

DECISION No 12/2023

**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY
FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS**

of 26 October 2023

**amending Decision No 20/2022 on the adoption of the budget and the
establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy
Regulators for the financial year 2023**

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR THE
COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/942 of the European Parliament and of the
Council of 5 June 2019 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of
Energy Regulators(recast)¹ and, in particular, Articles 1(1), 17 and 19(f) thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 93/2017 of 5 May 2017
amending Annex IV (Energy) of the EEA Agreement 2019/205², and, in particular,
Article 1(5) thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 08/2019 of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the
Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 21 June 2019 on the adoption of the Financial
Regulation of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, and, in particular,
Articles 31 and 34 thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 07/2020 of 17 June 2020 on the adoption of the Rules of
Procedure of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the
Cooperation of Energy Regulators and repealing Decision No 3/2010 of 6 May 2010 on
the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of
Energy Regulators, and, in particular, Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision (EU) 2020/2152³ of 17 December 2020 on fees
due to the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for
collecting, handling, processing and analysing of information reported under Regulation
(EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and, in particular,
Articles 5 and 6,

Whereas:

¹ OJ L 158/22, 14.6.2019

² OJ L 36/50, 7.2.2019

³ OJ L 428/68, 18.12.2020

- (1) On 15 December 2022, the Administrative Board adopted the budget of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter ‘the Agency’), for the financial year 2023.⁴
- (2) In January 2023, the Agency established the amount of fees due by applying the approved fees collection model on the records reported by the Registered Reporting Mechanism (RRM) for the financial year 2023. The number of records reported by each RRM during the year 2022 has been used as basis for calculation of the fees. The amount of fees envisaged for the financial year 2023 at the time of the budget adoption was EUR 11 273 866, while the total amount of debit notes issued by 30 September 2023 amounted to EUR 10 164 368. Therefore, the total revenue of the Agency for the financial year 2023 needs to be reduced by the difference between the initially planned revenue and the revenue actually established, i.e. EUR 1 109 498. The amount reduced has been offset by de-prioritising the outsourcing of the planned REMIT data analytics.
- (3) The Agency’s budget for the financial year 2023 adopted under Decision No 20/2022 of the Administrative Board erroneously includes an extra amount of EUR 36 415 for the EFTA contribution envisaged under relevant Commission Proposals⁵, and therefore, the Agency’s budget needs to be reduced. The amount to be reduced is offset by the amendment of the funds allocated to temporary workers, as delays in their engagement throughout the year generated budgetary savings.
- (4) It follows that the total revenue of the Agency for the financial year 2023 needs to be reduced by the difference between the initially planned revenue and the revenue actually established, i.e. EUR 1 145 913.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to amend Decision No 20/2022 of 15 December 2022,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision No 20/2022 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 15 December 2022 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2023 is replaced by Annex I to this Decision.

⁴ Decision No 20/2022 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 15 December 2022 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for the financial year 2023.

⁵ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast), [COM(2021)804 final]; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942 [COM(2021)805 final].

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

This Decision shall be published on the website of the Agency and it shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council, the European Court of Auditors and the European Commission.

Article 3

This Decision and Annex I shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union within three months from the date of the current decision.

Done at Milan, 26 October 2023.

For the Administrative Board

The Chair
M. THIOLLIERE

Annex I

Description	Approved 2023 budget	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
REVENUE			
Revenue			
EU contribution	17,499,909.00		17,499,909.00
Others	1,529,162.00		1,529,162.00
EFTA contribution	467,943.00	(36,415.00)	431,528.00
Fees and charges	11,273,866.00	(1,109,498.00)	10,164,368.00
TOTAL REVENUE	30,770,880.00	(1,145,913.00)	29,624,967.00
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure relating to staff and resources			
Basic salaries and correction	7,246,767.00		7,246,767.00
Family allowances	1,066,863.00		1,066,863.00
Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	1,094,416.00		1,094,416.00
Contract agents	2,268,448.00		2,268,448.00
Seconded National Experts	514,970.00		514,970.00
Training and information for staff	544,860.00		544,860.00
Insurance against sickness	278,179.00		278,179.00
Insurance against accidents and occupational disease	33,234.00		33,234.00
Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	98,400.00		98,400.00
Birth and death grants	2,100.00		2,100.00
Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	101,987.00		101,987.00
Schooling fees	601,071.00		601,071.00
Overtime	31,019.00		31,019.00
Expenditure related to recruitment	30,000.00		30,000.00
Travel expenses taking up duty	11,400.00		11,400.00
Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	51,102.00		51,102.00
Temporary daily subsistence allowances	85,789.00		85,789.00
Supplementary clerical and interim services	973,060.00	(36,415.00)	936,645.00
Administrative assistance	252,200.00		252,200.00
Trainees	339,320.00		339,320.00
Mission expenses - Corporate Services	35,200.00		35,200.00
Mission expenses - Director	50,000.00		50,000.00
Mission expenses - Strategy Delivery and Communications	40,000.00		40,000.00
Mission expenses - Legal Services	20,000.00		20,000.00
Medical services and equipment	37,080.00		37,080.00
Social welfare of staff	31,600.00		31,600.00
Staff Committee	16,500.00		16,500.00
TOTAL TITLE 1	15,855,565.00	(36,415.00)	15,819,150.00

