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Final accounts of the European Union Agency for Railways Financial Year 2017

Financial Statements
Reports on the Implementation of the Budget

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1. Certificate

The annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) for the year 2017 have been prepared in accordance with the Title IX of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union, the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer and the accounting principles and methods adopted by myself.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts of ERA in accordance with Article 68 of the Financial Regulation and with Article 50 of the Financial Regulation of ERA.

I have obtained from the Authorising Officer, who certified its reliability, all the information necessary for the production of the accounts that show the assets and liabilities of ERA and the budgetary implementation.

I hereby certify that based on this information, and on such checks as I deemed necessary to sign off the accounts, I have a reasonable assurance that the accounts present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position, the results of the operations and the cash-flow of ERA.

Stefan MEERT

Accounting Officer

2. Presentation of the organisation

Introduction

The European Railway Agency was established by Regulation (EC) N° 881/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council of 29 April 2004 establishing a European Railway Agency amended by Regulation (EC) No 1335/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008. Following the adoption of the Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council on 11 May 2016 the founding regulation (EC) n° 881/2004 was repealed and an European Union Agency for Railways (hereafter referred to as "the Agency" or ERA) was established.

The accounts of ERA are kept in accordance with Financial Regulation of ERA adopted by its Administrative Board on 31 December 2013 and its Implementing Rules.

In accordance with Article 147 of Council Decision No. 966/2012 and Article 98 of the Financial Regulation of ERA, the following final accounts together with the reports on the implementation of the budget of ERA have been drawn up.

Legal status and principal office

The Agency is a body of the Community as referred to in article 208 of of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It has legal personality. The Agency is represented and managed by the Executive Director, Mr. Josef Doppelbauer, appointed by the Management Board.

The Agency's headquarters are located in Valenciennes, France, 120 Rue Marc Lefrancq and Lille.

The Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union applies to the Agency.

Governing structure

ERA's administrative and management structure consists of an Management Board, an Executive Board, the Executive Director and one or more Boards of Appeal.

The Management Board is composed of the Member State representatives, one from each Member State, 2 Commission representatives and 6 professionals from the sectors most concerned having the role to ensure that the Agency carries out its mission and performs the tasks assigned to it under the conditions laid down in the Regulation.

It is chaired by the Chair while the Executive Director is entrusted with the management of the Agency and attends the Board meetings.

Further information sources

More information on the Agency's administrative and operational activities, organisational chart, applicable legislation and its Management Board is available on the Agency's website www.era.europa.eu and in its annual report.

3. Part I – Financial Statements

3.1. **Balance** sheet

	Note	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
A. NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible assets	3.5.2.1	2,096,448.82	1,400,949.56
Property, plant and equipment	3.5.2.2	1,904,392.50	2,117,890.00
Land and buildings		2,471.00	3,031.00
Plant and equipment		14,435.00	15,045.00
Computer hardware		1,684,697.00	1,836,004.00
Furniture and vehicles		90,816.00	91,505.00
Other fixtures and fittings		111,973.50	172,305.00
Non-current receivables	3.5.2.3	31,898.00	35,831.37
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		4,032,739.32	3,554,670.93
B. CURRENT ASSETS			
Pre-financing	3.5.2.4	587,910.58	78,810.72
Pre-financing with consolidated entities		587,910.58	78,810.72
Exchange receivables and recoverables	3.5.2.5	65,669.19	127,727.24
Current receivables		22,000.00	0.00
Sundry receivables		25,486.38	27,483.94
Current receivables with consolidated entities		0.00	0.00
Other receivables		0.00	0.00
Accrued income with consolidated entities		18,182.81	12,996.50
Deferred charges		0.00	87,246.80
Non - exchange receivables and recoverables	3.5.2.6	371,313.72	90,481.40
Current receivables Member States		371,313.72	90,481.40
Other receivables		0.00	0.00
Cash and cash equivalents	3.5.2.7	4,562,520.14	2,440,027.30
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		5,587,413.63	2,737,046.66
TOTAL ASSETS		9,620,152.95	6,291,717.59

