

DECISION No 14/2023

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

of 22 November 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, as amended by Decision No 12/2023**

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 02/2023 of 25 January 2023 on amending Decision No
7/2020 of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation
of Energy Regulators 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, 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) On 26 October 2023, the Administrative Board adopted Decision No 12/2023, which amends Annex I to Decision No 20/2022 on the adoption of the budget and the establishment plan of the Agency for the financial year 2023.
- (3) The Agency’s budget and the establishment plan for the financial year 2023 adopted under Decision No 20/2022 of the Administrative Board of the Agency included EUR 842,000 to ensure the fulfilment of new tasks assigned to the Agency under two legislative proposals of the Commission⁵, which were expected to enter into force in the course of the year 2023.
- (4) Since the legislative proposals mentioned at Recital (3) will no longer be adopted prior to the end of the current financial year, the budget of the Agency needs to be amended to reflect a reduction of EUR 842,000.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to further amend Decision No 20/2022 of 15 December 2022 of the Administrative Board of the Agency, as amended by Decision No 12/2023,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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, as amended by 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, is amended as follows:

- (1) Annex I is amended as per Annex I to this Decision;
- (2) Annex II is amended as per Annex II 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 COM(2021) 805 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942; COM(2021) 804 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).

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 its Annexes I and II shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union within three months from the date of the current decision.

Done at Ljubljana, 22 November 2023.

For the Administrative Board

The Chair
M. THIOLLIERE

Annex I

Title Chapter	Description	2023 budget as amended per DECISION No 12/2023	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
	REVENUE			
TITLE 9	Revenue			
901	EU contribution	17,499,909.00	(842,000.00)	16,657,909.00
902	Others	1,529,162.00		1,529,162.00
904	EFTA contribution	431,528.00		431,528.00
905	Fees and charges	10,164,368.00		10,164,368.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	29,624,967.00	(842,000.00)	28,782,967.00
	EXPENDITURE			
TITLE 1	Expenditure relating to staff and resources			
1100	Basic salaries and correction	7,246,767.00		7,246,767.00
1101	Family allowances	1,066,863.00		1,066,863.00
1102	Expatriation and foreign residence allowances	1,094,416.00		1,094,416.00
1110	Contract agents	2,268,448.00		2,268,448.00
1111	Seconded National Experts	514,970.00		514,970.00
1120	Training and information for staff	544,860.00	(26,765.85)	518,094.15
1130	Insurance against sickness	278,179.00		278,179.00
1131	Insurance against accidents and occupational disease	33,234.00		33,234.00
1132	Unemployment insurance for temporary staff	98,400.00		98,400.00
1140	Birth and death grants	2,100.00		2,100.00
1141	Annual travel expense from place of work to origin	101,987.00		101,987.00
1142	Schooling fees	601,071.00	(64,000.00)	537,071.00
1150	Overtime	31,019.00		31,019.00
1160	Expenditure related to recruitment	30,000.00		30,000.00
1161	Travel expenses taking up duty	11,400.00		11,400.00
1162	Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	51,102.00		51,102.00
1163	Temporary daily subsistence allowances	85,789.00		85,789.00
1170	Supplementary clerical and interim services	936,645.00	(83,996.19)	852,648.81
1171	Administrative assistance	252,200.00	(30,647.85)	221,552.15
1172	Trainees	339,320.00	(126,723.35)	212,596.65
1200	Mission expenses - Corporate Services	35,200.00	(10,000.00)	25,200.00
1201	Mission expenses - Director	50,000.00		50,000.00
1202	Mission expenses - Strategy Delivery and Communications	40,000.00		40,000.00
1203	Mission expenses - Legal Services	20,000.00	(10,000.00)	10,000.00
1300	Medical services and equipment	37,080.00	(530.00)	36,550.00
1401	Social welfare of staff	31,600.00		31,600.00
1410	Staff Committee	16,500.00		16,500.00
	TOTAL TITLE 1	15,819,150.00	(352,663.24)	15,466,486.76

Title		2023 budget as amended per DECISION No 12/2023	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
Chapter	Description			
TITLE 2	Agency's building and associated costs			
2000	Rent	762,154.00		762,154.00
2001	Removal costs	75,000.00	(125.35)	74,874.65
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	(2,606.42)	1,893.58
2040	Other expenditure on buildings	38,500.00	(33,058.39)	5,441.61
2042	Greening	144,000.00		144,000.00
2100	Consumables	15,000.00	(7,500.00)	7,500.00
2102	Subscriptions IT	500,000.00	(42,500.00)	457,500.00
2103	Disaster recovery site	46,000.00	(16,400.00)	29,600.00
2210	Purchase of furniture	55,000.00	(15,846.44)	39,153.56
2220	Transportation costs	70,300.00	(40,000.00)	30,300.00
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	(10,000.00)	157,000.00
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	(5,000.00)	3,000.00
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	(173,036.60)	4,148,628.40

Title Chapter	Description	2023 budget as amended per DECISION No 12/2023	Budget amendment	Amended 2023 budget
TITLE 3	Operational expenditure			
3000	Representation expenses - Director	5,000.00	(500.00)	4,500.00
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	(100.00)	900.00
3100	Operational missions - IGR	70,000.00	(3,000.00)	67,000.00
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	542,502.00		542,502.00
3505	Business enhancements and development of surveillance and conduct tools - MSCD	500,000.00	(925.15)	499,074.85
3600	Expert consultations - MIT	505,000.00	-	505,000.00
3601	Expert consultations - IGR	250,000.00	(43,700.00)	206,300.00
3602	Expert consultations - Electricity	215,000.00	(67,235.01)	147,764.99
3603	Expert consultations - Corporate Services	450,000.00	(185,840.00)	264,160.00
3604	Expert consultations - MSC	25,000.00	(15,000.00)	10,000.00
3605	DEX projects and activities	1,480,000.00		1,480,000.00
	TOTAL TITLE 3	9,484,152.00	(316,300.16)	9,167,851.84
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	29,624,967.00	(842,000.00)	28,782,967.00

Annex II – Establishment plan

Category and grade - Temporary Agents	Establishment plan 2021	Establishment plan 2022	Establishment plan 2023	Amended 2023	Final adopted 2023
AD 16					0
AD 15	1	1	1		1
AD 14					0
AD 13	4	4	4		4
AD 12	3	3	3		3
AD 11	4	4	7		7
AD 10	3	3	6		6
AD 9	12	12	9		9
AD 8	9	9	16		16
AD 7	12	14	19		19
AD 6	10	10	6		6
AD 5	1	3	11	(4)	7
Total AD	59	63	82	(4)	78
AST 11					0
AST 10					0
AST 9					0
AST 8					0
AST 7					0
AST 6	2	2	3		3
AST 5	4	4	6		6
AST 4	3	4	4		4
AST 3	3	3			0
AST 2					0
AST 1					0
Total AST	12	13	13	0	13
AST/SC6					0
AST/SC5					0
AST/SC4					0
AST/SC3					0
AST/SC2					0
AST/SC1			1	(1)	0
Total AST/SC	0	0	1	(1)	0
TOTAL	71	76	96	(5)	91
Contract agents	Authorised 2021	Authorised 2022	Authorised 2023	Amended 2023	Final adopted 2023
Function Group IV	31	32	33	(1)	32
Function Group III	5	5	4		4
Function Group II					0
TOTAL	36	37	37	(1)	36
Seconded National Experts	Authorised 2021	Authorised 2022	Authorised 2023		
TOTAL	4	10	10		