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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

AND

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

T A B L E   O F   C O N T E N T S

1. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
		EUR	EUR
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	5.2.1	12.908.606,41	14.427.426,95
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	5.2.2	515.955.911,31	560.127.529,61
NON-CURRENT EXCHANGE RECEIVABLES	5.2.3	50.993,30	59.125,30
		528.915.511,02	**574.614.081,86**
CURRENT ASSETS			
EXCHANGE RECEIVABLES	5.2.4.1	4.784.177,96	2.728.852,88
CURRENT RECOVERABLE (NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTION)	5.2.4.1	8.574.791,41	5.690.483,56
INVENTORY	5.2.4.2	126.054,50	145.210,00
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5.2.4.3	6.720.518,89	3.374.817,98
		20.205.542,76	**11.939.364,42**
TOTAL ASSETS		**549.121.053,78**	**586.553.446,28**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NON CURRENT PENSION & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5.2.5.1	(6.254.716,48)	(5.636.057,65)
OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	5.2.5.2	(12.196.509,26)	(12.493.627,55)
		(18.451.225,74)	**(18.129.685,20)**
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CURRENT PROVISIONS	5.2.6.1	(2.064.000,00)	(2.026.000,00)
CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	5.2.6.2	(297.118,29)	(289.786,69)
ACCOUNTS PAYABLES	5.2.6.3	(7.014.132,91)	(8.527.258,36)
ACCRUED CHARGES AND DEFERRED INCOME	5.2.6.3	(22.977.779,05)	(34.908.259,66)
		(32.353.030,25)	**(45.751.304,71)**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**(50.804.255,99)**	**(63.880.989,91)**
NET ASSETS		**498.316.797,79**	**522.672.456,37**
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT		520.720.038,05	577.532.710,87
ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR		(23.647.250,35)	(56.812.672,82)
REMEASUREMENTS PENSIONS (VIA NET ASSETS)	5.2.7	1.244.010,09	1.952.418,32
NET ASSETS		**498.316.797,79**	**522.672.456,37**

2. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
NON-EXCHANGE REVENUES		
Revenue from staff	58.060.058,75	57.180.566,49
Other non exchange revenue	9.545.980,61	4.425.736,90
Revenue from funding institutions	492.000.000,00	457.000.000,00
	559.606.039,36	**518.606.303,39**
EXCHANGE REVENUES		
Financial income	3.588,12	4.052,51
Fixed Assets related income	187.948,41	176.844,46
Income from other exchange operations (3rd parties)	6.756.654,46	12.212.958,14
Income from consolidated EU entities	1.763.275,14	1.913.834,87
Exchange rate differences gains (from operating and financial activities)	203,10	6.981,18
	8.711.669,23	**14.314.671,16**
REVENUES	**568.317.708,59**	**532.920.974,55**
Staff costs	(337.154.568,96)	(329.412.046,35)
Pension costs - Others	(295.427,77)	(532.096,81)
Finance costs	(240.794,27)	(276.696,55)
Other financial expenses	(3.983,87)	(3.440,06)
Fixed assets related expenses	(52.089.869,14)	(50.879.661,42)
Intangible assets related expenses	(8.238.100,98)	(5.806.462,36)
Land and buildings expenses with 3rd party	(29.254.592,29)	(30.312.848,56)
Operating lease expenses	(605.554,71)	(486.296,25)
Other	(91.286.468,92)	(104.079.995,38)
Other expenses from consolidated entities	(72.754.928,82)	(67.900.487,26)
Exchange rate differences losses (from operating and financial activities)	(40.669,21)	(43.616,37)
EXPENSES	**(591.964.958,94)**	**(589.733.647,37)**
ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR	**(23.647.250,35)**	**(56.812.672,82)**

3. CASH FLOW TABLE (INDIRECT METHOD)

	2019	2018
	EUR	*EUR*
ECONOMIC RESULT FOR THE YEAR	**(23.647.250,35)**	**(56.812.672,82)**
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Amortization (intangible fixed assets) +	*8.238.100,98*	*5.806.462,36*
Depreciation (tangible fixed assets) +	*51.950.409,51*	*50.788.514,79*
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions for risks and liabilities	*38.000,00*	*(637.600,00)*
Increase/(decrease) in Value reduction for doubtful debts	*215.021,52*	*(26.665,19)*
Increase/(decrease) in Inventory	*19.155,50*	*(145.210,00)*
Non-current receivables	*8.132,00*	*20.078,12*
Increase/(decrease) in Short term Receivables	*(5.267.318,40)*	*4.801.644,14*
Increase/(decrease) in Receivables related to consolidated EU entities	*112.663,95*	*162.489,94*
Increase/(decrease) in Other Long term liabilities	*(297.118,29)*	*(1.322.786,69)*
Increase/(decrease) in Current liabilities	*(13.435.347,37)*	*12.887.217,21*
Increase/(decrease) in Liabilities related to consolidated EU entities	*(927,09)*	*(17.651,99)*
Gains/(losses) on sale of Property, plant and equipment	*141.393,09*	*95.939,57*
Other non-cash movements	*(708.408,23)*	*1.952.418,32*
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**17.366.506,82**	**17.552.177,76**
Purchase of tangible and intangible fixed assets (-)	*(14.639.464,74)*	*(15.113.511,32)*
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	**(14.639.464,74)**	**(15.113.511,32)**
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	**618.658,83**	**(1.856.147,52)**
NET CASH FLOW	**3.345.700,91**	**582.518,92**
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**3.345.700,91**	**582.518,92**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	*3.374.817,98*	*2.792.299,06*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	*6.720.518,89*	*3.374.817,98*

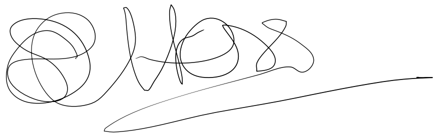
4. CERTIFICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts of the Council of the European Union and the European Council for the year 2019 have been prepared in accordance with the Title IV Chapter 4 Section 3 and Title XIII of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union, the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer and the accounting principles and methods adopted by myself.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts of the Council of the European Union and the European Council in accordance with Article 77 of the Financial Regulation.

I have obtained from the authorising officers, who certified its reliability, all the information necessary for the production of the accounts that show the Council of the European Union's and the European Council's assets and liabilities and the budgetary implementation.

I hereby certify that based on this information, and on such checks as I deemed necessary to sign off the accounts, I have a reasonable assurance that the accounts present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position, the results of the operations and the cash-flow of the Council of the European Union and the European Council.