	Note	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
A. NET ASSETS	3.5.2.8	7,164,965.85	4,522,588.21
Accumulated surplus/deficit		4,522,588.21	4,327,156.81
Economic result of the year-profit+/loss-		2,642,377.64	195,431.40
B. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		0.00	0.00
Pension and other employee benefits		0.00	0.00
Provisions for risks and liabilities		0.00	0.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES (A+B)		7,164,965.85	4,522,588.21
C. CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,455,187.10	1,769,129.38
Provisions for risks and liabilities	3.5.2.9	0.00	0.00
Accounts payable	3.5.2.10	1,205,650.55	535,523.54
Current payables		66,885.12	16,979.87
Sundry payables		2,658.06	328.90
Accounts payable with consolidated EC entities		1,136,107.37	518,214.77
Prefinancing received from consolidated EC entities		1,066,587.09	518,214.77
Other accounts payable against consolidated EC entities		69,520.28	0.00
Accrued charges and deferred income	3.5.2.11	1,249,536.55	1,233,605.84
Accrued charges		1,010,418.33	1,128,812.88
Deferred income		0.00	0.00
Other passive accruals & deferrals		0.00	0.00
Deferrals and accruals with consolidated EC entities		239,118.22	104,792.96
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,455,187.10	1,769,129.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,620,152.95	6,291,717.59

Statement of Financial Performance *3.2.*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Note	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Subsidy received	3.5.3.1	30,915,412.91	27,177,664.23
Title 1&2		21,122,200.00	20,259,479.00
Title 3		9,609,800.00	7,136,400.00
Part of Phare Funds subsidy used in current year		137,501.42	160,000.00
Part of EUMEDRAIL pre-financing used in current year		126,633.19	0.00
To be reimbursed (Budget outturn)		-80,721.70	-378,214.77
Revenue from adjustment/provisions		0.00	0.00
NON-EXCHANGE REVENUES	3.5.3.1	30,915,412.91	27,177,664.23
Fixed Assets related income		0.00	-374.89
Exchange rate differences gains		382.12	1,263.02
Bank interest		0.00	143.33
Income from other exchange operations (3rd parties)		33,914.36	21,004.99
Income from consolidated EU entities		81,419.03	66,409.62
EXCHANGE REVENUES	3.5.3.1	115,715.51	88,446.07
TOTAL REVENUES		31,031,128.42	27,266,110.30
Operational expenses	3.5.3.3	6,011,828.62	5,688,897.03
Staff and Pension costs	3.5.3.2	17,853,576.11	17,249,577.38
Finance costs		106.13	0.00
Finance costs		24.43	0.00
Other financial expenses		81.70	0.00
Other expenses		4,523,239.92	4,132,204.49
Property, plant and equipment related expenses	3.5.3.2	2,540,476.58	2,425,899.18
Other Expenses	3.5.3.2	1,980,069.51	1,703,453.82
Exchange rate differences losses		2,693.83	2,851.49
TOTAL EXPENSES		28,388,750.78	27,070,678.90
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		2,642,377.64	195,431.40
ECONOMIC RESULT OF THE YEAR		2,642,377.64	195,431.40

Statement of changes in net assets *3.3.*

Capital			Accumulated Surplus / Deficit	Economic result of the year	Capital (total)	
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Balance as of 31 December 2016	0.00	0.00	4,327,156.81	195,431.40	4,522,588.21	
Changes in accounting policies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Balance as of 1 January 2017 (if restated)	0.00	0.00	4,327,156.81	195,431.40	4,522,588.21	
Allocation of the Economic Result of Previous Year	0.00	0.00	195,431.40	-195,431.40	0.00	
Economic result of the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,642,377.64	2,642,377.64	
Balance as of 31 December 2017	0.00	0.00	4,522,588.21	2,642,377.64	7,164,965.85	

