



BBI-GB-01/17

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING**

of 22 May 2017

amending the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BBI JU,

Having regard to the Statutes annexed to the Council Regulation (EC) No 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU)¹ (‘the Statutes’), and in particular Article 7(3)(d) thereof;

Having regard to the Financial Rules of the Bio-based industries Joint Undertaking, and in particular to Articles 6, 15 and 31(4) thereof;

Having regard to the opinion of the Scientific Committee and the States Representative Group of 5 and 11 October 2016, respectively, on the topics of the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017, and of 3 November 2016 on its full version;

Having regard to the BBI JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 8 thereof;

WHEREAS

- (1) Article 7 paragraph 3, letter (d) of the Statutes confers on the Governing Board of BBI JU (‘Governing Board’) the powers to adopt the annual budget of the BBI JU;
- (2) The Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017 was adopted by the BBI JU Governing Board decision no. BBI-GB-22/16 of 15 December 2016;
- (3) In accordance with article 6(5) of BBI JU Financial Rules, the unused appropriations may be entered in the estimate of revenue and expenditure of up to the following three financial years;
- (4) The unused appropriations arise, on the one hand, from unused commitment appropriations for operational expenditure related to the calls for proposals of 2015 and 2016 and on the other hand, from unused commitment appropriations of administrative expenditure related mainly to staff;
- (5) A prudent estimate of the unused appropriations from 2015 and 2016, to be reactivated in 2017, was included in the initially adopted BBI JU budget 2017 under Title 4 of the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017. Now that the actual budget surpluses are known with accuracy, an amendment should seek to transfer the estimated amounts reactivated in Title 4 to Titles 1, 2 and 3, and also to request the reactivation of any additional budget surpluses, on a budget line-by-line basis where they occur. The reactivations are therefore composed partly of the original estimates and partly of unused amounts;

¹ OJ L 169, 7.6.2014 p.130



- (6) A new budget income line is needed to be used for recoveries of amounts due to the BBI JU arising from the operational expenditure;
- (7) In accordance with article 15(5) of the Statutes, the annual BBI JU budget should be adapted in order to take into account the amount of the Union contribution as laid down in the budget of the Union;
- (8) The European Commission communicated on 19 April 2017 that the additional payments appropriations, amounting to € 14 698 790, that BBI JU had requested from the EU Budget for its operational expenditure 2017, have now been made available to BBI JU to include in its budget for 2017.
- (9) In accordance with Article 15(1) of the BBI JU Financial Rules, any amending budget of the BBI JU should be adopted by the same procedure as the initial budget of the BBI JU;
- (10) Article 11 of the Governing Board Rules of Procedure allows the approval by Governing Board members to be obtained by written procedure;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The unused commitment appropriations (CA) for operational expenditure from year 2015 ('C8' credits in 2016), which amount to €1 353 523 (originally included in full in the adopted BBI JU budget 2017 as 'C2' reactivations) shall be transferred from Title 4 to Title 3 as 'C2' credits.

These unused CA originally corresponded to the part of the global commitments for the 2015 Calls 1 and 2, which was not used and was decommitted: €258 766 from call 2015.1, and €1 094 757 from call 2015.2.

Article 2

The decommitted CA for operational expenditure from year 2016, which amount to €3 097 134 (originally included in full in the adopted BBI JU budget 2017 as 'C2' reactivations), shall be transferred from Title 4 to Title 3 as 'C2' credits.

These unused commitment appropriations originally corresponded to the part of the EU contribution to the 2016 call (total of call 2016 €188 995 048, including € 750 000 from industry) which was not used and was decommitted in 2016. Indeed, the final results of the evaluation of this call show an execution which was lower than anticipated.

Article 3

The unused payment appropriations (PA) for operational expenditure from year 2015 ('C8' credits in 2016), which amount to €328 920 (originally included in full in the adopted BBI JU budget 2017 as 'C2' reactivations) shall be transferred from Title 4 to Title 3 as 'C2' credits.

This excess balance arose in 2015, from the prefinancing payments of the Call 2014 projects.

Article 4



The unused commitment and payment appropriations for administrative expenditure of year 2015, already reactivated as 'C2' in 2016 but not consumed by the end of that year, which amount to €531 698 in CA and to €3 498 € in PA, shall be again reactivated as 'C2' credits.