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Accounting Officer

5. NOTES

5.1 Significant accounting policies

5.1.1 Accounting principles

The objectives of financial statements are to provide information about the financial position, performance and cash flows of an entity that is useful to a wide range of users. For a public sector entity such as the European Union, the objectives are more specifically to provide information useful for decision making, and to demonstrate the accountability of the entity for the resources entrusted to it.

If they are to present a true and fair view, financial statements must not only supply relevant information to describe the nature and range of an Institution's activities, explain how it is financed and supply definitive information on its operations, but do so in a clear and comprehensible manner which allows comparisons between financial years. It is with these goals in mind that the present document has been drawn up.

The accounting system of the European Institutions comprises general accounts and budget accounts. These accounts are kept in euro on the basis of the calendar year. The budget accounts give a detailed picture of the implementation of the budget. They are based on the modified cash accounting principle.[1] The general accounts allow for the preparation of the financial statements as they show all charges and income for the financial year and are designed to establish the financial position in the form of a balance sheet at 31 December.

The financial statements are drawn up in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as outlined in the EU accounting rules. These rules are based on the internationally accepted accounting standards for the public sector (IPSAS).

In accordance with the EU accounting rules the revenues and receivables are split into revenue/receivables from exchange transactions and revenue/receivables from non-exchange transactions. The latter refers to transactions for which no direct approximately equal value is given in return to another entity.

5.1.2 Currency and basis for conversion

These financial statements are presented in euros. Unless stated otherwise all amounts are expressed in euros.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into euros using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or at the date of the purchase (fixed assets). Year-end balances of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into euros on the basis of the exchange rates applying on 31 December 2019.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

[1] This differs from cash-based accounting because of elements such as carry-overs.

5.1.3 Balance sheet

5.1.3.1 Intangible assets

Acquired computer software licenses are valued at its acquisition price, or at its development costs for in-house developed software, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Computer software is considered as intangible fixed assets if either its unit value or the total value of the number of the same piece of software multiplied with its unit value is above the threshold of EUR 420. The amortization rate is 25 %.

The capitalised costs of the in-house developed software include all directly attributable costs necessary to create, produce, and prepare the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Costs for the internal development of software are capitalised if the total development costs exceed EUR 500.000. Costs associated with research activities, non-capitalisable development costs and maintenance costs are recognised as expenses as incurred.

5.1.3.2 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset’s carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Council and its cost can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the statement of financial performance during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Land and works of art are not depreciated as they are deemed to have an indefinite useful life. Assets under construction are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The depreciation rates can be found in the overview on page 11.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. Following this impairment test an asset’s carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of financial performance.

5.1.3.3 Receivables

Receivables are carried at original invoice amount less write-down for impairment. A write-down for impairment of receivables is calculated on the basis of an evaluation of the outstanding receivables taking into account the age of the receivables or objective evidence that the General Secretariat of the Council may not be able to collect the amounts due. The amount of the write-down is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the recoverable amount. The amount of the write-down is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

The split between receivables further to exchange or to non-exchange transactions is made in accordance with the pre-defined split in the consolidation package 2019 of the European Commission. For example, receivables on member states are by default classified as non-exchange transactions whereas receivables on staff are by default "exchange". Although some actual transactions would justify a presentation under another heading, these financial statements are in line with the figures presented for consolidation purposes, as the differences are not considered material enough justifying a deviation.

5.1.3.4 Employee benefits

The European Union operates defined benefit pension plans. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that generally defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated by actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The gross liability is reduced with taxes on the pension payments. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised as a movement in net assets.

5.1.3.5 Provisions

Provisions for risks and charges are recognised when a present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

5.1.3.6 Stocks

Stocks of assets held for re-sale are shown in the balance sheet at an estimate of net realisable value.

5.1.3.7 Accounts payable

Payables arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised at invoice reception for the original amount and corresponding expenses are entered in the accounts when the supplies or services are delivered and accepted by the EU.

5.1.3.8 Accrued and deferred income and charges

According to the EU accounting rules, transactions and events are recognised in the financial statements in the period to which they relate. At the end of the accounting period, accrued expenses are recognised based on an (estimated) amount of the goods received, the works carried out or the services rendered.

Revenue is also accounted for in the period to which it relates. At year-end, if an invoice is not yet issued but the service has been rendered, the supplies have been delivered by the Council, an accrued income will be recognised in the financial statements.

In addition, at year-end, if an invoice is issued but the services have not yet been rendered or the goods supplied have not yet been delivered, the revenue will be deferred and recognised in the subsequent accounting period.

5.1.4 Statement of financial performance

The statement of financial performance includes all revenues and expenses that are recognised in in the year, i.e. the period in which the generating (= economic) event took place.

The total operating revenue is split out between exchange and non-exchange transactions. In a non-exchange revenue transaction the Council has been receiving value without directly giving approximately equal value in return.

5.2 Notes to the Balance Sheet

5.2.1 Intangible assets

	Computer Software	Intangible assets under construction	Total
Gross carrying amounts at 31.12.2018	**39.324.986,31**	**1.607.185,43**	**40.932.171,74**
Additions	*3.480.841,55*	*3.238.159,20*	*6.719.000,75*
Transfer between headings	*913.579,64*	*(908.529,68)*	*5.049,96*
Asset retirement	*(231.788,79)*	-	*(231.788,79)*
Gross carrying amounts at 31.12.2019	**43.487.618,71**	**3.936.814,95**	**47.424.433,66**
Accumulated amortisation and impairment at 31.12.2018	**(26.504.744,79)**	**-**	**(26.504.744,79)**
Depreciation of the year	*(8.238.100,98)*	-	*(8.238.100,98)*
Asset Retirement	*231.788,79*	-	*231.788,79*
Other Changes	*(1.933,46)*	-	*(1.933,46)*
Transfer between headings	*(2.836,81)*	-	*(2.836,81)*
Accumulated amortisation and impairment at 31.12.2019	**(34.515.827,25)**	**0,00**	**(34.515.827,25)**
Net carrying amounts at 31.12.2019	**8.971.791,46**	**3.936.814,95**	**12.908.606,41**

5.2.2 Property, plant and equipment

5.2.2.1 Land and buildings

No additional land has been acquired in 2019. Building investments concern projects for the Justus Lipsius, Europa and the Lex building.

5.2.2.2 *Tangible assets under construction*

	EUR
Balance at 31.12.2018	**1.702.805,74**
Other investments during the year	*1.598.187,03*
Transfer to other assets	*(1.360.891,76)*
Balance at 31.12.2019	**1.940.101,01**

The other fixed assets under construction are several projects related to Justus Lipsius, Europa, the Lex building and IT-hardware.