Cash flow statement *3.4.*

	2017	2016
Cash Flows from ordinary activities		
Economic result of the year	2,642,377.64	195,431.40
Operating activities		
Amortization (intangible fixed assets) +	366,869.94	466,224.43
Depreciation (tangible fixed assets) +	864,814.38	666,513.11
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions for risks and liabilities	0.00	0.00
Increase/(decrease) in Value reduction for doubtful debts	0.00	0.00
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	0.00	0.00
(Increase)/decrease in Long term Pre-financing	0.00	0.00
(Increase)/decrease in Short term Pre-financing	-509,099.86	-78,810.72
(Increase)/decrease in Long term Receivables	3,933.37	-3,933.37
(Increase)/decrease in Short term Receivables	62,058.05	-94,269.67
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables related to consolidated EC entities	-280,832.32	36,966.79
Increase/(decrease) in Other Long term liabilities	0.00	0.00
Increase/(decrease) in Accounts payable	68,165.12	-3,924.26
Increase/(decrease) in Liabilities related to consolidated EC entities	617,892.60	160,867.32
(Gains)/losses on sale of Property, plant and equipment	0.00	0.00
Extraordinary items	0.00	0.00
Net cash Flow from operating activities	3,836,178.92	1,345,065.03
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible and intangible fixed assets (-)	-1,714,697.08	-1,718,690.62
Proceeds from tangible and intangible fixed assets (+)	1,011.00	331.00
Net cash flow from investing activities	-1,713,686.08	-1,718,359.62
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,122,492.84	-373,294.59
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2,440,027.30	2,813,321.89
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	4,562,520.14	2,440,027.30

3.5. Notes to the financial statements

3.5.1. Accounting policies

3.5.1.1. *General*

In accordance with Article 147 of Council Decision No. 966/2012 and Article 98 of the Financial Regulation of ERA, the following final accounts together with the reports on the implementation of the budget of ERA have been drawn up.

The accounts are drawn up in accordance with the accounting rules and methods adopted by the Accounting Officer of the Commission as stated in article 143 and 208 of the general Financial Regulation. These financial statements are prepared on the basis of the EU Accounting Rules as adopted by the Commission's Accounting Officer which adapt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (and in some cases the International Financial Reporting Standards) to the specific environment of the EU, while the reports on implementation of the budget continue to be primarily based on movements of cash.

The objective of the financial statements is to provide information about the financial position, performance and cash-flows of an entity that is useful to a wide range of users.

The accounting system of the European Union Agency for Railways comprises general accounts and budget accounts. These accounts are kept in euro on the basis of the calendar year. The budget accounts give a detailed picture of the implementation of the budget. They are based on the modified cash accounting principle. The general accounts allow for the preparation of the financial statements as they show all charges and income for the financial year based on accrual accounting rules and are designed to establish the financial position in the form of a balance sheet as at 31 December.

The accounting principles to be applied in drawing up the financial statements are:

- Going concern basis
- > Prudence
- Consistent accounting methods
- Comparability of information
- Materiality
- No netting
- Reality over appearance
- Accrual-based accounting

The financial statements are presented in euros, the euro being the functional and reporting currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated into euros using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translations at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of financial performance.

The chart of accounts used by ERA follows the structure of the chart of accounts of the European Commission (PCUE).

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts presented and disclosed in the Financial Statements of ERA. Significant estimates and assumptions in these financial statements require judgment and are used for, but not limited to, accrued income and charges, provisions, contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results reported in future periods may be different from these estimates. Changes in estimates are reflected in the period in which they become known.

3.5.1.2. Balance sheet

Intangible assets

Acquired computer software licences are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. The assets are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life, being 4 years.

With the entry into force of the accounting rule n° 6 on internally developed intangible assets costs directly linked to an internally developed intangible asset, providing they meet the necessary criteria must be capitalised as assets under construction. Once the project goes live, the resulting asset will be amortised over its useful life. In addition the amount of research expenses incurred on IT projects and development costs not capitalised (e.g. for small projects below threshold) must be disclosed in the financial statements. It must be noted that the threshold for capitalizing these costs has been set at 150 KEUR for ERA.

> Property, plant and equipment

In compliance with the accounting rules, fixed assets are considered as such when their nominal value is equal or above 420 € and their useful life is greater then 1 year. The assets are reflected in the balance sheet at year end for their net value.

The assets registration system, integrated in the ERA's accounting systems, is identical to the one used by the European Commission (ABAC Assets).

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical costs less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Agency and its cost can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the economic outturn account during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Assets under construction are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method and prorata temporis from the month of first use or delivery of the asset in ERA's premises to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Depreciation rates

Type of asset	%
Intangible assets	
Software	25,00%
Property, plant and equipment	
Furniture and vehicles	
Furniture	10,00%
Electrical office equipment, printing and mailing equipment	25,00%
Computer hardware	
Computers, servers, accessories, data transfer equipment, printers, screens	25,00%
Copying equipment, digitizing and scanning equipment	25,00%
Other fixtures and fittings	
Telecommunications equipment	25,00%
Audiovisual equipment	25,00%
Equipment for surveillance and security service	12,50%

Gains or losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds less selling expenses with the carrying amount of the disposed asset and are included in the statement of financial performance.

