

MB DECISION

Decision n°:	2021/06
Subject:	Adoption of Management Board budgetary transfer 2021-02

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

HAVING REGARD to Management Board decision of 17 May 2019 on the Financial Rules applicable to the budget of the Agency (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Rules'), and in particular article 32 paragraph 3 thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

To adopt:

- a. The 2021-02 Management Board transfer of appropriations on the 2021 budget as explained in Annexes I and II; and
- b. In order to facilitate the implementation of the partnership with the Greek Ombudsman, the Management Board agrees that, following reception of the funds, they are directly entered in the Agency's budget and an amending budget is published accordingly. The Agency will inform the Management Board of any funds received and entered in the budget via this method.

Done at Vienna, on 24.09.2021

For the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights



Elise Barbé

Chairperson of the Management Board

Annexes:

Annex I – Explanatory note

Annex II – Amounts per budget item

NOTE

PAGE 1/4

FROM: Corporate Services

TO: Management Board

DATE: 25 August 2021

SUBJECT: Annex I – 2021-01 Management Board budgetary transfer

A budgetary transfer is proposed to the Management Board. This proposal reduces Title 1 Staff expenditure by €75,000, Title II Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure by €195,272 and reinforces the Agency's Title III – Operational expenditure accordingly. Amounts smaller or equal to €2,000 as well as decimal values are only indicated in Annex II.

Title I – Staff expenditure

A01100 – Basic salaries

This budget item is proposed to be decreased by €75,000. Following changes in staffing that occurred throughout the year, e.g. a request for unpaid leave, this amount found to be in surplus.

Title II – Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous expenditure

Title II is proposed to be decreased by €195,272.

A02000 – Rent

This budget item is proposed to be decreased by €16,717. This amount was reserved to cover the estimated rent indexation. However, since no rent increase took place it can be released.

A02020 – Water, gas, electricity and heating

Due to COVID-19 teleworking was extensively used during the year. Therefore, the electricity usage remained low and the amount of €18,458 can be released.

A02030 – Cleaning and maintenance

For the same reason, the expenses for cleaning services were less compared to the initial estimation. Therefore, this budget item is proposed to be reduced by €63,000.

A02040 – Fitting-out of premises

The Agency's was planning changes in the building following an extension of the its lease agreement. However, the discussion on the negotiation of this extension will be completed later compared to the initial estimation. Therefore, the amount of €15,000, which was reserved for these changes, can be released.

A02200 – Technical equipment and installations

The amount of €10,000 was initially reserved for the potential replacement of technical equipment. However, no such needs realised during the year. Therefore, this amount can be released.

A02210 – Furniture

As discussed above, the Agency is negotiating the extension of its lease agreement. For this reason, €40,000 were reserved for furniture. However, since the extension of the lease agreement will be completed later, this amount can be released.

A02320 – Bank charges

During 2021, the Agency's bank started charging negative interest. Therefore, based on an estimation, which was taking into consideration last year's account balances, an amount was reserved to cover this cost. During the year the Agency took all necessary measures to maintain its bank balance as low as possible and as a result the costs of negative interest were lower compared to the initial estimation and €5,000 can be released.

A02353 – Departmental removals and associated handling

€15,000 are proposed to be released as the needs for logistic services are lowered compared to the initial estimation.

A02400 – Postage and delivery charges

Following the use of electronic and digital signatures, the use of postage services are reduced. Therefore, the amount of €8,000 can be released.

A02550 Meeting expenses

€2,098 are proposed to be released as the needs for food and beverages are lower compared to the initial estimation.

Title III – Operational Expenditure

Title III is proposed to be increased by €270,272.

B03100 – Equality and discrimination

This budget item is proposed to be increased by €75,000. This amount was foreseen as third priority and under the project O.1.1 Performance Monitoring and Evaluations to cover the implementation of ex-ante and ex-post evaluations as per Annex IX 'Evaluation of the FRA' of the adopted PD 2021-2023.

