EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Introduction

The introduction to the budget request has been provided by each Institution together with the statement of estimate for its respective budget section. In line with Article 314§1 of the TFEU, which states that: '[...] each Institution shall [...] draw up estimates of its expenditure for the following financial year. The Commission shall consolidate these estimates in a draft budget, which may contain different estimates.', the Commission has exceptionally adjusted the estimates of all Institutions. It is thus possible that figures referred to in the introduction of a specific budget section are different from those integrated into the Draft Budget.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is a **political assembly** made up of **329 elected representatives and 329 alternates from local and regional authorities across all EU countries**. Most CoR Members belong to one of six political groups: EPP, PES, Renew Europe, ECR, EA, and Greens. The primary mission of the CoR is to contribute to the shaping of EU policies and the decision-making process from the perspective of local and regional authorities. It is important to note that these authorities implement approximately 70% of European law. The collaboration among local and regional authorities within the CoR significantly enhances the quality of European legislation and fosters a better understanding of the EU among its roughly 450 million citizens.

The political activities and expertise of CoR Members, both in Brussels and within their constituencies, are vital assets that the CoR brings as a political assembly. They promote the political agenda of local and regional authorities in the legislative work and initiatives of other EU institutions. As established by the Treaty, **the CoR is an equal part of the EU's multi-level governance system**, making it a unique reference point for all local and regional matters in the European Union.

CoR Members are strongly committed to **communicating with EU citizens** by organising dialogues wherever possible, alongside other EU institutions. This ongoing commitment not only supports the EU and its institutions but also facilitates discussions on political matters and critical issues from the perspective of EU citizens. This demonstrates the CoR's dedication to transparency and public engagement.

The core function of the CoR, as outlined in the Treaties, is *better law-making*. Therefore, it is essential that local and regional representatives have a voice in the development of new EU laws. In this regard, the CoR also plays a crucial role in upholding the **principle of subsidiarity**. Closely linked to its law-making function is the CoR's second main objective: *strengthening European democracy* and bridging the widening gap between the public and the European integration process. This involves engaging over a million regional and elected politicians in a transparent and participatory Europe.

Currently, the CoR's budget **does not reflect its important role in the EU's democratic process** and political architecture. On the contrary, the CoR has faced unprecedented budgetary pressures and challenges for several years, resulting in structural deficits and a reduced capacity for the political work of its Members. Unfortunately, these challenges are expected to persist, especially given the anticipated structural underfinancing following the 2026 budgetary process. Consequently, elected representatives of local and regional authorities in the EU have less support available compared to the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) for example, which is difficult to comprehend.

It is therefore **crucial that the economic conditions of the CoR improve** to ensure that its capacity to fulfil institutional obligations to EU institutions is not jeopardised. The CoR and its Members must be provided with adequate budgetary and human resources to effectively support EU institutions, with a budget comparable to that of similar EU bodies. The need for improved funding is urgent and cannot be overstated.

2. 2026 BUDGET REQUEST

The 2026 budget preparation follows a volatile period influenced by geopolitical factors, resulting in unprecedented fluctuations in energy prices and inflation since 2022. This situation has significantly **impacted the purchasing power of the CoR's budget**, whichhas lost an estimated 15% in non-salary appropriations since 2022. This loss has created **structural underfinancing** in various areas (digital workspace, cybersecurity, upkeep of buildings, communication, and more).

Unfortunately, this issue was not reversed during the 2025 budgetary process, leading to cuts and further structural deficits. As a result, these challenges have created a difficult starting point for the 2026 budgetary process.

The guidelines provided by the EC Budget Commissioner for the 2026 budget estimates require an assumed maximum inflation level of 2% for non-salary appropriations, consistent with requests made for 2024 and 2025. However, *this assumption is significantly at odds with the current reality.*

After approval by the CoR's Bureau on 19 November 2024, the main elements of the CoR's budget strategic guidelines are the following:

(i) **ensure at least the 'status quo'** of political activities, taking into account the formal inflation and salary indexation estimates provided to all Institutions by the European Commission,

(ii) **reinforce CoR political groups** by providing 9 contract agents (for political groups' secretariats),

(iii) invite **pre-observers from candidate countries** to CoR statutory events,

(iv) ensure the stable financing of **web streaming for CoR statutory events**,

(v) provide the necessary resources to the **joint EC-CoR's EU local Councillors' network**,

(vi) reinforce **CoR cybersecurity** with 1 AD5 post (1 post already granted in 2025),

(vii) reinforce the **CoR's cloud development and data safety**.

Compared to 2025, the CoR is requesting an **additional € 11.6 million (+ 8.9%)** in 2026 to **meet existing statutory and legal obligations and to finance the 6 above-mentioned new projects (ii-vii)**. These obligations include salary indexations, step increases, and career progression for staff, as well as the indexation of costs related to building leases, security, and other mandatory maintenance expenditures. Additionally, this increase takes into account the recovery of lost political expenditures (for Members and interpretation services) from the 2025 budgetary procedure, amounting to approximately € 1.0 million.

The CoR is continuing to create substantial synergies through **inter-institutional cooperation** at the administrative level, making it one of the most advanced institutions in this regard. It has become more **efficient and cost-effective** by consolidating meetings, utilising modern video-conferencing tools for many non-statutory meetings, using institutional calls for tenders, and investing in energy-saving measures and IT. The CoR is also **exploring new innovative ways to generate further savings**. To this end, it has initiated pilot projects such as online interpretation for some meetings, full machine translation of certain documents, and the use of MS 365 cloud operations and AI driven Copilot to further optimise processes. The upcoming incorporation of AI in some processes is expected to provide additional opportunities for efficiency. The outcomes of these pilot projects will be available gradually, and if successful, they could yield tangible savings for years to come.

The years marked by the COVID-19 pandemic (2020-2022) were crucial for **enhancing the digital infrastructure** of the CoR and **modernising its operations**. This enhancement includes improvements to various IT tools, services, video-conferencing facilities, and the organisation of information flow and communication. The increased reliance on digital tools and remote work during the pandemic highlighted the necessity for a robust and modern digital infrastructure, which is reflected in the proposed budget increase.

Apart from 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the CoR has consistently achieved **excellent annual budget outturn** in the last few years. In 2023 and 2024, the CoR recorded an impressive **99.9% budget execution rate**, marking the **highest outturn in its history**. Thus, the **CoR has been utilising its budget almost to its full capacity in recent years**, *resulting in no internal reserves*. While this indicates strong budgetary and financial management, it also signals that the CoR requires additional resources, as underpinned by the fifth paragraph of the **EP 2023 discharge report**.

After in-depth discussions and screening at administrative and political levels, the CoR is requesting an overall DB 2026 of **€ 142,088,872** with an **€ 11.6 million** or **8.9%** increase over the 2025 voted budgetand **498 posts** in the establishment plan (**1 new specialised cyber-security post**).

These figures include the following new projects:

– Additional contract agents for CoR Political Groups secretariats € 0.8 million;

– EU candidate countries as observers to CoR statutory events € 0.3 million;

– Web streaming for CoR statutory events € 0.45 million;

– EU local Councillor's network € 0.5 million;

– 1 new AD5 permanent post (cyber-security) as of July 2026 € 0.07 million;

– Cloud development and data safety € 0.5 million.