Receivables

Receivables are carried at original amount less write-down for impairment. A write-down for impairment of receivables is established when there is objective evidence that ERA will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the write-down is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the recoverable amount. The amount of the writedown is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

> Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are financial instruments and classified as available for sale financial assets. They include cash at hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the European Union Agency for Railways has a present legal or constructive obligation towards third parties as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses. The amount of the provision is the best estimate of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

> Payables

Payables arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised at invoice reception for the original amount and corresponding expenses are entered in the accounts when the supplies or services are delivered and accepted by the European Railway Agency.

Accrued and deferred income and charges

Following the accrual accounting principle, transactions and events are recognised in the financial statements in the period to which they relate. At the end of the accounting period, accrued expenses are recognised based on an estimated amount of the transfer obligation of the period. Revenue is also accounted for in the period to which it relates.

3.5.1.3. Statement of financial performance

Revenues and expenses are accounted for in accordance with the accrual accounting basis principle.

Revenue

Non-exchange revenue makes up the vast majority of the ERA's revenue and includes mainly EU subsidy.

Exchange revenue is the revenue from the sale of goods and services. It is recognised when the significant risk and rewards of ownership of the goods are transferred to the purchaser. Revenue associated with a transaction involving the provision of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

Interest income consist of received bank interest.

> Expenses

According to the principle of accrual-based accounting, the financial statements take account of expenses relating to the reporting period, without taking into consideration the payment date; meaning when the goods or services are used or consumed.

Exchange expenses arising from the purchase of goods and services are recognised when the supplies are delivered and accepted by ERA. They are valued at original invoice cost.

3.5.1.4. Contingent assets and liabilities

> Contingent asset

A contingent asset is a possible right that arises from past events and of which the existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Agency. A contingent asset is disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits or service potential is probable.

> Contingent liability

A contingent liability is:

- A possible obligation, that arises from past events, and of which the existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Agency or
- A present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognized either because it is unlikely that the Agency will use its own resources to settle the obligation or because the value of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability

A commitment for future funding represents a legal or constructive commitment, usually contractual, that the Agency has entered into and which may require a future outflow of resources.

Guarantees are possible assets or obligations that arise from past events and whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence of non-occurrence of the object of the guarantee. It can thus be qualified as a contingent asset or liability. A guarantee is settled when the object of the guarantee no longer exists.

3.5.2. Notes to the balance sheet

3.5.2.1. *Intangible assets*

		Internally generated Computer Software	Computer Software	Others	Intangible assets under construction	Total
Gross carrying amount at 01.01.2017	s +	2,018,313.72	1,051,605.73	0.00	691,344.82	3,761,264.27
Additions	+	0.00	1,862.40	0.00	1,060,506.80	1,062,369.20
Disposals	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer betwee headings	n +/-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other changes	+/-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross carrying amount 31.12.2017	S	2,018,313.72	1,053,468.13	0.00	1,751,851.62	4,823,633.47
Accumulated amortization an impairment 01.01.2017	-	-1,585,997.98	-774,316.73	0.00	0.00	-2,360,314.71
Amortization	-	-238,966.54	-127,903.40	0.00	0.00	-366,869.94
Write-back camortization	of +	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disposals	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer betwee headings	n +/-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other changes	+/-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accumulated amortization an impairment 31.12.2017	-	-1,824,964.52	-902,220.13	0.00	0.00	-2,727,184.65
Net carrying amount 31.12.2017	S	193,349.20	151,248.00	0.00	1,751,851.62	2,096,448.82

Below a detailed breakdown of the internally generated computer software and the intangible assets under construction can be found:

Internally generated computer software

Name of the project	Year of capitalisaton	Description	Development cost capitalized (in €)	Useful life
RDD	2012	Reference Document Database: application to manage the information related to the national technical rules for authorising railway vehicles	475 517,03	5 years
MOSS 2010	2012	Microsoft Office SharePoint: migration of the content management system (from Microsoft Office SharePoint 2007 to Microsoft Office SharePoint 2010)	432 000,00	3 years
ERAIL	2012	Application to manage information on safety performance (i e Common Safety Indicators and Accident Investigations)	209 059,60	6 years
ERATV	2013	European Register of Authorised Types of Vehicles, i.e. EU-wide type-based register including the types of vehicle authorised in the different Member States	359 507,57	5 years
NSA XA	2013	National Safety Authority Cross-Audit: web application supporting the audit team members in realizing the NSA cross-audits activities (planning, preparing, interviewing, concluding and remedying)	119 895,35	5 years
RINF	2015	Register of the railway infrastructure created to make the railway infrastructure from the EU member states publicly available in a centralized register	422 334,17	5 years
		TOTAL	2 018 313,72	

Intangible assets under construction

Name of the project	Description	Development cost Capitalized (in €)
OSS	One-Stop-Shop system: an information and communication system with a virtual One-Stop-Shop functionality that will support the applicants, ERA and the NSA's to accomplish their new tasks related to Single Safety Certificates, Vehicle Autorisations and ERTMS projects.	1 318 585,69
SRM	Stakeholder Relationship Management: tool to support the contact management and the event management process	433 265,93
	TOTAL	1 751 851,62

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3.5.2.2. Property, plant and equipment

		Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Computer hardware	Furniture and vehicles	Other fixtures and fittings	Total
Gross carrying amounts at 01.01.2017	+	5,596.06	31,883.55	4,945,146.41	264,638.01	591,974.77	5,839,238.80
Additions	+	0.00	3,603.34	604,830.37	24,731.81	14,017.47	647,182.99
Disposals	-	0.00	-3,380.40	-13,608.99	-7,916.43	-8,042.14	-32,947.96
Transfer between headings	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other changes	+/-	0.00	0.00	5,144.89	0.00	0.00	5,144.89
Gross carrying amounts at 31.12.2017		5,596.06	32,106.49	5,541,512.68	281,453.39	597,950.10	6,458,618.72
Accumulated amortization and impairment at 01.01.2017	-	-2,565.06	-16,838.55	-3,109,142.41	-173,133.01	-419,669.77	-3,721,348.80
Depreciation	-	-560.00	-4,213.34	-761,282.26	-24,542.81	-74,215.97	-864,814.38
Disposals	+	0.00	3,380.40	13,608.99	7,038.43	7,909.14	31,936.96
Impairment	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer between headings	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other changes	+/-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accumulated amortization and impairment at 31.12.2017		-3,125.06	-17,671.49	-3,856,815.68	-190,637.39	-485,976.60	-4,554,226.22
Provision for unused fixed assets	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net carrying amounts at 31.12.2017		2,471.00	14,435.00	1,684,697.00	90,816.00	111,973.50	1,904,392.50

The major part of the acquisitions in 2017 related to the purchase of new computer and IT server equipment.

3.5.2.3. Non-current receivables

The amount of € 31 898,00 relates to the rental deposit guarantee paid in 2014 for the rent of the conference facilities in Lille.

3.5.2.4. Pre-financing

In the course of December 2017 the Agency paid a pre-financing amount of € 587 910,58 to the Translation Centre for European Bodies.

3.5.2.5. Exchange receivables & recoverables

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Exchange receivables and recoverables	65,669.19	127,727.24
Current receivables	22,000.00	0.00
Sundry receivables	25,486.38	27,483.94
Current receivables with consolidated entities	0.00	0.00
Other receivables	0.00	0.00
Deffered charges	0.00	87,246.80
Accrued income exchange with consolidated entities	18,182.81	12,996.50

The current receivables amount of € 22.000 relates to the lawyer costs the Agency has to recover from one of its suppliers following a positive judgment by the Court.

The sundry receivables amount includes primarily undue salary payments to be recovered from staff members and advances paid on staff mission expenses.

The accrued income exchange with consolidated entities amount of € 18 182,81 relates to the services rendered to ESMA by ERA's Accounting Officer for the 4th quarter of 2017 to be cashed beginning 2018.

