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TITLE 04 — EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 04 04 — EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SOLIDARITY AND GENDER EQUALITY

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
			Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
04 04	EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SOLIDARITY AND GENDER EQUALITY							
04 04 01	Progress							
04 04 01 01	Employment	1.1	17 000 000	6 800 000				
04 04 01 02	Social protection and inclusion	1.1	22 900 000	8 500 000				
04 04 01 03	Working conditions	1.1	10 100 000	3 750 000				
04 04 01 04	Anti-discrimination and diversity	1.1	19 550 000	7 500 000				
04 04 01 05	Gender equality	1.1	7 200 000	2 750 000				
04 04 01 06	Support for implementation	1.1	1 150 000	500 000				
	<i>Article 04 04 01 — Subtotal</i>		77 900 000	29 800 000				
04 04 02	Gender Institute							
04 04 02 01	Gender Institute — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2	1.1	p.m. ⁽¹⁾	p.m. ⁽¹⁾				
04 04 02 02	Gender Institute — Subsidy under Title 3	1.1	p.m. ⁽²⁾	p.m. ⁽²⁾				
	<i>Article 04 04 02 — Subtotal</i>		p.m.	p.m.				
04 04 03	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions							
04 04 03 01	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2	1.1	12 138 000 ⁽³⁾	12 138 000 ⁽³⁾	11 900 000	11 900 000	11 600 000,—	11 600 000,—
04 04 03 02	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions — Subsidy under Title 3	1.1	7 242 000 ⁽⁴⁾	7 242 000 ⁽⁴⁾	7 100 000	7 100 000	7 000 000,—	7 000 000,—
	<i>Article 04 04 03 — Subtotal</i>		19 380 000	19 380 000	19 000 000	19 000 000	18 600 000,—	18 600 000,—
04 04 04	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work							
04 04 04 02	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2	1.1	6 018 000 ⁽⁵⁾	6 018 000 ⁽⁵⁾	5 900 000	5 900 000	5 900 000,—	5 602 088,34

⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 310 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 190 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽³⁾ An appropriation of EUR 12 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽⁴⁾ An appropriation of EUR 208 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽⁵⁾ An appropriation of EUR 282 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

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04 04 04 03	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work — Subsidy under Title 3	1.1	7 446 000 ⁽¹⁾	7 446 000 ⁽¹⁾	7 300 000	7 300 000	7 300 000,—	5 975 000,—
	<i>Article 04 04 04 — Subtotal</i>		13 464 000	13 464 000	13 200 000	13 200 000	13 200 000,—	11 577 088,34
04 04 05	Pilot project on mainstreaming of disability actions: follow-up initiative to the European Year of People with Disabilities	1.1	p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	1 500 000	2 916 370,90	1 166 915,82
04 04 06	European Year on Equal Opportunities for All in 2007	1.1	9 000 000	8 500 000	4 000 000 ⁽²⁾	p.m. ⁽³⁾		
04 04 07	Completion of previous programmes	1.1	p.m.	35 000 000	76 432 830 ⁽⁴⁾	63 561 230 ⁽⁴⁾	67 726 126,80	63 453 034,55
04 04 08	Preparatory measures for a local commitment for employment	1.1	—	—	—	p.m.	0,—	163 943,10
04 04 09	Support for the running costs of the Platform of European Social Non-governmental Organisations	1.1	620 000	620 000	680 000	680 000	672 000,—	656 187,78
	Chapter 04 04 — Total		120 364 000	108 764 000	113 312 830	97 941 230	103 114 497,70	95 617 169,59

⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 254 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 000 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽³⁾ An appropriation of EUR 1 000 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

⁽⁴⁾ An appropriation of EUR 1 100 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

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04 04 01 **Progress**

Remarks

New article

04 04 01 01 Employment

Figures (*Differentiated appropriations*)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 000 000	6 800 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	17 000 000		6 800 000	5 000 000	4 000 000	1 200 000
Total	17 000 000		6 800 000	5 000 000	4 000 000	1 200 000