It should also be noted that the CoR has significantly increased its political activities in recent years, which has directly impacted the CoR's budget. Although all CoR expenditure falls under Heading 7 (administrative spending), as with the European Parliament's budget, a significant portion of the CoR's budget relates to non-administrative expenditure. A notable example is the expenses directly associated with Members and their political activities. Despite the increase in political activities, **the CoR's 2026 budget represents only about 1% of the total Heading 7** expenditure (and 0.06% of the EU budget as a whole).

As a final remark, the CoR entered a new mandate at the beginning of 2025, which brought changes to the CoR's Presidency and the leadership of various CoR bodies. This transition will also lead to the adoption of new political priorities for the CoR's 8th term (2025-2030). Historically, the initial years of a new political mandate have resulted in increased participation by Members in various meetings and events, which will have a substantial impact on the CoR's budget for 2026 and the years to follow.

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

REVENUE — REVENUE

Figures

Title	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
3	ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE	17 337 100	16 089 890	15 886 425,00
4	FINANCIAL REVENUE, DEFAULT INTEREST AND FINES	p.m.	p.m.	115 219,00
	Total	**17 337 100**	**16 089 890**	**16 001 644,00**

TITLE 3 — ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE

Figures

Title Chapter	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
3 0	REVENUE FROM STAFF	17 337 100	16 089 890	14 056 649,00
3 1	REVENUE LINKED TO PROPERTY	p.m.	p.m.	0,—
3 2	REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF GOODS, SERVICES AND WORK — ASSIGNED REVENUE	p.m.	p.m.	1 780 745,00
3 3	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE	p.m.	p.m.	49 031,00
	Title 3 — Total	**17 337 100**	**16 089 890**	**15 886 425,00**

CHAPTER 3 0 — REVENUE FROM STAFF

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
3 0	REVENUE FROM STAFF				
3 0 0	***Taxes and levies***				
3 0 0 0	Tax on remunerations	7 047 063	6 523 910	5 944 035,00	84,35 %
3 0 0 1	Special levies on remunerations	1 385 262	1 303 965	1 168 437,00	84,35 %
	Article 3 0 0 — Subtotal	8 432 325	7 827 875	7 112 472,00	84,35 %
3 0 1	***Contributions to the pension scheme***				
3 0 1 0	Staff contributions to the pension scheme	8 904 775	8 262 015	6 892 251,00	77,40 %
3 0 1 1	Transfer or purchase of pension rights by staff	p.m.	p.m.	51 926,00	
3 0 1 2	Contributions to the pension scheme by staff on leave	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Article 3 0 1 — Subtotal	8 904 775	8 262 015	6 944 177,00	77,98 %
	Chapter 3 0 — Total	**17 337 100**	**16 089 890**	**14 056 649,00**	**81,08 %**

Article 3 0 0 — Taxes and levies

Item 3 0 0 0 — Tax on remunerations

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
7 047 063	6 523 910	5 944 035,00

Legal basis

Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Union, and in particular Article 12 thereof.

Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 of the Council of 29 February 1968 laying down the conditions and procedure for applying the tax for the benefit of the European Communities (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 8, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1968/260/oj).

Item 3 0 0 1 — Special levies on remunerations

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
1 385 262	1 303 965	1 168 437,00

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 66a thereof.

Article 3 0 1 — Contributions to the pension scheme

Item 3 0 1 0 — Staff contributions to the pension scheme

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
8 904 775	8 262 015	6 892 251,00

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 83(2) thereof.

Item 3 0 1 1 — Transfer or purchase of pension rights by staff

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	51 926,00

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 11(2) and Articles 17 and 48 of Annex VIII thereto.

Item 3 0 1 2 — Contributions to the pension scheme by staff on leave

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 40(3) and Article 83(2) thereof.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, and in particular Articles 41 and 43 thereof.

CHAPTER 3 1 — REVENUE LINKED TO PROPERTY

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
3 1	REVENUE LINKED TO PROPERTY				
3 1 0	***Sale of immovable property — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
3 1 1	***Sale of other property***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
3 1 2	***Letting and subletting immovable property — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 3 1 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**0,—**	

Article 3 1 0 — Sale of immovable property — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This article is intended to record revenue from the sale of immovable property belonging to the institution.

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 1 1 — Sale of other property

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This article is intended to record revenue from the sale or part-exchange of other property belonging to the institution.

Article 3 1 2 — Letting and subletting immovable property — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

CHAPTER 3 2 — REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF GOODS, SERVICES AND WORK — ASSIGNED REVENUE

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
3 2	REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF GOODS, SERVICES AND WORK — ASSIGNED REVENUE				
3 2 0	***Revenue from the supply of goods, services and work — Assigned revenue***				
3 2 0 2	Revenue from the supply of goods, services and work for other Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies — Assigned revenue	p.m.	p.m.	1 780 745,00	
	Article 3 2 0 — Subtotal	p.m.	p.m.	1 780 745,00	
3 2 1	***Refunds by other institutions or bodies of mission allowances — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
3 2 2	***Revenue from third parties in respect of goods, services or work — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 3 2 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**1 780 745,00**	

Article 3 2 0 — Revenue from the supply of goods, services and work — Assigned revenue

Item 3 2 0 2 — Revenue from the supply of goods, services and work for other Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	1 780 745,00

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 2 1 — Refunds by other institutions or bodies of mission allowances — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 2 2 — Revenue from third parties in respect of goods, services or work — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

CHAPTER 3 3 — OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
3 3	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE				
3 3 0	***Repayment of amounts wrongly paid — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	37 156,00	

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
3 3 1	***Revenue for a specific purpose (income from foundations, subsidies, gifts and bequests) — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
3 3 3	***Insurance payments received — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
3 3 8	***Other revenue from administrative operations — Assigned revenue***	p.m.	p.m.	9 854,00	
3 3 9	***Other revenue from administrative operations***	p.m.	p.m.	2 021,00	
	Chapter 3 3 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**49 031,00**	

Article 3 3 0 — Repayment of amounts wrongly paid — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	37 156,00

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 3 1 — Revenue for a specific purpose (income from foundations, subsidies, gifts and bequests) — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 3 3 — Insurance payments received — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

This article also includes reimbursement by insurance companies of the salaries of officials involved in accidents.

Article 3 3 8 — Other revenue from administrative operations — Assigned revenue

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	9 854,00

Remarks

This article is intended to record other contributions and refunds in connection with the administrative operations of the institution.

In accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation, this revenue is to be considered as assigned revenue and gives rise to the entry of additional appropriations in the headings which bore the initial expenditure giving rise to the corresponding revenue.

Article 3 3 9 — Other revenue from administrative operations

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	2 021,00

Remarks

This article is intended to record other revenue from administrative operations.