These reactivated commitment and payment appropriations shall be used to cover administrative expenditure in 2017.

Article 5

The unused CA for administrative expenditure of years 2015 and 2016 ('C8' credits resulting from decommitments of the *reste à liquider* ('RAL')), for an amount of €73 164 in CA (€30 072 from 2015 and €43 092 from 2016), shall be reactivated as 'C2' credits.

These reactivated commitment appropriations shall be used to cover administrative expenditure in 2017.

Article 6

The unused commitment and payment appropriations of 2015 related to the 2015.1 and 2015.2 call evaluations costs, which are being carried on an R0 line of the Research Executive Agency (REA) and which amount to €428 175 in both CA and PA (originally included as part of the estimate of 'C2' reactivations in the adopted BBI JU budget 2017), shall be transferred from Title 4 to Title 2 as 'C2' credits to be used to cover expenditure for call evaluation experts in 2017 (chapter 28 " Experts contracts and evaluations").

The commitment and payment appropriations related to this RAL shall, once this RAL will be decommitted by the REA, remain on an R0 line at REA level, and not be transferred in the BBI JU accrual based accounting system (ABAC), unless the accounting officers of the European Commission and the BBI JU would decide otherwise during the course of 2017.

Article 7

The final total amounts of unused commitment and payment appropriations for the administrative expenditure of year 2016 ('C1') are now known, and amount to €1 513 212 in CA and €2 343 301 in PA. Part of this administrative surplus from 2016 has already been reactivated in 2017. This already reactivated surplus from 2016 amounts to € 1 271 825 in CA and PA, which corresponds to the balance between the estimate of the administrative surplus from all previous years (1 700 000 €), reactivated already in 2017, and the € 428 175 of administrative surplus mentioned in Article 6. These amounts of €1 271 825 in CA and PA are hereby transferred in the statement of expenditure from the temporary Title 4 to Titles 1 and 2.

The balances in CA and PA of administrative surplus from 2016 ('C1'), not yet reactivated in 2017, correspond to the difference between the aforementioned final amounts of unused appropriations of year 2016 ('C1') and their aforementioned estimate (€ 1 271 825) which was already reactivated in 2017. These balances amount to € 241 387 in CA and €1 071 476 in PA. These unused appropriations, not yet reactivated in the initial adopted BBI JU budget 2017, shall be reactivated as 'C2' credits, and be used to cover administrative expenditure in 2017.

The excess of payment appropriations over commitment appropriations in these reactivations shall cover the RAL on 2016 commitments carried forward to 2017 (as 'C8') – and which will be paid in 2017.

Article 8



A new income line shall be added to the BBI JU budget 2017 structure, to be used for recoveries of amounts due to the BBI JU, arising from the operational expenditure.

This line shall be denominated as follows in the BBI JU ABAC: EBBI-I2017-A01006-IC4-BBI (JU revenues operational). For the existing income line used for recoveries from the administrative expenditure, “EBBI-I2017-A01005-IC4-BBI: JU revenues” the description will be extended to “JU revenues administrative”. The new operational budget line will be linked to all of the fund source types currently available to the administrative line.

Article 9

Payment appropriations are topped up with € 14 698 790 additional operational payment appropriations made available to the BBI JU by the European Union after internal EU budget 2017 adjustments, bringing the new total of payment appropriations in the BBI JU’s operational budget 2017 to € 84 297 519 (including the change in Article 3 of this Decision).

Article 10

The BBI JU Governing Board approves the budget modifications for 2017 as shown in the summary table in Annex I.

Article 11

The BBI JU amended Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017 annexed to this Decision as Annex II is adopted.

Article 12

Decision no. BBI-GB-22/15 of 15 December 2016 is repealed.

Article 13

The Executive Director shall make the amended Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017 publicly available on the BBI JU website.

Article 14

This decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels on 22 May 2017,

For the Governing Board

*Mat Quaedvlieg
Chairperson of the Governing Board*

Annex I: Summary table of modifications to the BBI JU budget 2017.