Remarks

New item

This appropriation is intended to support the implementation of the European Employment Strategy (EES) by:

- improving understanding of the employment situation and prospects, in particular through analysis and studies and the development of statistics and common indicators within the framework of the EES,
- monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the European Employment Guidelines and Recommendations and their impact, notably through the Joint Employment Report, and analysing the interaction between the EES and general economic and social policy and other policy areas,
- organising exchanges on policies, good practice and innovative approaches and promoting mutual learning in the context of the EES,
- raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about employment challenges, policies, and the implementation of national reform programmes, including among regional and local actors, social partners and other stakeholders.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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04 04 01 (cont'd)

04 04 01 01 (cont'd)

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

04 04 01 02 Social protection and inclusion

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 900 000	8 500 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	22 900 000		8 500 000	6 900 000	4 600 000	2 900 000
Total	22 900 000		8 500 000	6 900 000	4 600 000	2 900 000

*Remarks**New item*

This appropriation is intended to support the implementation of the open method of coordination (OMC) in the field of social protection and inclusion by:

- improving the understanding of social exclusion and poverty issues, social protection and inclusion policies, in particular through analysis and studies and the development of statistics and common indicators, within the framework of the open method of coordination in the field of social protection and inclusion,
- monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the OMC in the field of social protection and inclusion and its impact at national and Community level and analysing the interaction between this OMC and other policy areas,

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- organising exchanges on policies, good practice and innovative approaches and promoting mutual learning in the context of the social protection and inclusion strategy,
- raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting debate about the key challenges and policy issues raised in the context of the EU coordination process in the field of social protection and social inclusion, including among NGOs, regional and local actors, social partners and other stakeholders,
- developing the capacity of key EU networks to support and further develop EU policy goals and strategies on social protection and inclusion.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

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04 04 01 03 Working conditions

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 100 000	3 750 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	10 100 000		3 750 000	3 000 000	2 300 000	1 050 000
Total	10 100 000		3 750 000	3 000 000	2 300 000	1 050 000

Remarks

New item

This appropriation is intended to support the improvement of the working environment and conditions including health and safety at work and reconciling work and family life by:

- improving the understanding of the situation in relation to working conditions, in particular through analysis and studies and, where appropriate, the development of statistics and indicators, as well as assessing the effectiveness and impact of existing legislation, policies and practices,
- supporting the implementation of EU labour law through effective monitoring, holding seminars for those working in the field, development of guides and networking amongst specialised bodies, including social partners,
- initiating preventive actions and fostering health and safety at work,
- raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to working conditions, including among social partners.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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04 04 01 03 (cont'd)

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

04 04 01 04 Anti-discrimination and diversity

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 550 000	7 500 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	19 550 000		7 500 000	5 800 000	4 500 000	1 750 000
Total	19 550 000		7 500 000	5 800 000	4 500 000	1 750 000

Remarks

New item

This appropriation is intended to support the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination and promote its mainstreaming in all EU policies by:

- improving the understanding of the situation in relation to discrimination in particular through analysis and studies and, where appropriate, the development of statistics and indicators as well as assessing the effectiveness and impact of existing legislation, policies and practices,
- supporting the implementation of EU anti-discrimination legislation through effective monitoring, holding seminars for those working in the field and networking amongst specialised bodies dealing with anti-discrimination,

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- raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination and the mainstreaming of anti-discrimination in all EU policies including among NGOs in the field of anti-discrimination, regional and local actors, social partners and other stakeholders,
- developing the capacity of key EU networks to promote and further develop EU policy goals and strategies.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

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04 04 01 05 Gender equality

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
7 200 000	2 750 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	7 200 000		2 750 000	2 100 000	1 650 000	700 000
Total	7 200 000		2 750 000	2 100 000	1 650 000	700 000