TITLE 4 — FINANCIAL REVENUE, DEFAULT INTEREST AND FINES

Figures

Title Chapter	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
4 0	REVENUE FROM INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS	p.m.	p.m.	11 881,00
4 1	DEFAULT INTEREST	p.m.	p.m.	0,—
4 2	FINES AND PENALTIES	p.m.	p.m.	103 338,00
	Title 4 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**115 219,00**

CHAPTER 4 0 — REVENUE FROM INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
4 0	REVENUE FROM INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS				
4 0 0	***Revenue from investments, loans granted and bank accounts***	p.m.	p.m.	11 881,00	
4 0 1	***Interest yielded by pre-financing***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 4 0 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**11 881,00**	

Article 4 0 0 — Revenue from investments, loans granted and bank accounts

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	11 881,00

Remarks

This article is intended to record revenue from investments, loans granted and bank and other interest on the institution’s accounts.

Article 4 0 1 — Interest yielded by pre-financing

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This article is intended to record revenue from interest on pre-financing.

CHAPTER 4 1 — DEFAULT INTEREST

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
4 1	DEFAULT INTEREST				
4 1 9	***Other default interest***	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 4 1 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**0,—**	

Article 4 1 9 — Other default interest

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Legal basis

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj), and in particular Article 98(4) thereof.

CHAPTER 4 2 — FINES AND PENALTIES

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
4 2	FINES AND PENALTIES				
4 2 2	***Fines imposed for fraud and irregularities which are damaging to the Union's financial interests***	p.m.	p.m.	103 338,00	
	Chapter 4 2 — Total	**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**103 338,00**	

Remarks

Article 4 2 2 — Fines imposed for fraud and irregularities which are damaging to the Union's financial interests

Figures

2026 estimate	2025 estimate	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	103 338,00

Remarks

This article is intended to recover fines imposed for fraud and irregularities which are damaging to the Union's financial interests.

EXPENDITURE — EXPENDITURE

Figures

Title	Heading	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1	PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION	105 650 808	99 606 286	91 671 207,70
2	BUILDINGS, FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENDITURE	31 436 433	30 846 660	31 349 958,51
10	OTHER EXPENDITURE	p.m.	p.m.	0,—
	Total	**137 087 241**	**130 452 946**	**123 021 166,21**

TITLE 1 — PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION

Figures

Title Chapter	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1 0	MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION	7	9 771 927	9 371 198	9 183 136,00
1 2	OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF	7	81 131 000	76 078 300	69 312 306,96
1 4	OTHER STAFF AND EXTERNAL SERVICES	7	12 883 181	12 311 413	11 255 891,08
1 6	OTHER EXPENDITURE RELATING TO PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION	7	1 864 700	1 845 375	1 919 873,66
	Title 1 — Total		**105 650 808**	**99 606 286**	**91 671 207,70**

CHAPTER 1 0 — MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
1 0	MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION					
1 0 0	***Salaries, allowances and payments***					
1 0 0 0	Office expenses of Members	7.2	193 982	165 669	162 421,00	83,73 %
1 0 0 4	Travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at meetings and associated expenditure	7.2	9 542 945	9 170 529	8 990 715,00	94,21 %
1 0 0 5	Training activities for the Members of the institution	7.2	35 000	35 000		
	Article 1 0 0 — Subtotal		9 771 927	9 371 198	9 153 136,00	93,67 %
1 0 5	***Courses for Members of the institution***	7.2	—	—	30 000,00	
	Chapter 1 0 — Total		**9 771 927**	**9 371 198**	**9 183 136,00**	**93,97 %**

Article 1 0 0 — Salaries, allowances and payments

Item 1 0 0 0 — Office expenses of Members

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
193 982	165 669	162 421,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover office expenses for Members or alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions called upon to perform certain duties and to assume responsibilities within the Committee or who have acted as rapporteurs in accordance with applicable regulations.

It also covers other horizontal expenditure in relation to the execution of Members' and alternate Members' mandate, such as the costs for providing travel assistance and insurance and the cost of issuing 'laissez-passers' on the basis of Protocol No 7 on the privileges and immunities of the European Union.

Item 1 0 0 4 — Travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at meetings and associated expenditure

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
9 542 945	9 170 529	8 990 715,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments to Members and alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions under the applicable regulations on reimbursement of transport costs and payment of travel and meeting allowances. It also covers the costs for the travel agency contracted by the Committee to assist Members and alternate Members in the organisation of their travels for the Committee, as well as any expenditure related to the issuance of corporate credit cards in this context.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 8 000.

Item 1 0 0 5 — Training activities for the Members of the institution

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
35 000	35 000	

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to part of the costs of the training activities (registration fees for courses, purchase of self-tuition material, etc.) which shall aim to consolidate or improve the horizontal competencies and the general knowledge and skills that the Members and alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions need to carry out their mandate in the light of evolving challenges in society and the need for the institution to adapt to this evolving environment. The training activities may be internal or external in accordance with the applicable regulation.

Article 1 0 5 — Courses for Members of the institution

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
—	—	30 000,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to contribute to the cost of language courses or other relevant vocational training followed by Members and alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions as well as to the purchase of language self-tuition material in accordance with the applicable regulation.

CHAPTER 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
1 2	OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF					
1 2 0	***Remuneration and other entitlements***					
1 2 0 0	Remuneration and allowances	7.2	80 480 000	75 440 000	68 697 740,83	85,36 %
1 2 0 2	Paid overtime	7.2	35 000	32 700	24 449,75	69,86 %
1 2 0 4	Entitlements on entering the service, transfer and leaving the service	7.2	236 000	230 100	263 249,10	111,55 %
	Article 1 2 0 — Subtotal		80 751 000	75 702 800	68 985 439,68	85,43 %
1 2 2	***Allowances upon early termination of service***					
1 2 2 0	Allowances for staff retired in the interests of the service	7.2	380 000	375 500	326 867,28	86,02 %
1 2 2 2	Allowances for staff whose service is terminated and special retirement scheme	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Article 1 2 2 — Subtotal		380 000	375 500	326 867,28	86,02 %
1 2 9	***Provisional appropriation***	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 1 2 — Total		**81 131 000**	**76 078 300**	**69 312 306,96**	**85,43 %**

Remarks

A standard abatement of 6,0 % has been applied to the appropriations entered in this chapter.

Article 1 2 0 — Remuneration and other entitlements

Item 1 2 0 0 — Remuneration and allowances

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
80 480 000	75 440 000	68 697 740,83

Remarks

This appropriation is mainly intended to cover, for officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the establishment plan:

— salaries, family allowances, expatriation and foreign residence allowances and payments related to salaries,

— the institution’s contribution to the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (insurance against sickness, accidents and occupational disease),

— flat-rate overtime allowances,

— other miscellaneous allowances and grants,

— payment of travel expenses for officials or temporary staff, their spouses and dependents from their place of employment to their place of origin,

— the impact of salary weightings applicable to remuneration and to the part of emoluments transferred to a country other than the country of employment,

— unemployment insurance for temporary staff and payments by the institution to temporary staff in order to constitute or maintain their pension rights in their countries of origin,

— the severance payment of a probationer dismissed on grounds of manifest incompetence,

— the payment in respect of the termination by the institution of the contract of a temporary staff member,

— the possible contribution, according to budget availabilities, to infrastructure and ergonomic costs for staff in distance work in conformity with the European Committee of the Regions decision on working regime.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Item 1 2 0 2 — Paid overtime

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
35 000	32 700	24 449,75

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the payment of overtime under the conditions set out in the legal basis.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 56 thereof and Annex VI thereto.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Item 1 2 0 4 — Entitlements on entering the service, transfer and leaving the service

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
236 000	230 100	263 249,10

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

— travel expenses due to officials and temporary staff (including their families) entering or leaving the service or being transferred to another place of employment,

— installation/resettlement allowances and removal expenses due to officials and temporary staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,

— the daily subsistence allowance for officials and temporary staff who furnish evidence that they must change their place of residence on taking up duty or transferring to a new place of employment.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Article 1 2 2 — Allowances upon early termination of service

Item 1 2 2 0 — Allowances for staff retired in the interests of the service

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
380 000	375 500	326 867,28

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover allowances due to officials:

— assigned non-active status in connection with action to reduce the number of posts in the institution,

— holding an AD 16 or AD 15 grade post who are retired in the interests of the service,

— placed on leave in the interests of the service.