3.5.2.6. Non - exchange receivables & recoverables

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Non - exchange receivables and recoverables	371,313.72	90,481.40
Current receivables Member States	371,313.72	90,481.40
Other receivables	0.00	0.00

The current receivable gross amount primarily relates to VAT to be recovered from the French (€ 371 313,72) authorities. ERA pays the invoices from local suppliers and EU suppliers (for the e-deliveries since 01.01.2015) with French VAT and claims the VAT refund from the Host State on a quarterly basis. The increase as compared to last year is due to the fact that last year the Agency received the reimbursed of the Q3 VAT amount in December 2016 whereas no similar reimbursement was done at the end of 2017.

3.5.2.7. Cash and cash equivalents

The amount of the cash and cash equivalents includes mainly the balance on the current bank account with ING Belgium.

3.5.2.8. Net assets

The equity of the Agency amounts to € 7 164 965,85 of which:

- € 4 522 588,21 are the accumulated surplus from previous years;
- € 2 642 377,64 is the economic outturn of 2017;

3.5.2.9. *Provisions*

No short term provision for outstanding salary payments has been made in 2017 since the yearly salary adjustment was paid out in December 2017.

3.5.2.10. Accounts Payable

The main part of the total accounts payable as per 31.12.2017 relates to:

- Current payables for a total amount of € 66 885,12
- > Sundry payables for a total amount of € 2 658,06
- Accounts payable with consolidated entities for a total amount of € 1 136 107,37 representing the budget outturn of 2017 to be reimbursed to the Commission (€ 80 721,70), the unconsumed part (€ 2 498,58) of the pre-financing amount for the implementation of the IPA-agreement (2016-2017), the new pre-financing amount received in December 2017 for the IPA-agreement covering the period 2018-2019 for € 200 000, the unconsumed part (€ 783 366,81) of the EUMEDRAIL pre-financing amount received in 2017 and finally a debit note related to salary costs for pensioners to be paid to the Commission for € 69 520,28.

3.5.2.11. Accrued charges and deferred income

Accrued charges for a total amount of € 1 249 536,55 can be decomposed in an accrual for untaken holidays amounting to € 463 886,57, accrued charges with consolidated EC entities of € 239 118,22 and accrued charges for goods delivered/services rendered but not yet invoiced for a total amount of € 546 531,76.

The table below shows the level of accrued expenses for 2017 and 2016 and its evolution in general and per type of appropriation.

Accrued expenses	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	% change
Accrued expenses	1,249,536.55	1,232,967.30	1.34%
Accrued expenses based on carry-over analysis	785,649.98	776,041.09	1.24%
Acrued expenses - reclassification	0.00	45,980.00	-100.00%
Accrual for untaken holidays	463,886.57	410,946.21	12.88%

Accrued expenses based on carry-over analysis	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	% change
Title 1 – Staff	136,374.08	103,499.14	31.76%
Title 2 – Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous expenditure	158,057.66	142,168.03	11.18%
Title 3 – Operational expenditure	491,218.24	530,373.92	-7.38%
Total	785,649.98	776,041.09	1.24%

Globally there is a slight decrease in the total amount of accrued expenses as compared to 2016. The increase in the accrued expenses for title I relates to an accrual for the costs related to the staff engagement survey

carried out in 2017. The increase in title II can be explained by the fact that for some services delivered in 2017 the invoice was only received in January 2018 due to some administrative problems with the contractors. Finally the decrease in title III can mainly be explained by a decrease in the accrual for mission expenses and reimbursement for experts due to a quicker processing of the reimbursement files at year-end.

Accrual for untaken holidays	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	% change
Number of days not taken	1,578	1,384	14.01%
Accrued amount	463,886.57	410,946.21	12.88%

The table above shows that the increase of the accrued amount for untaken holidays is due to the increase in the number of days.

3.5.3. Notes to the statement of financial performance

3.5.3.1. Operating revenue

The operating revenue of the Agency in 2017 is mainly made up of subsidies received for a total amount of € 30 732 000,00 including the budget outturn of € 80 721,70 to be reimbursed in 2018.

	with non- consolidated entities	with consolidated entities	Total
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	0.00	30,915,412.91	30,915,412.91
Revenue from exchange transactions	34,296.48	81,419.03	115,715.51
TOTAL	34,296.48	30,996,831.94	31,031,128.42

3.5.3.2. Administrative expenses

These include staff expenses, costs relating to intangible assets and property, plant and equipment (mainly depreciation) and other expenses.