B03211 – Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data

This budget item is proposed to be increased by €28,497. This amount will be added to the budget of the project project B.1.2 Advising on how to prevent unlawful profiling. These funds will be used to address the EU's anti-racism action plan 2020-2025 contains a reference which invites FRA to collect policing practices: *"The FRA will be invited to collect and disseminate good practices promoting fair policing, building on their existing training manual and guide on preventing unlawful profiling."* It further refers to *"inclusive policing"* as a model to establish trust. Also the EU's security strategy refers to police-community partnerships as a preventive tool for crime prevention.

B03500 – Communication and awareness raising

This budget item is proposed to be increased by €65,187. This amount will be allocated to project E.1.1 04, Fundamental Rights Report 2022, to ensure consistency across the chapters of the FRR2022, the focus chapter will cover all 27 EU Member States, plus Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia. As indicated in the outline of the focus chapter presented to the Management Board during its May's meeting, the chapter will need to draw on a FRANET information request outside of the scope of the FRANET contribution for FRR2022. Since the editorial committee of the Management Board (AREEDIT) will provide its final input on the outline of the focus chapter on 9 September 2021, it is only possible to integrate the information request for the focus chapter in the FRANET Guidelines – Short Thematic Report – Contribution to FRA Fundamental Rights Report 2022 after this event. This FRANET information request for the focus chapter for the EU-27 will collect information on how measures Member States adopted under their national recovery and resilience plans relate to fostering social rights. Following communication with human rights actors in Albania, we received confirmation that no relevant information would be available for that country for the focus chapter. Therefore, Albania will not be included and background information will be collected through FRA desk research. The FRANET guidelines for North Macedonia and Serbia will be adapted so that they respond to the situation in these countries.

B03900 – Operational reserves

This budget item is proposed to be increased by €101,589.

--- end of document ---

Annex II - 2021-02 MB BT on C1 credits by budget line

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current commitment appropriations</u>	<u>Committed appropriations</u>	<u>Uncommitted appropriations</u>	<u>Budgetary transfer</u>	<u>Commitment appropriations following the budgetary transfer</u>
		(1)	(2)	(3)=(1)-(2)	(4)	(5)=(1)+(4)
TITLE 1						
A-1100	Basic salaries	6,644,000.00	6,569,000.00	75,000.00	-75,000.00	6,569,000.00
TOTAL TITLE 1		13,945,000.00	13,490,630.62	454,369.38	-75,000.00	13,870,000.00
TITLE 2						
A-2000	Rent	681,900.16	665,183.62	16,716.54	-16,716.54	665,183.62
A-2020	Water, gas, electricity and heating	78,000.00	59,542.41	18,457.59	-18,457.59	59,542.41
A-2030	Cleaning and maintenance	326,100.00	260,064.42	66,035.58	-63,000.00	263,100.00
A-2040	Fitting-out of premises	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-15,000.00	25,000.00
A-2050	Security and surveillance of buildings	131,000.00	124,668.08	6,331.92	-2,000.00	129,000.00
A-2200	Technical equipment and installations	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-10,000.00	-
A-2210	Furniture	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-40,000.00	-
A-2320	Bank charges	23,333.33	14,000.00	9,333.33	-5,000.00	18,333.33
A-2353	Departmental removals and associated handling	30,000.00	10,262.00	19,738.00	-15,000.00	15,000.00
A-2400	Postage and delivery charges	21,000.00	11,992.00	9,008.00	-8,000.00	13,000.00
A-2550	Meetings expenses	13,000.00	8,462.61	4,537.39	-2,098.00	10,902.00
TOTAL TITLE 2		2,284,233.49	1,877,401.56	406,831.93	-195,272.13	2,088,961.36
TITLE 3						
B-3100	Equality and discrimination	3,037,094.63	305,557.93	2,731,536.70	75,000.00	3,112,094.63
B-3211	Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data	810,500.00	45,438.00	765,062.00	28,496.50	838,996.50
B-3500	Communication and awareness-raising	2,120,130.37	1,868,573.68	251,556.69	65,186.25	2,185,316.62
B-3900	Reserve for Title 3	547.84	-	547.84	101,589.38	102,137.22
TOTAL TITLE 3		8,240,797.84	3,579,736.11	4,661,061.73	270,272.13	8,511,069.97
TITLE 4						
TOTAL TITLE 4		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 2021 BUDGET		24,470,031.33	18,947,768.29	5,522,263.04	0.00	24,470,031.33