Property, plant and equipment: Overview

	Land	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Furniture and vehicles	Computer hardware	Other Fixtures and Fittings	Tangible assets under Finance lease	Land & Buildings Under Construction	Other PPE Under Construction	Total
Gross carrying amounts at 31.12.2018	73.297.651,02	877.325.483,59	3.259.662,18	12.396.078,85	47.071.213,20	29.321.573,34	52.921.560,39	737.885,21	964.920,53	1.097.296.028,31
Additions	-	*296.720,92*	*93.342,33*	*570.010,25*	*4.053.183,31*	*1.309.020,15*	-	*565.448,71*	*1.032.738,32*	*7.920.463,99*
Disposals	-	-	*(96.014,34)*	*(355.580,21)*	*(2.551.465,57)*	*(73.229,65)*	-			*(3.076.289,77)*
Transfer between headings	-	*878.572,96*	-	-	*160.691,56*	*316.577,28*	-	*(737.885,20)*	*(623.006,56)*	*(5.049,96)*
Other changes	-		-	-	-	-	-		-	*0,00*
Gross carrying amounts at 31.12.2019	73.297.651,02	878.500.777,47	3.256.990,17	12.610.508,89	48.733.622,50	30.873.941,12	52.921.560,39	565.448,72	1.374.652,29	1.102.135.152,57
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31.12.2018	-	(460.392.206,03)	(2.124.327,73)	(6.866.408,34)	(37.406.077,34)	(19.795.167,17)	(10.584.312,09)	-	0,00	(537.168.498,70)
Depreciation	-	*(38.056.610,25)*	*(321.625,32)*	*(826.631,57)*	*(5.408.241,80)*	*(5.202.483,80)*	*(2.116.862,42)*	-	-	*(51.932.455,16)*
Write-back of depreciation	-	-	-					-	-	*0,00*
Impairment	-	-	-	*(2.932,28)*	*(359,35)*	*(14.662,72)*		-	-	*(17.954,35)*
Disposals	-	-	*96.014,34*	*346.458,02*	*2.425.318,99*	*69.038,79*		-	-	*2.936.830,14*
Transfer between headings	-	-	-		*2.836,81*			-	-	*2.836,81*
Other changes	-	-	-					-	-	*0,00*
Accumulated depreciation and impairment at 31.12.2019	-	(498.448.816,28)	(2.349.938,71)	(7.349.514,17)	(40.386.522,69)	(24.943.274,90)	(12.701.174,51)	-	-	(586.179.241,26)
Net carrying amounts 31.12.2019	**73.297.651,02**	**380.051.961,19**	**907.051,46**	**5.260.994,72**	**8.347.099,81**	**5.930.666,22**	**40.220.385,88**	**565.448,72**	**1.374.652,29**	**515.955.911,31**
Depreciation %	*0%*	*4%-10%*	*12,5%-25%*	*10%-25%*	*25%*	*12,5-33%*	*4%*	*0%*	*0%*	
Net carrying amounts 31.12.2018	**73.297.651,02**	**416.933.277,56**	**1.135.334,45**	**5.529.670,51**	**9.665.135,86**	**9.526.406,17**	**42.337.248,30**	**737.885,21**	**964.920,53**	**560.127.529,61**

5.2.3 Non-Current Exchange Receivables

Non-current exchange receivables relate to staff loans falling due in more than one year.

5.2.4 Current assets

5.2.4.1 Exchange receivables and non-exchange recoverables

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Current receivables customers (net)	*866.767,59*	*363.024,21*
Deferred charges	*3.254.907,56*	*1.698.904,61*
Sundry receivables	*292.765,05*	*205.018,49*
Current receivables with Consolidated Entities	*241.181,66*	*354.093,68*
Accrued income (exchange)	*50.969,93*	*69.130,52*
Accrued income with Consolidated Entities(exchange)	*77.586,17*	*38.681,37*
CURRENT EXCHANGE RECEIVABLES	**4.784.177,96**	**2.728.852,88**
Current receivables Member States	*8.041.745,86*	*5.204.993,56*
Accrued income(non-exchange)	*8.124,00*	*30.938,26*
Accrued income with Consolidated Entities (non-exchange)	-	*7.616,76*
Deferred Charges (non-exchange)	*151.976,68*	*151.559,94*
Other non-exchange recoverables	*372.944,87*	*295.375,04*
CURRENT NON-EXCHANGE RECOVERABLES	**8.574.791,41**	**5.690.483,56**
EXCHANGE RECEIVABLES AND NON-CURRENT RECOVERABLES	**13.358.969,37**	**8.419.336,44**

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Current receivables customers (gross amount)	*1.232.014,85*	*510.525,11*
Amount written down	*(365.247,26)*	*(147.500,90)*
Current receivables customers (net)	***866.767,59***	***363.024,21***

Deferred charges (3,3 m.) relate to prepaid expenses for the year 2020, such as maintenance costs for software, subscriptions and the rent for buildings.

Sundry receivables relate to receivables on staff such as advance payments for salaries and mission expenses.

Current receivables with consolidated entities (0,2 m.) relate to prepaid costs and accrued revenues with consolidated entities.

Current receivables on member states (8 m.) largely relate to the non-spent part of the "envelopes" paid to member states for their delegates' travel expenses and to interpretation costs. These balances will be recovered in 2020.

Accrued income relates to various income items concerning 2020, which are invoiced in 2019.

Other non-exchange recoverables (0,3 m.) mainly relate to court cases, insurance claims and transfer of staff pension rights.

5.2.4.2 Inventory

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Available-for-sale Green Energy Certificates	*126.054,50*	*145.210,00*
Total	**126.054,50**	**145.210,00**

At 31 December 2019 the Council was in possession of 1939,3 Green Energy Certificates. The certificates are allocated by BRUGEL, Brussels based on the energy produced in 2019 by solar panels located on the roof of Council buildings. Following the appropriate sales procedures, these will be sold on the open market in 2020.

5.2.4.3 Cash and cash equivalents

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Bank accounts	*6.718.768,89*	*3.367.480,98*
Imprest accounts	*1.750,00*	*7.337,00*
Total	**6.720.518,89**	**3.374.817,98**

During 2019, treasury of the Council and European Council was managed in accordance with Article 68 of the Financial Regulation No. 966/2012 and Article 58 of its Rules of Application.

According to the above mentioned rules the following main principles apply:

- Commercial banks in which the Council has current accounts selected by negotiated procedure (low value of contract).

- Bank accounts opened in the name of the Council may not be overdrawn. Treasury needs are estimated on a monthly basis and funds for payment execution are requested from the European Commission.