Remarks

New item

This appropriation is intended to support the effective implementation of the principle of gender equality and promote gender mainstreaming in all EU policies by:

- improving the understanding of the situation in relation to gender issues and gender mainstreaming, in particular through analysis and studies and the development of statistics and, where appropriate, indicators, as well as assessing the effectiveness and impact of existing legislation, policies and practices,
- supporting the implementation of EU gender equality legislation through effective monitoring, holding seminars for those working in the field and networking amongst specialised equality bodies,
- raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to gender equality including the importance of reconciling work and family life, and gender mainstreaming,
- developing the capacity of key EU networks to support and further develop EU policy goals and strategies on gender equality.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

04 04 01 06 Support for implementation

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 150 000	500 000				

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	1 150 000		500 000	350 000	300 000	
Total	1 150 000		500 000	350 000	300 000	

*Remarks**New item*

This appropriation is intended to support the implementation of the programme to cover, in particular, the expenditure related to evaluations and the annual Forum on the Social Agenda (Progress), which promotes dialogue between all stakeholders from all levels, publicises the programme's results and discusses future priorities.

To the appropriations entered in this Item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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04 04 01 (cont'd)

04 04 01 06 (cont'd)

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, as well as from the western Balkan countries included in the stabilisation and association process, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress (OJ L 315, 15.11.2006, p. 1).

04 04 02 **Gender Institute**

Remarks

New article

04 04 02 01 Gender Institute — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m. ⁽¹⁾	p.m. ⁽²⁾				
⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 310 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. ⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 310 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006						
Appropriations 2007	2 310 000 ⁽¹⁾		2 310 000			
Total	2 310 000		2 310 000 ⁽²⁾			
⁽¹⁾ This appropriation is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. ⁽²⁾ This appropriation is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.						

Remarks

New item

These appropriations are intended to cover staff costs, administrative costs and other related expenditure. During the first year, it is expected that 15 members of staff, including one director, will be recruited.

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In accordance with Decision 2006/996/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of 11 December 2006 on the location of the seat of the European Institute for Gender Equality (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 61) the European Institute for Gender Equality shall have its seat in Vilnius.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 9).

04 04 02 02 Gender Institute — Subsidy under Title 3

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m. ⁽¹⁾	p.m. ⁽²⁾				
⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 190 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. ⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 190 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments	Payments				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding					
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005					
Appropriations 2006					
Appropriations 2007		2 190 000 ⁽¹⁾	2 190 000		
Total		2 190 000	2 190 000 ⁽²⁾		
⁽¹⁾ This appropriation is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. ⁽²⁾ This appropriation is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.					

*Remarks**New item*

These appropriations are reserved for data gathering and information analysis; the installation and coordination of the telephone network; the organisation of meetings of experts, conferences, etc.; the organisation of the documentation centre, publications and meetings of the Management Board.

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04 04 02 (cont'd)

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The Regulation must be adopted using the codecision procedure. The Institute will become operational until 2007.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Estimated revenue and expenditure for the financial year is as follows:

Revenue:

— Title 1 'European Community subsidy'		4 500 000
— Title 2 'Sundry revenue'		0
	Total	4 500 000

Expenditure:

— Title 1 'Staff'		1 160 000
— Title 2 'Administrative expenditure'		1 150 000
— Title 3 'Operating expenditure'		2 190 000
	Total	4 500 000

Legal basis

Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality (OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 9).

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04 04 03 01 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2

Figures (*Differentiated appropriations*)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 138 000 ⁽¹⁾	12 138 000 ⁽²⁾	11 900 000	11 900 000	11 600 000,—	11 600 000,—
⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 12 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. ⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 12 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	11 900 000	11 900 000				
Appropriations 2007	12 150 000 ⁽¹⁾		12 150 000			
Total	24 050 000	11 900 000	12 150 000 ⁽²⁾			
⁽¹⁾ Of which EUR 12 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. ⁽²⁾ Of which EUR 12 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.						