It also covers the employer’s contribution to sickness insurance, pension scheme (if applicable) and the impact of weightings applicable to these allowances.

Item 1 2 2 2 — Allowances for staff whose service is terminated and special retirement scheme

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

— allowances payable under the Staff Regulations or Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 3518/85,

— the employer’s contribution towards sickness insurance for the persons in receipt of the allowances,

— the impact of the salary weightings applicable to the various allowances.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Articles 64 and 72 thereof.

Council Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 3518/85 of 12 December 1985 introducing special measures to terminate the service of officials of the European Communities as a result of the accession of Spain and Portugal (OJ L 335, 13.12.1985, p. 56, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1985/3518/oj).

Article 1 2 9 — Provisional appropriation

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the effects of any salary adjustments decided during the financial year.

This appropriation is provisional and may be used only after its transfer to other headings in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Articles 65 and 65a thereof and Annex XI thereto.

CHAPTER 1 4 — OTHER STAFF AND EXTERNAL SERVICES

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
1 4	OTHER STAFF AND EXTERNAL SERVICES					
1 4 0	***Other staff and external persons***					
1 4 0 0	Other staff	7.2	6 414 907	5 915 214	5 357 822,92	83,52 %
1 4 0 2	Interpreting services	7.2	4 118 499	4 118 499	3 737 744,00	90,76 %
1 4 0 4	Graduate traineeships, grants and exchanges of officials	7.2	1 220 775	1 111 050	1 112 534,16	91,13 %
1 4 0 5	Supplementary services for the accounting service	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
1 4 0 8	Entitlements on entering the service, transfer and leaving the service and other expenditure for services to staff during their career	7.2	59 000	46 650	49 790,00	84,39 %
	Article 1 4 0 — Subtotal		11 813 181	11 191 413	10 257 891,08	86,83 %
1 4 2	***External services***					
1 4 2 0	Supplementary services for the translation service and translation and outsourcing-related tools	7.2	700 000	700 000	620 000,00	88,57 %
1 4 2 2	Expert assistance and speakers	7.2	370 000	420 000	378 000,00	102,16 %
	Article 1 4 2 — Subtotal		1 070 000	1 120 000	998 000,00	93,27 %
1 4 9	***Provisional appropriation***	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Chapter 1 4 — Total		**12 883 181**	**12 311 413**	**11 255 891,08**	**87,37 %**

Article 1 4 0 — Other staff and external persons

Item 1 4 0 0 — Other staff

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
6 414 907	5 915 214	5 357 822,92

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure:

— the remuneration, including overtime, of other staff including contract staff, interim agents and special advisers (within the meaning of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union), the employer’s contributions to the various social security schemes, family, expatriation and travelling allowances from the place of employment to the country of origin and the impact of salary weightings applicable to the remuneration of these staff or the termination of contract allowance,

— fees of medical and paramedical staff paid under the arrangements for the provision of services and, in special cases, the employment of temporary agency staff,

— the possible contribution, according to budget availabilities, to infrastructure and ergonomic costs for other staff in distance work in conformity with the European Committee of the Regions decision on working regime.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Item 1 4 0 2 — Interpreting services

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
4 118 499	4 118 499	3 737 744,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for on-site or off-site interpretation services for meetings or events organised or co-organised by the European Committee of the Regions.

It covers the cost of interpretation services provided by the Commission’s DG Interpretation, the European Parliament and external providers.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 13 000.

Item 1 4 0 4 — Graduate traineeships, grants and exchanges of officials

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1 220 775	1 111 050	1 112 534,16

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

— payment of traineeship grants, travel expenses for trainees and other expenditure arising from the institution’s decision on traineeship schemes (such as accident and sickness insurance during their stay and allowances) and other features of the programme (such as specific training actions and events exclusively for trainees),

— expenditure arising from movements of staff between the European Committee of the Regions and the public sector in the Member States or other countries specified in the rules,

— the contribution, on a limited scale, to the realisation of research projects in the fields of activity of the European Committee of the Regions which are of particular interest for European integration.

Item 1 4 0 5 — Supplementary services for the accounting service

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover services regarding development and implementation of, and advice and consultancy in relation to, accounting and financial IT systems.

Item 1 4 0 8 — Entitlements on entering the service, transfer and leaving the service and other expenditure for services to staff during their career

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
59 000	46 650	49 790,00

Remarks

This appropriation is notably intended to cater for expenditure for the provision of other horizontal human resources-related services to officials, temporary and other staff of the European Committee of the Regions (and their family members) throughout their career, such as opening up access for European Committee of the Regions staff to the activities organised by the European Commission's Welcome Office and the handling of expat administrative support files related to Protocol No 7 on the privileges and immunities of the European Union.

In the event that the handling of other non-strategic human resources processes would be outsourced, the related expenditure shall also be covered from this appropriation.

In order to generate further economies of scale, the provision of such services will, as a rule, be operated through enhanced interinstitutional cooperation.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Article 1 4 2 — External services

Item 1 4 2 0 — Supplementary services for the translation service and translation and outsourcing-related tools

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
700 000	700 000	620 000,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on work carried out by external translation contractors: freelance translation into 24 official Union languages and also into non-Union languages is performed by contractors under framework contracts, except in the case of some non-Union languages where there are no similar procedures, as well as all translation and outsourcing-related tools.

It also covers expenditure on any work entrusted to the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union and all interinstitutional cooperation activities in the language area.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 1 000.

Item 1 4 2 2 — Expert assistance and speakers

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
370 000	420 000	378 000,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments to experts of rapporteurs as well as to speakers in their specific fields who participate in the activities organised or co-organised by the European Committee of the Regions, in accordance with the regulations governing these expenses.

Article 1 4 9 — Provisional appropriation

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the effects of any salary adjustments decided during the financial year.