- The Council treasury does not borrow money and is this not exposed to interest rate risk. However the bank accounts of the Council do earn interest income. Bank service contracts in force with the commercial banks ensure that interest earned on current accounts reflect market interest rates. No negative interest has been charged on Council bank accounts in 2019.

- All cash and cash equivalents are held in a financial institution bearing a "Premium and High Grade" external credit rating.

5.2.5 Non-current liabilities

5.2.5.1 Provision for employee benefits

Employee Benefits	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Net Liability	**(6.254.716,48)**	**(5.636.057,65)**

The accounting policy for employee benefits was updated in 2018 in line with the requirements of the revised accounting rule EAR12 Employee Benefits, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, following the publication of the new IPSAS 39 (employee benefits) in July 2016. The main change, arising from the revision of accounting rule 12, is the presentation of actuarial gains and losses as a movement in net assets instead of in the statement of financial performance.

The provision for employee benefits relates to the "PSMI" pension scheme of the former and current President and Secretaries-General. At the end of 2018 the liabilities pertaining to the former Presidents were transferred to the European Commission. The remaining liability relates to the six Secretaries General of the GSC, past and present. From 1 January 2020 responsibility for payment of the pensions of former Secretaries General transfers to the budget of the Commission. Figures presented here represent the outstanding liability prior to the transfer.

Pension benefits of officials of the GSC are presented in the financial statements of the European Commission.

Employee Benefits	Long Term Liability 2019
	EUR
Present value at 31.12.2018 (net of taxes and plan assets)	***(5.636.057,65)***
Via Statement of Financial Performance	
Service/Normal Cost	*(210.886,91)*
Interest Cost	*(84.540,86)*
Via Net Assets	
Actuarial (gains) and losses from change in assumptions	*(228.590,58)*
Actuarial (gains) and losses from experience	*(479.817,65)*
Other	
Benefits Paid	*385.177,17*
Present value at 31.12.2019 (net of taxes and plan assets)	***(6.254.716,48)***

The PSMI is a notionally funded, defined benefit plan, valued using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

Current service costs are the increase in the present value of the defined benefit obligation arising from current member's service in the current period.

Interest costs are the increase during the period in the present value of the defined benefit obligation because the benefits are one period closer to settlement.

Actuarial gains and losses comprise:

- Experience adjustments (the effects of differences between the previous actuarial assumptions for 2019 and what has actually occurred in 2019); and

- Effects of changes in actuarial assumptions, either financial (such as projected salary increases) or demographic (such as mortality rates). These assumptions are inherently uncertain and therefore can show significant movements from year to year.

Benefits are paid during the year according to the rules of the scheme. These benefits paid lead to a decrease in the defined benefit obligation as they are no longer to be paid in the future.

Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial Assumptions	PSMI
2019	
Nominal discount rate	1,1%
Expected inflation rate	0,7%
Real discount rate	-0,4%
Expected rate of salary increases	1,5%
Retirement Age	65 , 66
2018	
Nominal discount rate	1,5%
Expected inflation rate	1,2%
Real discount rate	0,3%
Expected rate of salary increases	1,5%
Retirement Age	65 , 66

The Normal Discount Rate (NDR) is determined as the zero-coupon yield curve spot rate of euro area contral government's bonds with maturity in 15 years (the same as the duration fo the scheme).

The Inflation Rate (IR) is implicit inflation from a comparison of euro area central goverenment's bonds with marutiry in 15 years (the same as the duration of the scheme).

Real Discount Rate (RDR) is calculated as follows: RDR = (1+NDR)/(1+IR)-1

Sensitivity analysis

A ten basis point (0,1%) change in assumed discount rate would have the following effect:

	0,1% increase €	0,1% decrease €
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2019	*(93.016,13)*	*94.927,13*
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2018	*(80.063,09)*	*81.644,27*

A ten basis point (0,1%) change in expected salary increases would have the following effect:

	0,1% increase €	0,1% decrease €
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2019	*82.059,18*	*(80.721,17)*
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2018	*71.257,31*	*(70.130,77)*

A one year change in assumed retirement age would have the following effect:

	1 year increase €	1 year decrease €
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2019	*(88.402,40)*	*88.912,46*
Defined Benefit Obligation - 2018	*(92.568,69)*	*51.775,92*

Methods and assumptions for sensitivity analyses - Simulations are made changing, ceteris paribus, the value of the concerned assumptions and observing the impact on results.

Information about maturity profile of the DBO - The estimated duration of the scheme is 15 years and is obtained looking at the DBO sensitivity to changes of the discount rates. The duration corresponds to the average time from the reference date, of the benefits payments, weighted by their amount.

5.2.5.2 Other financial liabilities

This item relates to the long term financial obligations (payable after 2019) further to the contract the Council signed with Luxembourg, for the occupation of the ECCL (European Convention Centre Luxemburg) for an unlimited period of time, but for at least 35 years.

The original financial obligation amounted to EUR 54.016.109,42. It is reimbursable by means of 35 yearly equal instalments, including interest, and is payable on 1 December of each year. The Council has the right, at any time, to pay additional reimbursements of the occupation allowance.

The payable amount for 2020 is included under Current liabilities and given below.

Description	Future amounts to be paid			
	< 1 yr	1 - 5 yrs	> 5 yrs	Total Liability
	EUR	**EUR**	**EUR**	**EUR**
ECCL Building	*528.490,52*	*2.091.979,64*	*11.600.260,05*	*14.220.730,21*
Total at 31.12.2019	**528.490,52**	**2.091.979,64**	**11.600.260,05**	**14.220.730,21**
Interest element	*(231.372,23)*	*(826.409,55)*	*(669.320,88)*	*(1.727.102,66)*
Total Future Minimum Lease Payments at 31.12.2019	**297.118,29**	**1.265.570,09**	**10.930.939,17**	**12.493.627,55**
Total Future Minimum Lease Payments at 31.12.2018	*289.786,69*	*1.234.341,26*	*11.259.286,29*	*12.783.414,24*

5.2.6 Current liabilities

5.2.6.1 Current provisions

	2019	2018
	EUR	
Legal Cases	*(2.064.000,00)*	*(2.026.000,00)*
Total	***(2.064.000,00)***	***(2.026.000,00)***

The provision for legal cases covers estimated costs for lost cases not yet claimed by the third party and ongoing legal cases.

5.2.6.2 Current financial liabilities

This item relates to the amount payable in 2020 for the finance lease obligations arising from the lease on the ECCL.

