



TRANSFER BETWEEN 2009 BUDGET TITLES

Summary

ETF seeks¹ the approval of the Board for a transfer of €200,606 from Title 2 (Building, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure) to Title 3 (Expenses relating to performance of specific missions).

Background

At the beginning of 2009 the ETF ran a budget assessment exercise to assess the optimal use of resources initially put under reserve by the European Parliament that were confirmed as released following the adoption of the ETF recast regulation. This resulted in the identification of €448,606 from expenditure on staffing, consultancy and infrastructure which could possibly be made available considering the delay in preparatory activities pending the confirmation that the budget would not be affected by a reserve.

Redistribution of resources

Internal consultation has taken place during March-April, and proposals for reinforcing current projects and diverse initiatives have been considered. The agreed allocation by the ETF Management Team between areas is indicated below:

External Communication: €118,400.00 representing:

- € 30,000 *Europe day*
- € 88,400 *Policy briefings and Corporate identity revision*

Operations: €250,000.00 representing:

- € 70,000 *IPA – co-funding a joint seminar in Croatia in the area of social inclusion, and organisation of a new regional event on entrepreneurship learning*
- € 68,000 *ENPI – organisation of a seminar in Tunisia on NQF and provision of additional expertise in e-learning for teachers and trainers*
- € 15,000 *DCI – launching an event on school development towards flexible community learning centres and participation of central Asian NQF coordinators in the Minsk event*
- € 38,000 *ILP - to cover additional activities following cooperation opportunities with ILO on NQF related research which emerged after the EQF conference*
- € 59,000 *supplement operational mission budget*

Administration: €80,206.00 representing:

- € 15,206 *Green ETF*
- € 2,000 *Missions for ABAC implementation*
- € 5,000 *WiFi internet access deployment*
- € 18,000 *Feasibility study Voice Over IP (with the overall aim to reduce telephone costs)*
- € 40,000 *Desktop Virtualisation (solution enabling remote access of all ETF systems and reduce ownership and maintenance costs)*

¹ according to provisions of Art 23§2 of ETF's Financial Regulations, all transfers between budgetary titles that shift more than 10% of the appropriations available for the year from one budget title to another need to be approved by the Governing Board

Implementation

In line with the principle of transparency and with the provisions of Art. 23§4 of the ETF's Financial Regulations, ETF informs the Board of the transfers that have already been implemented in this context under the authority of the Director, corresponding to a total of €247,206:

- €108,794 transferred from Title 1(staff) to Title 3 (operations)
- €76,206 reallocated within Title 1(staff)
- €63,000 reallocated within Title 2 (infrastructure)

In order to complete the reallocation of resources, the ETF is proposing to the Board for adoption a transfer of €200,606 from Title 2 (Building, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure) to Title 3 (Expenses relating to performance of specific missions).

A summary of all the transfers performed will be presented to the Board in the November meeting, in the context of the adoption of the Amending Budget 2009.