

## DECISION n° 216

### *of the Management Board of the European Union Agency on transfers of appropriations in the budget 2019*

#### **THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,**

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) N° 2016/796 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 (hereinafter called "the Regulation"), and in particular Article 51§c thereof,

Having regard to MB Decision n° 206 adopting the new ERA Financial Regulation, dated 25 September 2019, in particular Article 26 thereof (hereinafter Article 26),

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The figures of the budget 2019 were adopted by the Management Board on 28 November 2018;
2. After reviewing the preparation of the budget, it appeared that the assumption for calculating the average salaries was too low, leading to a potential budget gap of 2.4 M€ in title 1;
3. During the 50<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting held on the 25/09/2019, the Agency gave an updated state of play of the budget issue after reviewing all figures. The total gap identified to pay the salaries until the end of the year was about 1,8 M€ which was reduced 0,8M€ after transfers of appropriations;
4. The gap reduction was possible thanks to a transfer from Title 2 to Title 1 amounting 340.780,00 € and from Title 3 to Title 1 amounting 379.562,00 €;
5. The total budget in Title 2 was 2.510.000,00 €, therefore the budget transfer is 13,57 %;
6. The total budget gap is not yet closed and further transfer from Title 3 to Title 1 are needed; the transfers needed are around 200 k€ on top of the 379 k€ already validated
7. The total budget in Title 3 was 5.615.300,00 €, therefore the budget transfer is 10,32 %;
8. For transfers beyond the limit of 10 %, the Management Board should be requested to adopt the proposal;

**HAS DECIDED THE FOLLOWING:***Article 1*

1. The Management Board does not oppose to the transfers of appropriations in Title 2 validated by the Executive Director in line with Article 26§2 as presented in the table below:

Budget	Description of	Budget Before	Transfer	Revised budget
BERA-B2019-A01180-C1-ERA	Sundry recruitment expenses	225 000,00	- 95 000,00	130 000,00
BERA-B2019-A01300-C1-ERA	Mission expenses, duty travel expenses and other ancillary expenditure	140 000,00	- 40 000,00	100 000,00
BERA-B2019-A01440-C1-ERA	Internal training and team building	150 000,00	- 15 000,00	135 000,00
BERA-B2019-A01520-C1-ERA	Seconded National Experts	200 000,00	- 127 000,00	73 000,00
BERA-B2019-A01700-C1-ERA	Entertainment and representation expenses	5 000,00	- 2 000,00	3 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02000-C1-ERA	Rentals of buildings and parking facilities	620 000,00	- 40 000,00	580 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02010-C1-ERA	Insurance on buildings	20 000,00	- 3 000,00	17 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02020-C1-ERA	Water, gas, electricity and heating	140 000,00	- 10 000,00	130 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02040-C1-ERA	Fitting-out of premises	60 000,00	- 30 000,00	30 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02050-C1-ERA	Security and surveillance	250 000,00	- 30 000,00	220 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02100-C1-ERA	Data-processing equipment	290 000,00	- 50 000,00	240 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02200-C1-ERA	Technical installations and office equipment	130 000,00	- 60 000,00	70 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02210-C1-ERA	Furniture	31 450,00	- 30 000,00	1 450,00
BERA-B2019-A02250-C1-ERA	Library stocks, purchase and subscriptions of books, newspapers, magazines	10 000,00	- 8 000,00	2 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02251-C1-ERA	Special library material	10 000,00	- 10 000,00	-
BERA-B2019-A02300-C1-ERA	Stationery and office supplies	60 000,00	- 50 000,00	10 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02330-C1-ERA	Legal expenses	10 000,00	- 8 000,00	2 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02352-C1-ERA	Miscellaneous expenditure on internal meetings	10 000,00	- 5 000,00	5 000,00
BERA-B2019-A02360-C1-ERA	Publications	7 280,00	- 1 780,00	5 500,00
BERA-B2019-A02400-C1-ERA	Correspondence and courier expenses	15 000,00	- 5 000,00	10 000,00
BERA-B2019-B03000-C1-ERA	Strengthening global cooperation in rail	189 674,00	- 63 478,00	126 196,00
BERA-B2019-B03001-C1-ERA	Strategic development	10 636,00	- 5 612,00	5 024,00
BERA-B2019-B03011-C1-ERA	Harmonised technical specifications (fixed installations and vehicles)	101 961,00	- 13 441,00	88 520,00
BERA-B2019-B03012-C1-ERA	Harmonised Train Control System and telematics (communications, signalling, ERTMS system authority, telematics system authority)	94 279,00	- 11 349,00	82 930,00
BERA-B2019-B03013-C1-ERA	Disseminating and Training to support implementation of the EU framework	82 921,00	- 23 046,30	59 874,70
BERA-B2019-B03020-C1-ERA	Ensuring the coordination of the Fourth Railway Package implementation	2 051 536,00	- 322 175,00	1 729 361,00
BERA-B2019-B03031-C1-ERA	Monitoring	462 787,00	- 19 000,00	443 787,00
BERA-B2019-B03032-C1-ERA	Identifying research needs for the Target Rail System and supporting partner organisations in research and innovation	43 235,00	- 24 332,00	18 903,00
BERA-B2019-B03041-C1-ERA	Communicating effectively through website and social media	107 931,00	- 10 834,40	97 096,60
BERA-B2019-A01100-C1-ERA	Basic salaries	16 009 625,00		16 726 927,09
BERA-B2019-A01110-C1-ERA	Contract Agents	1 817 960,00		2 100 000,00
BERA-B2019-B03042-C1-ERA	Ensuring efficient and effective communication (internal and corporate)	253 837,00		318 542,61
BERA-B2019-B03100-C1-ERA	Books and revues, access to databases and associated costs	25 000,00		29 000,00
BERA-B2019-B03110-C1-ERA	Dedicated IT systems to support the operations	1 363 675,00		1 408 675,00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24 998 787,00</b>	<b>-1 113 047,70</b>	<b>24 998 787,00</b>

2. The transfers are needed to close the budget gap identified in Title 1.

3. The transfers above do not have an impact on the Agency's core activities.

*Article 2*

The Management Board agrees on an excess of the 10 % limit set for transfers from Title 3, bearing in mind that these transfers would not impact the Agency's core activities.

*Article 3*

These transfers beyond the 10 % limit are needed not to jeopardise the payment of the December salaries of the staff members.

The Executive Director shall inform the European Parliament and the Council about transfers made according to Article 26§2 of the Agency Financial Regulation.

*Article 4*

The present decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption. It will be published on the Agency website.

Done at Valenciennes, on 27-11-2019  
For the Management Board

Clio LIÉGEOIS  
The Chairwoman