Annex II: BBI JU Amended Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2017



ANNEX I: Summary table of modifications to the BBI JU budget 2017

REVENUES

Heading	Budget 2017 CA (in €)	Budget 2017 PA (in €)	Amendment 2017 CA (in €)	Amendment 2017 PA (in €)	Amended.1 2017 CA (in €)	Amended.1 2017 PA (in €)
EU contribution (excl. EFTA)	81,174,465	69,172,903	0	14,698,790	81,174,465	83,871,693
of which Administrative	2,285,155	2,285,155	0	0	2,285,155	2,285,155
of which Operational	78,889,310	66,887,748	0	14,698,790	78,889,310	81,586,538
EFTA contribution	1,980,657	1,687,819	0	0	1,980,657	1,687,819
of which Administrative	55,758	55,758	0	0	55,758	55,758
of which Operational	1,924,899	1,632,061	0	0	1,924,899	1,632,061
Industry (cash) contribution	3,115,280	3,365,280	0	0	3,115,280	3,365,280
of which Administrative	2,615,280	2,615,280	0	0	2,615,280	2,615,280
of which Operational	500,000	750,000	0	0	500,000	750,000
SUB-TOTAL revenues	86,270,402	74,226,002	0	14,698,790	86,270,402	88,924,792
C2 reactivation of unused appropriations from administrative expenditure	1,700,000	1,700,000	846,249	1,074,974	2,546,249	2,774,974
of which from 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
of which from 2015	428,175	428,175	561,770	3,498	989,945	431,673
of which from 2016	1,271,825	1,271,825	284,479	1,071,476	1,556,304	2,343,301
C2 reactivation of unused appropriations from operational expenditure	4,450,657	328,920	0	0	4,450,657	328,920
of which from 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
of which from 2015	1,353,523	328,920	0	0	1,353,523	328,920
of which from 2016	3,097,134	0	0	0	3,097,134	0
SUB-TOTAL reactivations	6,150,657	2,028,920	846,249	1,074,974	6,996,906	3,103,894
TOTAL REVENUES	92,421,059	76,254,922	846,249	15,773,764	93,267,308	92,028,686

EXPENDITURE

Title	Heading	Budget 2017 CA (in €)	Budget 2017 PA (in €)	Amendment 2017 CA (in €)	Amendment 2017 PA (in €)	Amended.1 2017 CA (in €)	Amended.1 2017 PA (in €)
Chapter							
1	Staff Expenditure	2,868,192	2,868,192	1,579,958	1,590,593	4,448,150	4,458,785
1 1	Staff in active employment	2,544,200	2,544,200	1,401,844	1,442,017	3,946,044	3,986,217
1 2	Staff recruitment / Miscellaneous expenditure	51,200	51,200	44,969	10,554	96,169	61,754
1 3	Mission and duty travels	95,000	95,000	64,349	89,412	159,349	184,412
1 4	Other staff costs (socio-medical structure)	167,792	167,792	55,574	48,508	223,366	216,300
1 5	Entertainment and representation expenses	10,000	10,000	13,222	102	23,222	10,102
2	Other administrative expenditure	2,088,001	2,088,001	966,291	1,184,381	3,054,292	3,272,382
2 0	Rental of buildings and associated costs	307,001	307,001	3,219	41,886	310,220	348,887
2 1	Administrative information technology	223,100	223,100	36,747	83,446	259,847	306,546
2 2	Movable property and associated costs	14,000	14,000	11,082	76,863	25,082	90,863
2 3	Current administrative expenditure	42,000	42,000	8,661	13,400	50,661	55,400
2 4	Telecommunications and postal charges	9,000	9,000	4,550	13,926	13,550	22,926
2 5	Expenditure on formal meetings	115,700	115,700	37,332	61,571	153,032	177,271
2 6	External communication, information, publicity	525,000	525,000	110,423	151,866	635,423	676,866
2 7	Service contracts	100,000	100,000	87,360	94,000	187,360	194,000
2 8	Experts contracts and evaluations	668,300	668,300	647,423	647,423	1,315,723	1,315,723
2 9	Expert reviewers	83,900	83,900	19,494	0	103,394	83,900
3	Operational expenditure	81,314,209	69,269,809	4,450,657	15,027,710	85,764,866	84,297,519
4	Reactivations of prior year unused budget	6,150,657	2,028,920	-6,150,657	-2,028,920	0	0
40	Reactivations of prior year unused administrative budget (estimate)	1,700,000	1,700,000	-1,700,000	-1,700,000	0	0
41	Reactivations of prior year unused operational budget (estimate)	4,450,657	328,920	-4,450,657	-328,920	0	0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	92,421,059	76,254,922	846,249	15,773,764	93,267,308	92,028,686