Remarks**Former Item 04 03 04 01**

This appropriation is intended to cover the Foundation's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2).

EUR 1 million is intended for the analytical work of the European Monitoring Centre on Change, decided upon by the Nice European Council of 7 to 9 December 2000 with a view to identifying, anticipating and managing technological, social and economic trends.

The Foundation must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operating and administrative expenditure.

The Commission, if requested by the Foundation, undertakes to notify the budgetary authority of transfers made between operating and administrative appropriations.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of the Framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of the Financial Regulation constitute assigned revenue (Article 18(1)(f) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The Foundation's establishment plan is shown in Part C 'Staff' of the general statement of revenue (volume 1).

Legal basis

Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of the Council of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 1).

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04 04 03 (cont'd)

04 04 03 02 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions — Subsidy under Title 3

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
7 242 000 ⁽¹⁾	7 242 000 ⁽²⁾	7 100 000	7 100 000	7 000 000,—	7 000 000,—
⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 208 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. ⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 208 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	7 100 000	7 100 000				
Appropriations 2007	7 450 000 ⁽¹⁾		7 450 000			
Total	14 550 000	7 100 000	7 450 000 ⁽²⁾			
⁽¹⁾ Of which EUR 20 8000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. ⁽²⁾ Of which EUR 20 8000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.						

Remarks

Former Item 04 03 04 02

This appropriation is intended to cover only the Foundation's operating expenditure for the work programme (Title 3).

Part of this appropriation is intended for the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Change, decided upon at the Nice European Council of 7 to 9 December 2000 with a view to identifying, anticipating and managing technological, social and economic trends. To this end, high quality information must be collected, processed and analysed.

For this purpose, EUR 500 000 has been earmarked to finance the activities of the European Monitoring Centre for Change.

This appropriation will also cover studies on the impact of new technologies in the workplace and on occupational illnesses, such as, for example, the impact of repetitive movements when performing a task.

During the budgetary procedure and even during the financial year, when a letter of amendment or an amending budget is submitted, the Commission shall inform the budgetary authority beforehand of any changes in the budget of the agencies, in particular concerning the establishment plans published in the budget. Such a procedure is in accordance with the provisions on transparency set out in the Interinstitutional Declaration of 17 November 1995 and implemented in the form of a code of conduct agreed by the European Parliament, the Commission and the agencies.

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The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of the Framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of the Financial Regulation constitute assigned revenue (Article 18(1)(f) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The estimate of revenue and expenditure is as follows:

Revenue:		
Title 1 'European subsidy'		19 600 000
Title 5 'Miscellaneous revenue'		580 000
	Total	<u>20 180 000</u>
Expenditure:		
Title 1 'Staff'		10 926 000
Title 2 'Administrative expenditure'		1 804 000
Title 3 'Operating expenditure'		7 450 000
	Total	<u>20 180 000</u>

Legal basis

Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of the Council of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 1).

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04 04 04 *European Agency for Safety and Health at Work*

04 04 04 02 European Agency for Safety and Health at Work — Subsidy under Titles 1 and 2

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
6 018 000 (1)	6 018 000 (2)	5 900 000	5 900 000	5 900 000,—	5 602 088,34
(1) An appropriation of EUR 282 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. (2) An appropriation of EUR 282 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding	1 918 912	1 918 912				
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	5 900 000	3 981 088	1 300 000	618 912		
Appropriations 2007	6 300 000 (1)		5 000 000	1 300 000		
Total	14 118 912	5 900 000	6 300 000 (2)	1 918 912		
(1) Of which EUR 282 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. (2) Of which EUR 282 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.						

Remarks

Former Item 04 03 05 02

This appropriation is intended to cover the Agency's staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2).

The Agency must inform the budgetary authority about transfers of appropriations between operating and administrative expenditure.

The Commission, if requested by the Agency, undertakes to notify the budgetary authority of transfers made between operating and administrative appropriations.