5.2.6.3 Accounts payable

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Current Payables Vendor	*(6.725.727,21)*	*(8.146.589,70)*
Current payables with consolidated entities	*(180.942,04)*	*(163.498,98)*
Sundry Payables	*(107.463,66)*	*(117.169,68)*
Accounts payable with consolidated entities	-	*(100.000,00)*
Total	***(7.014.132,91)***	***(8.527.258,36)***

Current payables vendors relate to suppliers' invoices, received in 2019 but not yet paid.

Sundry payables include payables towards staff and various payables to third parties.

	2019	2018
	EUR	**EUR**
Accrued charges	*(18.413.856,05)*	*(24.292.951,13)*
Deferred Income	*(18.753,26)*	*(21.609,67)*
Accrued charges with consolidated entities	*(4.438.545,44)*	*(10.568.704,41)*
Deferred income with consolidated entities	*(106.624,30)*	*(24.994,45)*
Total	***(22.977.779,05)***	***(34.908.259,66)***

Accrued charges include, among others, supplier invoices to be received and the value of the stock of untaken leave and supplementary hours (5,7 m). The Council records a liability in accrued charges as soon as goods or services are delivered, transferring this to Current Payables once an invoice is received. During 2019 a considerable effort was made to clear these accruals, obtaining invoices more quickly from suppliers and explaining the significant fall in the balance.

Deferred income includes income concerning 2020 that was already invoiced and/or received in 2019.

Accrued charges and accounts payable with consolidated EU entities include interpretation costs for 2019 to be paid in 2020 (4,1 m).

5.2.7 Net Assets/liabilities

	2019	2018
	EUR	**EUR**
Balance brought forward	**522.672.456,37**	**577.532.710,87**
Remeasurements in employee benefits liability	*(708.408,23)*	*1.952.418,32*
Economic Result of the year - Prov. Closure 2018	*(23.647.250,35)*	*(56.812.672,82)*
Balance carried forward	**498.316.797,79**	**522.672.456,37**

Following the changes to EUAR12 Employee Benefits, annual movements due to changes in actuarial assumptions are now taken directly to net assets. The Council has no fair value or other reserves.

5.3 Notes to the Statement of Financial Performance

The statement of financial performance includes all revenues and expenses that are recognised in 2019, i.e. the period in which the generating (economic) event took place.

5.3.1 Non-exchange revenues

Revenue from staff relates mainly to withholdings on salary payments such as income tax and pension contributions. It also includes the transfer of pension rights by staff.

Revenue from funding institutions refers to the funds received from the European Commission.

Other non-exchange revenue relates mainly to accrued revenues from member states as a result of the un-spent part of the "envelopes" paid for their delegates travel expenses.

5.3.2 Exchange revenues

Income from other exchange operations relates mainly to interpretation costs charged to member states.

Income from consolidated EU entities relates to services provided and costs charged to other EU institutions.

5.3.3 Expenses

Staff and pension costs relates mainly to salaries and staff allowances. It also includes the employers part of sickness insurance costs.

Changes in employee benefits relates to the change in the provision for employee benefits (pension). Details are given in note 5.2.5.1

Finance costs relate to the interest costs for the finance lease of the ECCL in Luxembourg.

	2019	2018
	EUR	**EUR**
Interest on ECCL Finance Lease	*240.794,27*	*276.696,55*
	240.794,27	276.696,55
Bank Charges	*3.983,87*	*3.440,06*
	3.983,87	3.440,06
TOTAL	**244.778,14**	**280.136,61**

Property, plant and equipment related expenses include depreciation of fixed assets, impairment losses and losses on disposals as well as building expenses with 3rd parties (energy, rents, insurance, maintenance etc.).

Other includes the travel expenses of the member states' delegates, IT costs, mission costs of staff and other administrative costs.

Other expenses from consolidated entities relate to costs for interpretation services and official publications.

The total Research and Development costs during 2019 amounted to €8,7 M (2018 - €5,1 M). These reflect better reporting of costs by Authorising Officers, an increased number of feasbility studies conducted during the year as well as the development of various IKM projects.

5.4 Contingent assets and liabilities

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Suppliers guarantees received	*3.679.161,90*	*4.423.094,27*
Total	**3.679.161,90**	**4.423.094,27**

Performance guarantees are requested to ensure that the suppliers of the European Council & Council meet the obligations of their contracts with the institutions.

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Provision for legal cases	*(1.000.000,00)*	*(31.100.000,00)*
Total	**(1.000.000,00)**	**(31.100.000,00)**

Contingent Liabilities for legal cases relate to actions for damages currently being brought against the Council and other legal disputes. It should be noted that in an action for damages under Article 288 EC the applicant must demonstrate a sufficiently serious breach by the institution of a rule of law intended to confer rights on individuals, actual harm suffered by the applicant, and a direct causal link between the unlawful act and the harm.

During 2019 the European Court of Justice handed down a number of rulings on cases brought against the Council of the European Union. The outcome of these rulings confirmed the adequacy and accuracy of the Council's calculation of provisions for legal cases and has had a significant impact on the assessment of contingent liabilities at 31 December 2019. The remaining amount for contingent liabilities reflects ongoing cases and those where the initial ruling is subject to appeal.

Other significant disclosures:

	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR
Legal commitments (for which budget commitments have not yet been made)	*(34.915.113,41)*	*(28.028.032,71)*
Operating lease commitments in coming year	*(3.358.471,32)*	*(2.357.531,26)*
Legal commitments for which budget commitments were made but which have not yet been executed (RAL)	*(30.671.403,28)*	*(25.022.990,67)*
Total	**(68.944.988,01)**	**(55.408.554,64)**

5.5 Long term operating leases

		< 1 yr	1 - 5 yrs	> 5 yrs	
	2019	**2020**	**2021-2025**	**2026 ->**	**Total 2019 ->**
Vehicles	*353.782,44*	*429.112,04*	*1.338.341,18*	*24.568,76*	*1.792.021,98*
Buildings	*251.772,27*	*243.700,00*	*1.218.500,00*	*104.249,44*	*1.566.449,44*
Total	**605.554,71**	**672.812,04**	**2.556.841,18**	**128.818,20**	**3.358.471,42**

At 31 December the only remaining building lease was the Service Level Agreement concluded with the European Commission for the long term rental of space in their Neder-Over-Hombeek warehouse.

Elements of the operating lease liability include building taxes. These are not separately identifiable for the purposes of reporting.