This appropriation is purely provisional and may be used only after its transfer to other headings in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Articles 65 and 65a thereof and Annex XI thereto.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

CHAPTER 1 6 — OTHER EXPENDITURE RELATING TO PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
1 6	OTHER EXPENDITURE RELATING TO PERSONS WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTION					
1 6 1	***Expenditure relating to staff management***					
1 6 1 0	Miscellaneous expenditure on recruitment	7.2	20 000	20 000	114 608,71	573,04 %

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
1 6 1 2	Further training, retraining and information for staff	7.2	366 200	359 900	340 919,90	93,10 %
	Article 1 6 1 — Subtotal		386 200	379 900	455 528,61	117,95 %
1 6 2	***Missions***	7.2	487 600	478 050	478 050,00	98,04 %
1 6 3	***Activities relating to all persons working with the institution***					
1 6 3 0	Social welfare	7.2	20 400	20 400	13 100,00	64,22 %
1 6 3 2	Internal social policy	7.2	33 000	31 000	34 870,05	105,67 %
1 6 3 3	Sustainable staff commuting	7.2	61 500	61 500	45 500,00	73,98 %
1 6 3 4	Medical service	7.2	126 000	124 525	122 825,00	97,48 %
1 6 3 6	Restaurants and canteens	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
1 6 3 8	Early Childhood Centre and approved day nurseries	7.2	750 000	750 000	770 000,00	102,67 %
	Article 1 6 3 — Subtotal		990 900	987 425	986 295,05	99,54 %
	Chapter 1 6 — Total		**1 864 700**	**1 845 375**	**1 919 873,66**	**102,96 %**

Article 1 6 1 — Expenditure relating to staff management

Item 1 6 1 0 — Miscellaneous expenditure on recruitment

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
20 000	20 000	114 608,71

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover miscellaneous costs related to recruitment such as:

— expenditure related to the organisation of open and internal competitions, selection and recruitment procedures for all categories of staff (officials, temporary agents, contract agents, special advisors, seconded national experts), including travel and subsistence expenses for applicants called for oral or written tests and medical examinations,

— expenditure related to the insurance for the abovementioned applicants,

— expenditure related to selection procedures for management positions, including assessment centres,

— publication of vacancy or recruitment notices in the appropriate media.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Articles 27 to 31 and Article 33 thereof and Annex III thereto.

Decision 2002/620/EC of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Ombudsman of 25 July 2002 establishing a European Communities Personnel Selection Office (OJ L 197, 26.7.2002, p. 53, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/620/oj) and Decision 2002/621/EC of the Secretaries-General of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the Registrar of the Court of Justice, the Secretaries-General of the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and the Representative of the European Ombudsman of 25 July 2002 on the organisation and operation of the European Communities Personnel Selection Office (OJ L 197, 26.7.2002, p. 56, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/621/oj).

Item 1 6 1 2 — Further training, retraining and information for staff

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
366 200	359 900	340 919,90

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

— the organisation of and logistical support for all kinds of training activities organised in the Committee's premises or externally, offered on an inter-institutional basis or provided by external stakeholders,

— the organisation of staff or management seminars, team buildings and "away-days",

— acquisition of external expertise in the area of human resources management, for staff of the European Committee of the Regions

— the development and deployment of personal, professional or organisational development tools for officials, temporary and other staff of the European Committee of the Regions,

— expenditure relating to the purchase or production of teaching materials,

— the organisation of training courses aimed at raising awareness of matters relating to diversity and inclusion (gender equality, disability, diversity, etc.).

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 24a thereof.

Article 1 6 2 — Missions

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
487 600	478 050	478 050,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover transport or accommodation expenses, the payment of daily subsistence allowances and other expenses provided for in the missions guide of the European Committee of the Regions, incurred by staff members in carrying out a short- or long-term mission.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 1 000.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 71 thereof and Articles 11, 12 and 13 of Annex VII thereto.

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

Article 1 6 3 — Activities relating to all persons working with the institution

Item 1 6 3 0 — Social welfare

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
20 400	20 400	13 100,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- as part of an interinstitutional policy to assist persons with disabilities in the following categories:
  - officials and temporary or contract staff in active employment,
  - spouses of officials and temporary or contract staff in active employment,
  - dependent children within the meaning of the Staff Regulations,
- the reimbursement, subject to budgetary ceilings and once any national entitlements granted in the country of residence or of origin have been exhausted, of non-medical expenditure that is deemed necessary, results from the disability, is duly substantiated and is not refunded by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme,
- action taken in respect of individual members of staff of the Union in particularly difficult situations.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 76 thereof (including the corresponding provisions of Articles 30 and 98 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union).

Item 1 6 3 2 — Internal social policy

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
33 000	31 000	34 870,05

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to develop collective social actions towards staff members and their families as well as to encourage, and provide financial backing for, schemes to promote social contact between staff.

It also covers the financing of a grant for the Staff Committee, incidental expenditure for social actions towards staff.

This appropriation is also intended to finance actions of the European Committee of the Regions in support of corporate social responsibility, sustainable development or diversity and inclusion, and to cover aid to members of staff other than aid chargeable to other articles in this chapter.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 9(3) and Articles 10b and 24b thereof.

Item 1 6 3 3 — Sustainable staff commuting

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
61 500	61 500	45 500,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for the measures provided for in the mobility plan to foster staff members' use of sustainable modes of transport for commuting purposes (such as support to promote the use of public transport or other sustainable transport modes, acquisition and maintenance of service bicycles or equivalent transport equipment, organisation of awareness-raising events, etc.). Those measures may include financial incentives to staff members who commit to the use of sustainable modes of transport (in the context of a reimbursement scheme, though ‘third payer’ agreements with public transport providers and similar bodies, in the format of a mobility allowance granted to staff members who stop making regular use of the car park or in any other setting deemed appropriate).

Item 1 6 3 4 — Medical service

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
126 000	124 525	122 825,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the operating costs of the Committee's medical service, including the purchase of materials and pharmaceutical products, expenditure on preventive medical check-ups (including the expenses for outsourced laboratory fees), expenditure arising from the operation of the Invalidity Committee and expenditure on services provided by outside medical specialists deemed necessary by the medical officers.

It also covers expenditure for the purchase of certain work tools deemed necessary on medical grounds and other expenditure made in the context of the institution’s preventive health policy, including the organisation of staff awareness campaigns on socio-medical topics of general interest, as well as focusing on prevention of psychosocial risks at work, prevention and support in respect of burn out.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the cost of any medical services which cannot be adequately provided in-house and which are outsourced, possibly through enhanced interinstitutional cooperation.

Legal basis

Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, and in particular Article 59 and Article 8 of Annex II thereto.

Item 1 6 3 6 — Restaurants and canteens

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover restaurant and cafeteria operating expenditure.

Item 1 6 3 8 — Early Childhood Centre and approved day nurseries

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
750 000	750 000	770 000,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the contributions of the European Committee of the Regions to the costs of nursery centres and other day care and after-school centres operated by or approved by the institutions of the Union, and any other expenditure generated for childcare facility purposes.

TITLE 2 — BUILDINGS, FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Figures

Title Chapter	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
2 0	BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS	7	18 931 171	18 645 293	18 952 321,17
2 1	DATA PROCESSING, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE: PURCHASE, HIRE AND MAINTENANCE	7	7 779 541	7 647 228	8 024 521,11
2 3	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE	7	299 668	334 762	266 678,91
2 5	MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES	7	653 212	643 171	611 365,00
2 6	EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION: ACQUISITION, ARCHIVING, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION	7	3 772 841	3 576 206	3 495 072,32
	Title 2 — Total		**31 436 433**	**30 846 660**	**31 349 958,51**

Remarks

In 2025, the initial appropriations for the two committees' joint services, under Title 2, amounted to EUR 35 669 664 for the European Economic and Social Committee and EUR 26 250 890 for the European Committee of the Regions.