The amounts repaid in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 23 December 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72) constitute assigned revenue (Article 18(1)(f) of the Financial Regulation) to be charged to Item 6 6 0 0 of the general statement of revenue.

The agency's establishment plan is shown in Part C 'Staff' of the general statement of revenue (volume 1).

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04 04 04 (cont'd)

04 04 04 02 (cont'd)

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OJ L 216, 20.8.1994, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1112/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 5).

04 04 04 03 European Agency for Safety and Health at Work — Subsidy under Title 3

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
7 446 000 ⁽¹⁾	7 446 000 ⁽²⁾	7 300 000	7 300 000	7 300 000,—	5 975 000,—
⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 254 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02. ⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 254 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.					

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding	3 351 406	2 800 000	551 406			
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	7 300 000	4 500 000	2 348 594	300 000	151 406	
Appropriations 2007	7 700 000 ⁽¹⁾		4 800 000	1 200 000	900 000	800 000
Total	18 351 406	7 300 000	7 700 000 ⁽²⁾	1 500 000	1 051 406	800 000
⁽¹⁾ Of which EUR 254 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01. ⁽²⁾ Of which EUR 254 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.						

Remarks

Former Item 04 03 05 03

This appropriation is only intended to cover the Agency's operating expenditure relating to the work programme (Title 3).

During the budgetary procedure and even during the financial year, when a letter of amendment or an amending budget is submitted, the Commission shall inform the budgetary authority beforehand of any changes in the budget of the agencies, in particular concerning the establishment plans published in the budget. Such a procedure is in accordance with the provisions on transparency set out in the Interinstitutional Declaration of 17 November 1995 and implemented in the form of a code of conduct agreed by the European Parliament, the Commission and the agencies.

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04 04 04 03 (cont'd)

In recent years the number of agencies has increased significantly (six), the budget for the agencies has absorbed a large proportion of the margin in heading 3 and there have been significant staff increases.

Pursuant to Article 185 of the Financial Regulation and the corresponding Items of the framework Regulation for each of the bodies set up by the Communities, the role of the budgetary authority has been strengthened.

The Agency's objective is to provide the Community institutions, Member States and interested parties with technical, scientific and economic information of use in the area of health and safety at work.

EUR 1 million is earmarked for an SME programme.

The estimate of revenue and expenditure for the financial year is as follows:

Revenue:	
— Title 1 'European Community subsidy'	14 000 000
— Title 2 'Miscellaneous revenue'	328 000
Total	14 328 000
Expenditure:	
— Title 1 'Staff'	4 797 000
— Title 2 'Administrative expenditure'	1 555 000
— Title 3 'Operating expenditure'	7 976 000
Total	14 328 000

This appropriation covers the measures necessary to accomplish the Agency's tasks as defined in Regulation (EC) No 2062/94, and in particular:

- awareness-building and risk-anticipation measures, with special emphasis on SMEs,
- setting up a 'risk observatory' based on examples of good practice collected from firms or specific branches of activity,
- organising exchanges of experience, information and good practices,
- integrating the candidate countries into these information networks and devising working tools which are geared to their specific situation,
- organising the European week on health and safety, focusing on specific risks and needs of users and final beneficiaries.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OJ L 216, 20.8.1994, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1112/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 5).

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Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	2 000 000	p.m.	1 500 000	2 916 370,90	1 166 915,82

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding	4 164 841	1 500 000	2 000 000	664 841		
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	p.m.	p.m.				
Appropriations 2007	p.m.		p.m.			
Total	4 164 841	1 500 000	2 000 000	664 841		

Remarks

Former Articles 04 04 05 and 04 04 10

This appropriation is intended to fund initiatives for implementation of specific actions aimed at mainstreaming disability policies across all relevant Community policies as part of the follow-up action to the European year of people with disabilities:

- to promote greater cooperation with all bodies concerned with disability issues, including civil society,
- to support analysis of factors and policies relating to disability, including collection of statistics, disability impact assessment and development of indicators and benchmarks on development of mainstreaming of disability policy across Europe,
- to support mainstreaming of disability issues in the drafting of national action plans relating to social exclusion and poverty,
- to promote the exchange of good practice on capacity building and training of disabled people in promoting positive action measures to bring about equality of opportunity for disabled people and their families.