5.6 Post Balance Sheet Events

During the first half of 2020, the coronavirus outbreak has had huge impacts on the EU economy. As a non-adjusting event, the outbreak of the coronavirus does not require any adjustments to the figures reported in these annual accounts. For subsequent reporting periods, COVID-19 may affect the recognition and measurement of some assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and also of some revenue and expenses recognised in the statement of financial performance. Based on the information available at the date of signature of these annual accounts, the financial effects of the coronavirus outbreak cannot be reliably estimated.

6. RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY RESULT

Under the Financial Regulation (FR) applicable to the general budget of the European Union, the accounting system consists of general accounts and budgetary accounts, presented and kept in euros, each following different principles. Furthermore, the annual accounts of the EU comprise two main elements: (1) the financial statements (general accounting) and (2) the budgetary accounts.

The general accounts are kept in accordance with accrual accounting principles, which means that the effects of transactions and other events are recognised when those transactions or events occur. The budgetary accounts are kept according to modified cash accounting rules. The term "modified" cash accounting is used as, apart from the payments made and revenue received, also the carry-overs are included.

Economic result 2019	**(23.647.250,35)**
Adjustment for accrual items (items not in the budgetary result but included in the economic result)	
Adjustments for Accrual Cut-off (reversal 31.12.2018)	*(2.307.006,30)*
Adjustments for Accrual Cut-off (cut-off 31.12.2019)	*(2.480.787,49)*
Funds received from Commission booked in the statement of financial performance	*(492.000.000,00)*
Unpaid invoices at year end but booked in charges (class 6)	*(8.035.207,94)*
Depreciation of intangible and tangible fixed assets	*60.188.510,49*
Provisions	*238.870,97*
Value reductions	*117.483,89*
Recovery Orders issued in 2019 in class 7 and not yet cashed	*(1.105.924,83)*
Prefinancing given in previous year and cleared in the year	*10.082,81*
Prefinancing received in previous year and cleared in the year	*0,00*
Payments made from carry over of payment appropriations	*53.355.448,34*
Exchange rate differences	*40.466,11*
Adjustment for budgetary items (item included in the budgetary result but not in the economic result)	
Asset acquisitions (less unpaid amounts)	*(19.564.128,06)*
New pre-financing paid in the year 2019 and remaining open as at 31.12.2019	*(49.638,24)*
New pre-financing received in the year and remaining open as at 31.12.2019	*0,00*
Budgetary recovery orders issued before 2019 and cashed in the year	*700.036,25*
Capital payments on financial leasing (they are budgetary payments but not in the economic result)	*(289.786,69)*
Payment appropriations carried over to 2019	*(52.543.490,59)*
Cancellation of unused carried over payment appropriations from previous year	*7.358.929,82*
Carry-over from the previous year of appropriations available at 31.12 arising from assigned revenue	*8.354.936,15*
Payments for pensions	*(328.620,37)*
Payments for stocks of leave and supplementary hours	*(212.992,88)*
Other	
Budgetary result 2019	**(472.200.068,91)**

The budgetary result 2019 is calculated as follows:	
Recovered revenues 2019	*72.342.109,17*
Recovered revenues 2019 accrued before 2019	*689.707,25*
Commitments 2019 (payments and carry-overs)	*(536.999.596,65)*
Cancelled appropriations carried over from 2018	*7.358.929,82*
Appropriations from assigned revenues 2019	*(15.722.133,94)*
Cancelled appropriations assigned revenues carried over from 2018	*130.915,44*
Budgetary result 2019	**(472.200.068,91)**

7. SUMMARY BUDGET REPORTS FOR 2019

USE OF THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE YEAR 2019

	Budget line	Initial Appropriations 2019	Transfers/ Amendments 2019	Final Appropriations 2019	Commitments 2019	Payments 2019	Carry Over by Right to 2020	Carry Over by Decision to 2020	Cancelled Appropriations
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 = 3 - 5 - 6 - 7
1000	Basic salary	342.000,00		342.000,00	338.188,32	338.188,32			3.811,68
1001	Entitlements related to the post held	73.000,00		73.000,00	69.055,14	69.055,14			3.944,86
1002	Entitlements related to the personal circumstances	10.000,00		10.000,00	8.277,91	8.277,91			1.722,09
1003	Social security cover	14.000,00		14.000,00	12.793,68	12.793,68			1.206,32
1004	Other managements expenditure	675.000,00		675.000,00	608.985,36	479.785,08	129.200,28		66.014,64
1006	Entitlements related to entering, transfer and leaving the service	155.000,00		155.000,00					155.000,00
1007	Annual adjustment of the remuneration	50.000,00		50.000,00					50.000,00
100	**Remuneration and other entitlements**	**1.319.000,00**		**1.319.000,00**	**1.037.300,41**	**908.100,13**	**129.200,28**		**281.699,59**
1010	Transitory allowance	112.000,00		112.000,00					112.000,00
101	**Termination of service**	**112.000,00**		**112.000,00**					**112.000,00**
Total Chapter 10 - Members of the Institution		**1.431.000,00**		**1.431.000,00**	**1.037.300,41**	**908.100,13**	**129.200,28**		**393.699,59**
1100	Basic salaries	250.943.511,00	-315.000,00	250.628.511,00	241.906.627,70	241.906.627,70			8.721.883,30
1101	Entitlements under the Staff Regulations related to the post held	1.951.000,00		1.951.000,00	1.302.747,74	1.302.747,74			648.252,26
1102	Entitlements under the Staff Regulations related to the personal circumstances of the staff member	65.197.000,00		65.197.000,00	62.368.847,31	62.368.847,31			2.828.152,69
1103	Social security cover	10.284.000,00		10.284.000,00	9.737.350,53	9.737.350,53			546.649,47
1104	Salary weightings	125.000,00	6.500,00	131.500,00	130.952,98	130.952,98			547,02
1105	Overtime	1.300.000,00	-6.500,00	1.293.500,00	899.127,15	899.127,15			394.372,85
1106	Entitlements under the Staff Regulations related to entering the service, transfer and leaving the service	2.275.000,00		2.275.000,00	1.498.500,00	1.123.589,84	374.910,16		776.500,00
1107	Adjustment of the remuneration	3.632.000,00		3.632.000,00					3.632.000,00
110	**Remuneration and other entitlements**	**335.707.511,00**	**-315.000,00**	**335.392.511,00**	**317.844.153,41**	**317.469.243,25**	**374.910,16**		**17.548.357,59**
1110	Allowances in the event of retirement in the interest of the service	362.000,00		362.000,00	29.241,36	29.241,36			332.758,64
1112	Entitlements of the former Secretaries-General	680.000,00		680.000,00	544.122,84	544.122,84			135.877,16
111	**Termination of service**	**1.042.000,00**		**1.042.000,00**	**573.364,20**	**573.364,20**			**468.635,80**
Total Chapter 11 - Officials and temporary staff		**336.749.511,00**	**-315.000,00**	**336.434.511,00**	**318.417.517,61**	**318.042.607,45**	**374.910,16**		**18.016.993,39**

