

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 1979

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SECTION III - COMMISSION

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No 12/79
(NON-COMPULSORY EXPENDITURE)

REASONS

Since 1977 the problem of encouraging industrial innovation has given rise to growing and legitimate concern, in the Community as well as in non-member countries. The Commission's departments therefore prepared a study of the problem of innovation and possible directions for Community policy. As a follow-up to this study, a group of government experts was appointed to carry out a first exploratory programme in conjunction with the Commission.

The first item on this programme is to compare national and Community measures. An inventory of measures and departments has been drawn up; it shows a wide range of initiatives, measures taken and departments set up which, in the opinion of the experts themselves, are too numerous, often too weak and too disparate.

In the light of this inventory and the conclusions, it is essential to carry out forthwith a number of measures at Community level in accordance with the programmes laid down.

The measures to be given priority at this stage fall under the following three heads and are the logical extension to the work down in 1978:

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| (1) The bringing together of demand in the Community for new technologies and services and studies within the framework of a standing technological conference of local authorities in the European Community; and secretariat costs | 65 000 EUA |
| (2) Services and studies to promote technological innovation, for example in small and medium-sized undertakings and by calling upon technical advisory services | 50 000 EUA |
| (3) Basic services and studies concerning other general measures designed to promote industrial innovation, particularly in the legal, financial and fiscal fields | 35 000 EUA |
| TOTAL: | <u>150 000 EUA</u> |

Accordingly, in order to launch these measures, the Commission requests that the Budgetary Authority authorize the transfer of 150 000 EUA from the appropriations provided for this purpose in Chapter 100 (point 16 in the remarks column) to Item 3611 of the Budget for 1979.

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN
CHAPTERS No 12/79

(Non-compulsory expenditure)

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From Chapter 100:	Provisional appropriations	
To Chapter 36:	Expenditure on scientific and technical information and on information management	
Article 361:	Dissemination, circulation and utilization of scientific and technical knowledge	
Item 3611:	Assessment and utilization of research findings	150 000

The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 9 April 1979.

BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS IN

CHAPTER 100 AT 5 APRIL 1979

	Total appropriations for commitments	Total appropriations for payments
1. Total appropriations	193 833 000	106 401 200
2. Appropriations already transferred	260 000	260 000
3. Appropriations in process of being transferred	81 812 000	32 092 200
4. Appropriations still entered under Chapter 100	111 761 000	74 049 000