The appropriations previously allocated were intended to cover expenditure relating to the European year of people with disabilities in 2003.

To the appropriations entered in this article must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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Legal basis

The Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 13 thereof.

Council Decision 2001/903/EC of 3 December 2001 relating to the European Year of People with Disabilities (OJ L 335, 19.12.2001, p. 25).

Council resolution of 15 July 2003 on promoting the employment and social integration of people with disabilities (OJ C 175, 24.7.2003, p. 1).

04 04 06 *European Year on Equal Opportunities for All in 2007*

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
9 000 000	8 500 000	4 000 000 ⁽¹⁾	p.m. ⁽²⁾		

⁽¹⁾ An appropriation of EUR 2 000 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.
⁽²⁾ An appropriation of EUR 1 000 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	6 000 000 ⁽¹⁾	1 000 000	1 000 000	4 000 000		
Appropriations 2007	9 000 000		7 500 000	1 500 000		
Total	15 000 000	1 000 000 ⁽²⁾	8 500 000	5 500 000		

⁽¹⁾ Of which EUR 2 000 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.
⁽²⁾ This appropriation is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.

Remarks

Former Article 04 04 12

The European Year of Equal Opportunities for All supports measures which are aimed at raising awareness on the need to work towards a more cohesive society that celebrates differences and respect the substantial EU acquis in equality and non-discrimination and at stimulating debate and dialogue on questions which are central to achieving a just society.

In accordance with Decision No 771/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, this appropriation is intended to support the national activities that will be put in place by the Member States in line with their European Year's national strategy and priorities. Part of the appropriation will also cover the costs related to the organisation of the closing EU Conference by the incumbent Presidency and the costs related to the organisation of a Eurobarometer survey designed to measure trends and progress achieved by the European Year.

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To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Decision No 771/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 establishing the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All (2007) — towards a just society (OJ L 146, 31.5.2006, p. 1).

04 04 07 **Completion of previous programmes***Figures (Differentiated appropriations)*

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
p.m.	35 000 000	76 432 830 ⁽¹⁾	63 561 230 ⁽²⁾	67 726 126,80	63 453 034,55

(¹) An appropriation of EUR 1 100 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.
(²) An appropriation of EUR 1 100 000 is entered in Chapter 40 02.

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding	75 162 010	25 661 230	20 000 000	15 000 000	10 000 000	4 500 780
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	77 532 830 ⁽¹⁾	39 000 000	15 000 000	10 000 000	8 000 000	5 532 830
Appropriations 2007	p.m.		p.m.			
Total	152 694 840	64 661 230 ⁽²⁾	35 000 000	25 000 000	18 000 000	10 033 610

(¹) Of which EUR 1 100 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.
(²) Of which EUR 1 100 000 is entered in Item 40 02 41 01.

Remarks

Former Articles 04 02 15, 04 03 01, 04 04 03 (in part), 04 04 04, 04 05 01 to 04 05 03 and Items 04 03 03 01 (in part), 04 03 05 01 (in part), 04 04 02 02

This appropriation is intended to cover the funding of commitments remaining to be settled from past years in respect of the former articles and items mentioned above.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

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The candidate countries may make use of the Phare pre-accession instrument to cover the expenditure resulting from their participation in the programme. Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in the Community programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Any revenue from the contribution from candidate countries for participation in Community programmes, entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Council decision of 9 July 1957 concerning the terms of reference and Rules of Procedure of the Mines Safety and Health Commission (OJ 28, 31.8.1957, p. 487/57).

Council Decision 74/325/EEC of 27 June 1974 on the setting up of an Advisory Committee on safety, hygiene and health protection at work (OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 15).