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1200	Other staff	10.776.000,00		10.776.000,00	10.035.315,42	10.030.068,48	5.246,94		740.684,58
1201	National experts on secondment	1.182.000,00		1.182.000,00	947.492,00	945.791,37	1.700,63		234.508,00
1202	Traineeships	694.000,00		694.000,00	677.980,37	647.425,55	30.554,82		16.019,63
1203	External services	541.000,00		541.000,00	189.277,27	129.084,22	60.193,05		351.722,73
1204	Supplementary services for the translation service	200.000,00		200.000,00	163.971,50	157.174,50	6.797,00		36.028,50
1207	Annual adjustment of the remuneration	109.000,00		109.000,00					109.000,00
120	**Other staff and external services**	**13.502.000,00**		**13.502.000,00**	**12.014.036,56**	**11.909.544,12**	**104.492,44**		**1.487.963,44**
Total Chapter 12 - Other staff and external services		**13.502.000,00**		**13.502.000,00**	**12.014.036,56**	**11.909.544,12**	**104.492,44**		**1.487.963,44**
1300	Miscellaneous expenditure on recruitments	156.000,00		156.000,00	112.559,33	97.155,58	15.403,75		43.440,67
1301	Professional development	2.390.000,00	10.000,00	2.400.000,00	2.397.905,00	1.790.221,26	607.683,74		2.095,00
130	**Expenditure relating to staff management**	**2.546.000,00**	**10.000,00**	**2.556.000,00**	**2.510.464,33**	**1.887.376,84**	**623.087,49**		**45.535,67**
1310	Special assistance grants	30.000,00	-10.000,00	20.000,00	11.000,00	10.834,05	165,95		9.000,00
1311	Social contacts between members of staff	117.000,00		117.000,00	116.999,31	26.066,86	90.932,45		0,69
1312	Supplementary aid for the disables	180.000,00	30.000,00	210.000,00	208.310,84	158.101,67	50.209,17		1.689,16
1313	Other welfare expenditure	66.000,00	10.000,00	76.000,00	75.245,33	65.415,09	9.830,24		754,67
131	**Measures to assist the institution's staff**	**393.000,00**	**30.000,00**	**423.000,00**	**411.555,48**	**260.417,67**	**151.137,81**		**11.444,52**
1320	Medical service	450.000,00		450.000,00	350.941,88	225.758,40	125.183,48		99.058,12
1322	Crèches and childcare facilities	2.825.000,00	-30.000,00	2.795.000,00	2.383.512,93	2.169.628,68	213.884,25		411.487,07
132	**Activities relating to all persons working with the institution**	**3.275.000,00**	**-30.000,00**	**3.245.000,00**	**2.734.454,81**	**2.395.387,08**	**339.067,73**		**510.545,19**
1331	Mission expenses of the Council Secretariat	3.130.000,00	-100.000,00	3.030.000,00	3.030.000,00	2.613.907,38	416.092,62		
1332	Travel expenses of staff related to the European Council	800.000,00	100.000,00	900.000,00	900.000,00	793.623,15	106.376,85		
133	**Missions**	**3.930.000,00**		**3.930.000,00**	**3.930.000,00**	**3.407.530,53**	**522.469,47**		
Total Chapter 13 - Other expenditure relating to persons working with the institution		**10.144.000,00**	**10.000,00**	**10.154.000,00**	**9.586.474,62**	**7.950.712,12**	**1.635.762,50**		**567.525,38**
TOTAL TITLE 1 - Persons working with the institution		**361.826.511,00**	**-305.000,00**	**361.521.511,00**	**341.055.329,20**	**338.810.963,82**	**2.244.365,38**		**20.466.181,80**
2000	Rent	799.000,00	-462.000,00	337.000,00	333.878,84	333.143,16	735,68		3.121,16
2003	Fitting-out and installation work	9.124.948,00	5.924.999,00	15.049.947,00	14.915.773,82	3.188.090,60	11.727.683,22		134.173,18
2004	Work to make premises secure	2.447.000,00	-1.193.000,00	1.254.000,00	1.224.682,18	309.851,10	914.831,08		29.317,82
2005	Expenditure preliminary to the acquisition, construction and fitting-out of buildings	887.000,00	180.001,00	1.067.001,00	997.120,47	196.737,49	800.382,98		69.880,53
200	**Buildings**	**13.257.948,00**	**4.450.000,00**	**17.707.948,00**	**17.471.455,31**	**4.027.822,35**	**13.443.632,96**		**236.492,69**