CHAPTER 2 0 — BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 0	BUILDINGS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS					
2 0 0	***Buildings and associated costs***					
2 0 0 0	Rent	7.2	536 158	738 180	828 254,69	154,48 %
2 0 0 1	Annual lease payments	7.2	12 379 327	11 939 089	11 603 445,96	93,73 %
2 0 0 3	Acquisition of immovable property	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
2 0 0 5	Construction of buildings	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
2 0 0 7	Fitting-out of premises	7.2	768 852	768 852	455 740,53	59,28 %
2 0 0 8	Other expenditure on buildings	7.2	142 315	142 315	334 724,34	235,20 %
2 0 0 9	Provisional appropriation to cover the institution’s property investments	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Article 2 0 0 — Subtotal		13 826 652	13 588 436	13 222 165,52	95,63 %
2 0 2	***Other expenditure on buildings***					
2 0 2 2	Cleaning and maintenance	7.2	2 139 579	2 139 579	2 875 687,29	134,40 %
2 0 2 4	Energy consumption	7.2	626 729	626 729	626 729,00	100,00 %
2 0 2 6	Security and surveillance of buildings	7.2	2 247 481	2 201 618	2 140 918,36	95,26 %
2 0 2 8	Insurance	7.2	90 730	88 931	86 821,00	95,69 %
	Article 2 0 2 — Subtotal		5 104 519	5 056 857	5 730 155,65	112,26 %
	Chapter 2 0 — Total		**18 931 171**	**18 645 293**	**18 952 321,17**	**100,11 %**

Article 2 0 0 — Buildings and associated costs

Item 2 0 0 0 — Rent

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
536 158	738 180	828 254,69

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover rent on buildings and rental charges for meeting venues in buildings that are not occupied permanently by the European Committee of the Regions.

Item 2 0 0 1 — Annual lease payments

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
12 379 327	11 939 089	11 603 445,96

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover annual lease payments and other similar expenditure owed by the institution in respect of its lease/purchase obligations.

Item 2 0 0 3 — Acquisition of immovable property

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase of premises. Subsidies for land and its servicing will be dealt with in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Item 2 0 0 5 — Construction of buildings

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to accommodate a possible appropriation for the construction of buildings.

Item 2 0 0 7 — Fitting-out of premises

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
768 852	768 852	455 740,53

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the performance of fitting-out work, including renovation (e.g. to reduce energy consumption under the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)) and specific work such as cabling and security and restaurant-related work, as well as other expenditure connected with such work, in particular architects' and engineers' fees as well as any technical or other studies needed.

Item 2 0 0 8 — Other expenditure on buildings

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
142 315	142 315	334 724,34

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure on buildings not specifically provided for in the other articles in this chapter, in particular:

- engineering and architectural consultancy services in connection with projects on the fitting-out of premises and legal fees in connection with the ‘option to buy’ for buildings,
- EMAS consultancy services,
- other studies for building projects.

Item 2 0 0 9 — Provisional appropriation to cover the institution’s property investments

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover any property investments made by the institution.

This appropriation is purely provisional and may be used only after its transfer to other headings in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Article 2 0 2 — Other expenditure on buildings

Item 2 0 2 2 — Cleaning and maintenance

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
2 139 579	2 139 579	2 875 687,29

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of cleaning and maintaining premises, lifts, heating and air-conditioning systems and fire doors, as well as rat extermination, repainting and repair work, and maintaining the external appearance of buildings and their environment, including the cost of studies, analyses, authorisations, compliance with EMAS standards and controls.

Item 2 0 2 4 — Energy consumption

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
626 729	626 729	626 729,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover, in particular, water, gas and electricity costs and other energy costs.

Item 2 0 2 6 — Security and surveillance of buildings

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
2 247 481	2 201 618	2 140 918,36

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover essentially the costs of staff carrying out security and surveillance tasks in respect of Members, staff and buildings.

Item 2 0 2 8 — Insurance

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
90 730	88 931	86 821,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover payments in respect of the European Committee of the Regions' insurance policy premiums and, where appropriate, the franchise in case of accidents (where the costs incurred are inferior to the franchise, those costs may also be paid directly to the claiming person concerned).

CHAPTER 2 1 — DATA PROCESSING, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE: PURCHASE, HIRE AND MAINTENANCE

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 1	DATA PROCESSING, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE: PURCHASE, HIRE AND MAINTENANCE					
2 1 0	***Equipment, operating costs and services relating to data processing and telecommunications***					
2 1 0 0	Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work	7.2	2 150 261	2 148 655	2 085 757,09	97,00 %
2 1 0 2	Outside assistance for the operation, development and maintenance of software systems	7.2	3 806 358	3 706 744	4 344 164,07	114,13 %
2 1 0 3	Telecommunications	7.2	253 004	247 985	108 761,88	42,99 %
	Article 2 1 0 — Subtotal		6 209 623	6 103 384	6 538 683,04	105,30 %
2 1 2	***Furniture***	7.2	118 211	118 211	118 045,37	99,86 %
2 1 4	***Technical equipment and installations***	7.2	1 376 707	1 350 633	1 313 266,05	95,39 %
2 1 6	***Vehicles***	7.2	75 000	75 000	54 526,65	72,70 %
	Chapter 2 1 — Total		**7 779 541**	**7 647 228**	**8 024 521,11**	**103,15 %**

Article 2 1 0 — Equipment, operating costs and services relating to data processing and telecommunications

Item 2 1 0 0 — Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
2 150 261	2 148 655	2 085 757,09

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for the purchase, hire, servicing, configuration and maintenance of equipment and software for the institution, and related work.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the costs associated with service level agreements signed with Union institutions (e.g. for the use of information systems, notably with the Commission for Sysper, EU Learn, ABAC, and other related applications) and re-invoicing of other services (notably for IT procurement).

Item 2 1 0 2 — Outside assistance for the operation, development and maintenance of software systems

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
3 806 358	3 706 744	4 344 164,07

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of outside assistance from service bureaux and data-processing consultants in connection with the operation of the data-processing centre and the network, the production, development and maintenance of information systems, support for users, including Members, the carrying out of studies, and the drawing-up and input of technical documentation.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the costs associated with the development and maintenance of information systems specific to the European Committee of the Regions.

Item 2 1 0 3 — Telecommunications

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
253 004	247 985	108 761,88

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover wired and wireless telecommunication subscriptions and charges (fixed-line and mobile telephony, television), as well as costs incurred in connection with data transmission networks and telematic services.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 10 000.

Article 2 1 2 — Furniture

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
118 211	118 211	118 045,37

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of furniture, including the purchase of ergonomic furniture and the replacement of worn-out and broken furniture.

In connection with works of art, this appropriation is intended to cover both the cost of acquiring and purchasing specific material and the current expenditure relating thereto, including framing, restoration, cleaning, insurance and ad hoc transport costs.