Description		Approved 2023 budget	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
TITLE 2	Agency's building and associated costs			
2000	Rent	762,154.00		762,154.00
2001	Removal costs	75,000.00		75,000.00
2010	Utilities	203,280.00		203,280.00
2011	Cleaning and maintenance	205,231.00		205,231.00
2020	Insurance	25,000.00		25,000.00
2030	Security and surveillance of buildings	172,480.00		172,480.00
2031	Health and safety at work	4,500.00		4,500.00
2040	Other expenditure on buildings	38,500.00		38,500.00
2042	Greening	144,000.00		144,000.00
2100	Consumables	15,000.00		15,000.00
2102	Subscriptions IT	500,000.00		500,000.00
2103	Disaster recovery site	46,000.00		46,000.00
2210	Purchase of furniture	55,000.00		55,000.00
2220	Transportation costs	70,300.00		70,300.00
2230	Library acquisitions	243,800.00		243,800.00
2300	Stationery and office supplies	30,000.00		30,000.00
2310	Bank charges	150.00		150.00
2320	Legal expenses	300,000.00		300,000.00
2325	External audit expenses	11,500.00		11,500.00
2326	Information security	145,000.00		145,000.00
2328	Data protection	40,000.00		40,000.00
2330	Administrative Board meetings	167,000.00		167,000.00
2331	Board of Regulators meetings	46,470.00		46,470.00
2332	Board of Appeal	682,000.00		682,000.00
2333	External participants to meetings	8,000.00		8,000.00
2334	EU Agencies Network	5,500.00		5,500.00
2400	Postal charges	15,800.00		15,800.00
2410	Telecommunications subscriptions and charges	60,000.00		60,000.00
2420	Hardware and other equipment	250,000.00		250,000.00
	TOTAL TITLE 2	4,321,665.00	-	4,321,665.00

Title Chapter	Description	Approved 2023 budget	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
TITLE 3	Operational expenditure			
3000	Representation expenses - Director	5,000.00		5,000.00
3001	Representation expenses - Corporate Services	500.00		500.00
3002	Representation expenses - Electricity	1,000.00		1,000.00
3003	Representation expenses - MIT	1,000.00		1,000.00
3004	Representation expenses - IGR	1,000.00		1,000.00
3005	Representation expenses - MSC	1,000.00		1,000.00
3100	Operational missions - IGR	70,000.00		70,000.00
3101	Operational missions - Electricity	50,000.00		50,000.00
3102	Operational missions - MIT	30,000.00		30,000.00
3103	Operational missions - MSC	31,000.00		31,000.00
3200	Communications	407,700.00		407,700.00
3300	Translation at CDT	298,450.00		298,450.00
3500	Infrastructure, hardware licenses, deployment, service desk and operations	1,810,000.00		1,810,000.00
3501	Software maintenance, development, testing and software licenses	1,380,000.00		1,380,000.00
3502	Surveillance and BI tools customisation, licenses and consultancy	930,000.00		930,000.00
3503	Studies, technical writing, coordination, QA and information security	500,000.00		500,000.00
3504	Specific data and information services	1,652,000.00	(1,109,498.00)	542,502.00
3505	Business enhancements and development of surveillance and conduct tools - MSCD	500,000.00		500,000.00
3600	Expert consultations - MIT	505,000.00		505,000.00
3601	Expert consultations - IGR	250,000.00		250,000.00
3602	Expert consultations - Electricity	215,000.00		215,000.00
3603	Expert consultations - Corporate Services	450,000.00		450,000.00
3604	Expert consultations - MSC	25,000.00		25,000.00
3604	DEX projects and activities	1,480,000.00		1,480,000.00
	TOTAL TITLE 3	10,593,650.00	- 1,109,498.00	9,484,152.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,770,880.00	(1,145,913.00)	29,624,967.00