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 = 3 - 5 - 6 - 7
2010	Cleaning and maintenance	18.973.000,00	-350000,00	18.623.000,00	17.943.850,06	13.474.532,46	4.469.317,60		679.149,94
2011	Water, gas, electricity and heating	4.396.000,00	232000,00	4.628.000,00	4.476.449,22	3.045.003,52	1.431.445,70		151.550,78
2012	Buildings security and surveillance	18.493.000,00		18.493.000,00	18.178.135,84	15.513.704,67	2.664.431,17		314.864,16
2013	Insurance	285.000,00		285.000,00	264.792,16	264.075,46	716,70		20.207,84
2014	Other expenditure relating to buildings	484.000,00	118.000,00	602.000,00	459.995,74	204.321,25	255.674,49		142.004,26
201	**Costs relating to buildings**	**42.631.000,00**		**42.631.000,00**	**41.323.223,02**	**32.501.637,36**	**8.821.585,66**		**1.307.776,98**
Total Chapter 20 - Buildings and associated costs		**55.888.948,00**	**4.450.000,00**	**60.338.948,00**	**58.794.678,33**	**36.529.459,71**	**22.265.218,62**		**1.544.269,67**
2100	Acquisition of equipment and software	9.702.008,00	621.564,26	10.323.572,26	10.323.567,37	7.475.241,26	2.848.326,11		4,89
2101	Outside assistance for the operation and development of computer systems	22.225.280,00	3.026.545,20	25.251.825,20	25.251.764,29	14.423.165,18	10.828.599,11		60,91
2102	Servicing and maintenance of equipment and software	7.494.578,00	-940.143,58	6.554.434,42	6.554.434,38	5.454.589,10	1.099.845,28		0,04
2103	Telecommunications	1.933.134,00	16.034,12	1.949.168,12	1.949.168,12	1.120.401,72	828.766,40		
210	**Computer systems and telecommunications**	**41.355.000,00**	**2.724.000,00**	**44.079.000,00**	**44.078.934,16**	**28.473.397,26**	**15.605.536,90**		**65,84**
2111	Purchase and replacement of furniture	915.000,00	250.000,00	1.165.000,00	1.158.345,64	551.381,50	606.964,14		6.654,36
2112	Rental, servicing, maintenance and repair of furniture	36.000,00		36.000,00	16.050,00	829,99	15.220,01		19.950,00
211	**Furniture**	**951.000,00**	**250.000,00**	**1.201.000,00**	**1.174.395,64**	**552.211,49**	**622.184,15**		**26.604,36**
2120	Purchase and replacement of technical equipment and installation	2.994.000,00	-68.241,00	2.925.759,00	2.804.677,86	973.353,07	1.831.324,79		121.081,14
2121	Outside assistance for the operation and development of technical equipment and installations	322.000,00	137.000,00	459.000,00	413.659,46	192.018,79	221.640,67		45.340,54
2122	Rental, servicing, maintenance and repair of technical equipment and installations	2.429.000,00	-1.201.759,00	1.227.241,00	1.173.716,38	762.713,49	411.002,89		53.524,62
212	**Technical equipment and installation**	**5.745.000,00**	**-1.133.000,00**	**4.612.000,00**	**4.392.053,70**	**1.928.085,35**	**2.463.968,35**		**219.946,30**
2132	Cost of renting, maintenance and repair of service cars	684.000,00	-20.000,00	664.000,00	560.413,99	288.316,90	272.097,09		103.586,01
2133	Mobility plan	450.000,00	20.000,00	470.000,00	470.000,00	215.957,88	254.042,12		
213	**Transport**	**1.134.000,00**	**0,00**	**1.134.000,00**	**1.030.413,99**	**504.274,78**	**526.139,21**		**103.586,01**
Total Chapter 21 - Computer system, equipment and furniture		**49.185.000,00**	**1.841.000,00**	**51.026.000,00**	**50.675.797,49**	**31.457.968,88**	**19.217.828,61**		**350.202,51**

	Budget line	Initial Appropriations 2019	Transfers/ Amendments 2019	Final Appropriations 2019	Commitments 2019	Payments 2019	Carry Over by Right to 2020	Carry Over by Decision to 2020	Cancelled Appropriations
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 = 3 - 5 - 6 - 7
2200	Travel expenses of delegations	17.372.000,00	1.322.243,00	18.694.243,00	18.694.243,00	18.694.243,00			
2201	Miscellaneous travel expenses	470.000,00	86.000,00	556.000,00	551.000,00	438.578,11	112.421,89		5.000,00
2202	Interpreting costs	81.694.000,00	-8.764.243,00	72.929.757,00	51.331.235,32	47.220.671,76	4.110.563,56		21.598.521,68
2203	Representation expenses	170.000,00	-10.000,00	160.000,00	111.818,16	91.317,88	20.500,28		48.181,84
2204	Miscellaneous expenditure on internal meetings	4.242.000,00	210.000,00	4.452.000,00	4.167.268,84	3.577.313,32	589.955,52		284.731,16
2205	Organisation of conferences, congresses and meetings	355.000,00	-50.000,00	305.000,00	256.157,21	89.491,96	166.665,25		48.842,79
220	**Meetings and conferences**	**104.303.000,00**	**-7.206.000,00**	**97.097.000,00**	**75.111.722,53**	**70.111.616,03**	**5.000.106,50**		**21.985.277,47**
2210	Documentation and library expenditure	3.845.000,00	58.557,25	3.903.557,25	3.901.125,76	2.552.101,08	1.349.024,68		2.431,49
2211	Official Journal	700.000,00	-10.689,00	689.311,00	689.310,83	689.310,83			0,17
2212	General publications	220.000,00		220.000,00	219.999,00	85.016,78	134.982,22		1,00
2213	Information and public events	4.360.000,00	922.131,75	5.282.131,75	5.281.744,12	3.441.854,15	1.839.889,97		387,63
221	**Information**	**9.125.000,00**	**970.000,00**	**10.095.000,00**	**10.092.179,71**	**6.768.282,84**	**3.323.896,87**		**2.820,29**
2230	Office supplies	358.000,00	90.000,00	448.000,00	399.425,36	293.436,52	105.988,84		48.574,64
2231	Postal charges	55.000,00		55.000,00	55.000,00	36.696,81	18.303,19		
2232	Expenditure on studies, surveys and consultation	45.000,00		45.000,00	4.500,00	4.500,00			40.500,00
2234	Removals	18.000,00		18.000,00	18.000,00	8.440,00	9.560,00		
2235	Financial charges	10.000,00		10.000,00	4.003,38	3.603,38	400,00		5.996,62
2236	Legal expenses and costs, damages and compensation	500.000,00	250.000,00	750.000,00	632.720,74	402.509,09	230.211,65		117.279,26
2237	Other operating expenditure	281.000,00	-90.000,00	191.000,00	156.239,91	28.628,98	127.610,93		34.760,09
223	**Miscellaneous expenses**	**1.267.000,00**	**250.000,00**	**1.517.000,00**	**1.269.889,39**	**777.814,78**	**492.074,61**		**247.110,61**
Total Chapter 22 - Operating expenditure		**114.695.000,00**	**-5.986.000,00**	**108.709.000,00**	**86.473.791,63**	**77.657.713,65**	**8.816.077,98**		**22.235.208,37**
TOTAL TITLE 2 - Buildings, equipment and operating expenditure		**219.768.948,00**	**305.000,00**	**220.073.948,00**	**195.944.267,45**	**145.645.142,24**	**50.299.125,21**		**24.129.680,55**
100	Provisional appropriations								
101	Contingency reserve	300.000,00		300.000,00					300.000,00
TOTAL TITLE 10 - Other expenditure		**300.000,00**		**300.000,00**					**300.000,00**
TOTAL BUDGET		**581.895.459,00**		**581.895.459,00**	**536.999.596,65**	**484.456.106,06**	**52.543.490,59**		**44.895.862,35**

8. REPORT ON RECOVERY ORDER WAIVERS

During 2019 a total of 6 Recovery Orders were waived by the Council of the European Union and European Council. These totalled €10,453.84. Five of these cases related to historic balances with former members of staff and had been fully provided for as doubtful debts in the preceeding financial reporting periods. The remaining case concerned a claim with a third party arising in 2016 and which was only concluded in the 2019 reporting exercise.