Council Decision 74/326/EEC of 27 June 1974 on the extension of the responsibilities of the Mines Safety and Health Commission to all mineral-extracting industries (OJ L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 18).

Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1) and the associated individual directives.

Council Directive 92/29/EEC of 31 March 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels (OJ L 113, 30.4.1992, p. 19).

Council Decision 98/171/EC of 23 February 1998 on Community activities concerning analysis, research and cooperation in the field of employment and the labour market (OJ L 63, 4.3.1998, p. 26).

Council Decision 2000/750/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a Community action programme to combat discrimination (2001 to 2006) (OJ L 303, 2.12.2000, p. 23).

Decision No 50/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 2001 establishing a programme of Community action to encourage cooperation between Member States to combat social exclusion (OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 1), last amended by Decision No 786/2004/EC (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 7).

Decision No 1145/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on Community incentive measures in the field of employment (OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 1), as last amended by Decision No 786/2004/EC (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 7).

Council decision of 22 July 2003 on the setting-up of an advisory committee on safety, hygiene and health protection at work (OJ C 218, 13.9.2003, p. 1).

Decision No 1554/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 amending Council Decision 2001/51/EC establishing a Programme relating to the Community framework strategy on gender equality and Decision No 848/2004/EC establishing a Community action programme to promote organisations active at European level in the field of equality between men and women (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 9).

Reference acts

Convention concluded in 1959 between the ECSC High Authority and the International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS) of the International Labour Office.

Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Community under Articles 136, 137 and 140.

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Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
—	—	—	p.m.	0,—	163 943,10

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding						
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	—					
Appropriations 2007	—					
Total	—					

*Remarks**Former Article 04 02 16*

In its communication of 7 April 2000 (COM(2000) 196 final), the Commission refers to the need to motivate regional and local players to take part in the European employment strategy. The projects financed serve to encourage cooperation, improve knowledge, develop exchanges of information, promote best practices and innovative approaches at local and regional level as part of the European employment strategy.

The purpose of these activities is to make local and regional authorities and other key local partners, including representatives of the mutual and non-profit sector, aware of the scope for measures conducive to implementing the employment guidelines at local and regional level and the interlinking thereof at regional and local levels.

They include in particular:

- promoting publicity work for the European employment strategy and its implementation at local and regional levels, studies on how mutual and non-profit institutions can be supported at local and regional levels, studies on how to improve transnational cooperation and the dissemination of proven practices in implementing local employment initiatives and studies on what measures can be taken to create incentives for local and regional partners to contribute towards implementing the European employment strategy,
- enhancing the employment potential of the 'third system', and financing innovative preparatory actions, not least at local level, in the areas of social and neighbourhood services, the environment and the arts.

Particular focus is to be on the gender aspects of employment policy.

In connection with calls for proposals under this article, no restrictions on access to funding which require cross-border partnerships to comprise partners from more than three Member States are permitted.

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04 04 08 (cont'd)

Legal basis

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1), as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

04 04 09 **Support for the running costs of the Platform of European Social Non-governmental Organisations**

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriations 2007		Appropriations 2006		Outturn 2005	
Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
620 000	620 000	680 000	680 000	672 000,—	656 187,78

The likely schedule of payments vis-à-vis commitments is as follows:

Commitments		Payments				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	Subsequent years and others
Pre-2006 commitments still outstanding	134 400	134 400				
Commitment appropriations made available again and/or carried over from 2005						
Appropriations 2006	680 000	545 600	134 400			
Appropriations 2007	620 000		485 600	134 400		
Total	1 434 400	680 000	620 000	134 400		

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the running costs of the Platform of European Social Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs).

The Social Platform will facilitate participatory democracy in the European Union by promoting the consistent involvement of social NGOs within a structured civil dialogue with the EU institutions. It will also provide added value to the EU social policy-making process and strengthen civil society within new Member States.

Legal basis

Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 'Europe for Citizens' to promote active European Citizenship (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 32).