Article 2 1 4 — Technical equipment and installations

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1 376 707	1 350 633	1 313 266,05

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase, hire, maintenance and repair of technical equipment and installations for the European Committee of the Regions, and in particular in the areas of:

— miscellaneous fixed and mobile technical equipment and installations in connection with publishing, archiving, security, canteens and buildings, etc.,

— equipment in particular for the print shop, archives, telephone service, canteens, staff shops, security, conferences, the audiovisual sector, etc.,

— technical equipment and installations of internal or external meeting and conference rooms.

Article 2 1 6 — Vehicles

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
75 000	75 000	54 526,65

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the purchase, maintenance, use and repair of vehicles (fleet of cars and bicycles) and the hire of cars, taxis, coaches and lorries, with or without drivers, including the necessary insurance cover.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 2 500.

CHAPTER 2 3 — ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 3	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE					
2 3 0	***Stationery, office supplies and miscellaneous consumables***	7.2	96 765	96 951	104 951,86	108,46 %
2 3 1	***Financial charges***	7.2	1 500	1 500	500,00	33,33 %
2 3 2	***Legal costs and damages***	7.2	30 000	30 000	30 000,00	100,00 %
2 3 6	***Postage on correspondence and delivery charges***	7.2	33 500	42 500	22 890,00	68,33 %
2 3 8	***Other administrative expenditure***	7.2	137 903	137 903	108 337,05	78,56 %
2 3 9	***EMAS activities, including promotion, and carbon offsetting scheme***	7.2	p.m.	25 908	0,—	
	Chapter 2 3 — Total		**299 668**	**334 762**	**266 678,91**	**88,99 %**

Article 2 3 0 — Stationery, office supplies and miscellaneous consumables

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
96 765	96 951	104 951,86

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of purchasing paper, envelopes, office or meeting related supplies, products required by the printing and duplicating shops, as well as the cost of some outside printing work on behalf of the European Committee of the Regions.

Article 2 3 1 — Financial charges

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1 500	1 500	500,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover bank charges (commission, agios and miscellaneous charges) and other financial charges, including ancillary costs for the financing of buildings.

Article 2 3 2 — Legal costs and damages

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
30 000	30 000	30 000,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- all costs deriving from the involvement of the European Committee of the Regions in cases before the Union and national courts, the cost of legal services, the purchase of legal works and equipment, and any other legal, court or out-of-court expenses,

- damages, interest and ancillary expenses related to court or out-of-court cases.

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3) of the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 5 000.

Article 2 3 6 — Postage on correspondence and delivery charges

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
33 500	42 500	22 890,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover charges for postage, processing and delivery by the postal services or express delivery firms.

Article 2 3 8 — Other administrative expenditure

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
137 903	137 903	108 337,05

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- insurance not specifically provided for in another item,

- the purchase and maintenance of uniforms for ushers, drivers and removal personnel, medical services, security service and various technical services of the European Committee of the Regions,

- all removal and handling expenses and those incurred by using removal firms or interim handling agents,

- miscellaneous operating expenses, such as decorations and donations.

Article 2 3 9 — EMAS activities, including promotion, and carbon offsetting scheme

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	25 908	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure related to EMAS activities aimed at improving the environmental performance of the European Committee of the Regions, including promotion of those activities, and to the carbon offsetting scheme of the European Committee of the Regions.

CHAPTER 2 5 — MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 5	MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES					
2 5 4	***Meetings, conferences, congresses, seminars and other events***					
2 5 4 0	Costs of meetings organised in Brussels	7.2	170 730	167 382	143 864,27	84,26 %
2 5 4 1	Third parties	7.2	341 269	334 577	309 817,00	90,78 %
2 5 4 4	Support to networks and fora	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
2 5 4 6	Representation expenses	7.2	141 213	141 212	157 683,73	111,66 %
	Article 2 5 4 — Subtotal		653 212	643 171	611 365,00	93,59 %
	Chapter 2 5 — Total		**653 212**	**643 171**	**611 365,00**	**93,59 %**

Article 2 5 4 — Meetings, conferences, congresses, seminars and other events

Item 2 5 4 0 — Costs of meetings organised in Brussels

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
170 730	167 382	143 864,27

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of water, coffee and tea for interpreters and participants during statutory meetings and other thematic activities organised in the European Committee of the Regions premises as well as during plenary sessions or other meetings or events organised in Brussels. Occasionally, this appropriation also covers snacks or working meals at internal meetings under the conditions laid down by the Secretary-General. Moreover, this appropriation provides a limited budget for the cabinet of the president, the cabinet of Secretary-General and the secretariats of the political groups for the purchase of coffee, tea and other beverages to offer to external visitors.

Item 2 5 4 1 — Third parties

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
341 269	334 577	309 817,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the payment of travel expenses and meeting allowances for third parties who participate in activities of the European Committee of the Regions. Exceptionally, this appropriation also intends to cover the travel expenses and subsistence allowances for ARLEM and CORLEAP third parties participating in activities not organised by the Committee in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Item 2 5 4 4 — Support to networks and fora

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenses of a new nature related to support to networks and fora, such as:

— lump-sum contributions to the RegHub network (both as an incentive for experts to give their input and for the outreach activities of these networks to local stakeholders),

— vouchers for local and regional politicians in the Union to attend training on Union affairs as part of the 'ERASMUS for local and regional representatives' project.

Item 2 5 4 6 — Representation expenses

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
141 213	141 212	157 683,73

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenses related to the obligations of the European Committee of the Regions regarding representation in accordance with the applicable regulation.

It also covers representation expenses of certain Members or staff members acting on behalf of the Committee.

CHAPTER 2 6 — EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION: ACQUISITION, ARCHIVING, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Figures

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 6	EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION: ACQUISITION, ARCHIVING, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION					
2 6 0	***Communication and publications***					
2 6 0 0	Relationship with press and audiovisual support	7.2	874 000	820 426	804 339,00	92,03 %
2 6 0 1	Permanent dialogue mechanism	7.2	500 000	482 512	482 462,19	96,49 %

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn	2024/2026
2 6 0 2	Digital content and social media	7.2	1 045 000	991 056	991 025,31	94,83 %
2 6 0 3	EU Councillors	7.2	50 000	p.m.	0,—	
2 6 0 4	Official Journal	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—	
	Article 2 6 0 — Subtotal		2 469 000	2 293 994	2 277 826,50	92,26 %
2 6 2	***Acquisition of documentation and archiving***					
2 6 2 0	External expertise, studies, policy monitoring and reporting	7.2	500 000	500 000	500 350,00	100,07 %
2 6 2 2	Documentation and library expenditure	7.2	226 397	219 247	190 852,64	84,30 %
2 6 2 4	Expenditure on archive resources	7.2	177 444	162 965	168 092,00	94,73 %
	Article 2 6 2 — Subtotal		903 841	882 212	859 294,64	95,07 %
2 6 4	***Communication activities of the political groups of the European Committee of the Regions***	7.2	400 000	400 000	357 951,18	89,49 %
	Chapter 2 6 — Total		**3 772 841**	**3 576 206**	**3 495 072,32**	**92,64 %**

Article 2 6 0 — Communication and publications

Item 2 6 0 0 — Relationship with press and audiovisual support

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
874 000	820 426	804 339,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of:

— the travel and hosting of local and regional journalists in Brussels or in decentralised locations, during the meetings of the European Committee of the Regions and during events organised by it,

— press and media relations, including for the audiovisual press, and media partnerships that enable the Committee to further develop its communication activities outside the Brussels bubble,

— audiovisual production for internal and external audiences,

— personnel costs related to the handling of media partnerships and audiovisual production,

— monitoring and measuring the impact of all press and media activities, including personnel costs.

