for "Enterprise Policy") foreseen for the end of the 2006 financial year, the Council has agreed to compensate these additional appropriations to budget line 02 01 04 01 "Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectoral approximation – Expenditure on administrative management."