Item 2 6 0 1 — Permanent dialogue mechanism

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
500 000	482 512	482 462,19

Remarks

This nomenclature responds to new realities of organising events after the COVID-19 pandemic and to the Conference on the Future of Europe. In particular, there is the call for a permanent dialogue mechanism with EU citizens at all levels and this includes the regional and local level.

This appropriation is intended to cover expenses, including representation and logistical expenses, for:

— the harvesting of local dialogues held by regional and local politicians,

— exchange of best practice among local and regional politicians in relation to participatory processes for involving citizens in decision-making,

— further development of the Young Elected Politicians programme involving young leaders under 35 at regional and local level, in cooperation with the other Union institutions and involving the Union-level political families,

— development of the network of EU Regional and Local EU Councillors, set up to involve politicians elected at the sub-national level,

— the organisation by the European Committee of the Regions of events, of general or specific nature, designed to promote its political and consultative works; such events take place either in Brussels or in decentralised locations, usually in partnerships with local and regional authorities, with their associations and with the other Union institutions,

— the participation of the European Committee of the Regions to congresses, conferences, colloquia, seminars or symposia organised by third parties (other Union institutions, local or regional authorities, their associations, etc.).

Item 2 6 0 2 — Digital content and social media

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
1 045 000	991 056	991 025,31

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs for the production of web, social media, digital and printed content. It also covers costs related to measuring the impact of those communication actions.

This appropriation also covers, inter alia, the further digitisation of publications, improving the impact of content based on social media and web monitoring tools, maintaining and enhancing the website of the European Committee of the Regions as well as a number of innovative actions.

Item 2 6 0 3 — EU Councillors

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
50 000	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended for the Committee of the Regions' contribution to the EU Local Councillors project. This was created at the end of 2024 through the merger of the "Building Europe with Local Entities" pilot project and the Committee's network of regional and local councillors.

This "EU" branded network is the most ambitious joint project of the EU Institutions for reaching out to elected representatives at local and regional level. It is featured in the mission letters of all the European Commissioners as well as the political guidelines for the second term of office of EC President von der Leyen.

This initiative has its origins in the European Parliament pilot project and the European Parliament will continue to be represented in the Steering Committee.

A programme involving local and regional politicians should be implemented by the European Committee of the Regions as the competent Union body.

Item 2 6 0 4 — Official Journal

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the costs of publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union.*

Article 2 6 2 — Acquisition of documentation and archiving

Item 2 6 2 0 — External expertise, studies, policy monitoring and reporting

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
500 000	500 000	500 350,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expertise, studies, policy monitoring and reporting commissioned to external providers, including academic networks and research institutes.

Item 2 6 2 2 — Documentation and library expenditure

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
226 397	219 247	190 852,64

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- the expansion and renewal of the general reference section and the updating of the library's collection of the European Committee of the Regions,
- costs for inter-linking the library of the European Committee of the Regions with the libraries of the other Union institutions and/or other partner organisations,
- subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals, information agencies, their publications and online services, including copyright fees for the copying and distribution in print or electronic form of these publications,
- subscriptions or service contracts for the provision of summaries and analyses of the content of periodicals or the storage on optical media of articles extracted from these periodicals,
- the costs of using intelligence platforms or external documentary and statistical databases, excluding information technology equipment and telecommunication costs,
- costs arising from obligations undertaken by the European Committee of the Regions in the framework of international and interinstitutional cooperation,
- the purchase or hire of special equipment, including electric, electronic and IT materials, systems and software for the library (traditional or hybrid) and the documentation centre, as well as external services for the acquisition, development, installation, use and maintenance of this equipment and these systems,
- the cost of various services connected with the activities of the library, including those provided for its users (searches, analyses), the quality management system, etc.,
- the cost of binding and conservation materials and work for the library, documentation service and multimedia resource centre,
- the purchase of dictionaries, glossaries and other reference works for the Directorate for Translation or other Committee departments.

Item 2 6 2 4 — Expenditure on archive resources

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
177 444	162 965	168 092,00

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of external archiving or document/record management services for the European Committee of the Regions, including sorting, filing and re-filing, encoding or registering, etc. It also covers the cost of archiving services, the acquisition and use of archive materials on back-up media, as well as the purchase, hire and maintenance of special materials or services (electric, electronic, IT) as well as the cost of publishing on all media (brochures, CD-ROMs, etc.).

It also covers the expenditure for the transfer of the historical archives of the European Committee of the Regions to the Historical Archives of the European Union (managed by the European University Institute in Florence).

Article 2 6 4 — Communication activities of the political groups of the European Committee of the Regions

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
400 000	400 000	357 951,18

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure resulting from the political and information activities of Members and alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions in the exercise of their European mandate in accordance with the relevant regulation:

— promoting and enhancing the role of the Members and alternate Members of the European Committee of the Regions through the activities of their political groups,

— informing citizens on the role of the European Committee of the Regions as the institutional representative of the regional and local authorities of the Union.

TITLE 10 — OTHER EXPENDITURE

Figures

Title Chapter	Heading	FF	2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
10 0	PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS		p.m.	p.m.	0,—
10 1	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—
10 2	RESERVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKEOVER OF BUILDINGS	7.2	p.m.	p.m.	0,—
	Title 10 — Total		**p.m.**	**p.m.**	**0,—**

CHAPTER 10 0 — PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

Remarks

This appropriation is purely provisional and may be used only after transfer to other budget chapters in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

CHAPTER 10 1 — CONTINGENCY RESERVE

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

CHAPTER 10 2 — RESERVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKEOVER OF BUILDINGS

Figures (Non-differentiated appropriations)

2026 appropriations	2025 appropriations	2024 out-turn
p.m.	p.m.	0,—

3. S — STAFF

3.1. S 1 — European Committee of the Regions

Function group and grade	2026		2025	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
Non-category		1		1
AD 16				
AD 15	11		10	
AD 14	22	5	23	5
AD 13	24		24	
AD 12	36	6	30	6
AD 11	36	2	30	2
AD 10	38	5	41	5
AD 9	39	10	38	7
AD 8	27	6	31	8
AD 7	24	4	29	4
AD 6	12	4	13	5
AD 5	5		5	
AD Subtotal	*274*	*42*	*274*	*42*
AST 11	3		3	
AST 10			3	
AST 9	29	1	22	1
AST 8	23		20	
AST 7	24	4	25	4
AST 6	28	2	27	2
AST 5	25	8	31	8
AST 4	16	1	17	
AST 3		2		2
AST 2				
AST 1				1
AST Subtotal	*148*	*18*	*148*	*18*
AST/SC 6	1		1	
AST/SC 5	4		4	
AST/SC 4	3		3	
AST/SC 3	1		1	
AST/SC 2	5		5	
AST/SC 1				
AST/SC Subtotal	*14*		*14*	

Total	**436**	**61**	**436**	**61**
Grand total	**497**		**497**	