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	% change
Administrative expenses	22,374,122.20	21,378,930.38	4.66%
Staff expenses	17,853,576.11	17,249,577.38	3.50%
Property, plant and equipment related expenses	2,540,476.58	2,425,899.18	4.72%
 Fixed assets related expenses (depreciation) 	1,232,695.32	1,132,693.66	8.83%
- Land and buildings	1,307,781.26	1,293,205.52	1.13%
Other administrative expenses	1,980,069.51	1,703,453.82	16.24%
- Other administrative expenses	1,109,075.78	650,169.90	70.58%
- Expenses with consolidated entities	870,993.73	1,053,283.92	-17.31%

As compared to 2016 the total amount of administrative expenses has slightly increased. This slight increase is a combination of an increase in staff expenses, an increase in PPE (property, plant and equipment)

expenses and an increase in administrative expenses. The increase in the staff expenses can mainly be explained by the salary indexation of 1,8% for 2017. The increase in PPE expenses can mainly be explained by an increase in depreciation expenses. The increase in administrative expenses can be explained by an increase in IT maintenance costs.

3.5.3.3. Operational expenses

These include expenses related to the operational activities of the Agency. They show a increase of 19% as compared to last year.

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	% change
Operational expenses	6,011,828.62	5,688,897.03	6%
Missions/reimbursements of experts	2,046,063.60	1,721,652.76	19%
Studies	436,461.00	721,435.90	-40%
IT-systems to support operations	2,609,289.19	2,691,994.43	-3%
Information & communication	628,483.97	332,529.02	89%
Other	208,055.86	130,707.71	59%
Quality Management	83,475.00	90,577.21	-8%

The increase of 6% is a combination of:

- An increase of 19% in the cost for staff missions and reimbursemen of expert costs which is in line with the increase in number of meetings
- A decrease of 40% in cost for studies mainly due to the fact that in 2016 intermediate and final payments were made for studies launched the year before
- An increase of 89% in the information and communication costs due to the costs linked to the SERA conferences organised in the course of 2017
- An increase in the other operational expenses which in comparison to 2016 included some legal expenses for € 35 000 and additional training for IPA for € 19 500.

3.5.4. Other information

3.5.4.1. Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

At the moment of drawing up the financial statements there was no information available that could lead to any contingent asset or liability for the Agency.

3.5.4.2. Commitments for future funding

At 31 December 2017 the budgetary RAL totaled € 4 058 114,90. The amount to be disclosed as a future commitment to be funded is this budgetary RAL less related amounts that have been included as accrued expenses in the 2017 statement of financial performance giving a total of € 3 284 484,92.

3.5.4.3. Related Party disclosure

Key management personnel hold position of responsibility within the Agency. He is responsible for the strategic direction and operational management of the entity and is entrusted with significant authority to execute his mandate.

Highest grade description	Grade	Number of persons of this grade
Executive Director	AD14	1

3.5.4.4. Events after the balance sheet date

At the date of issue of the accounts, no material issue came to the attention of the Accounting officer of the Agency or were reported to him/her that would require separate disclosure under that section.

3.5.4.5. Financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise cash, current receivables and recoverables, current payables, amounts due to and from consolidated entities. Financial instruments give rise to liquidity, credit, interest rate and foreign currency risks, information about which and how they are managed is set out below. (prepayments, accrued income, accruals and deferred income are not included).

The carrying amounts of financial instruments are as follows:

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Current pre-financing implemented by Cons Entities with other Cons Entities	587,910.58	78,810.72
Exchange receivables and recoverables	65,669.19	114,730.74
Non - exchange receivables and recoverables	371,313.72	90,481.40
Cash and cash equivalents	4,562,520.14	2,440,027.30
Total monetary assets	5,587,413.63	2,724,050.16
Accounts payable	1,205,650.55	1,445,523.54
Total monetary liabilities	1,205,650.55	1,445,523.54
Total net financial instruments	4,381,763.08	1,278,526.62

3.5.4.6. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that arises from the difficulty of selling an asset; for example, the risk that a given security or asset cannot be traded quickly enough in the market to prevent a loss or meet an obligation.

Liquidity risk arises from the ongoing financial obligations, including settlement of payables.

ERA manages liquidity risk by continually monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

Bank accounts opened in the name of ERA may not be overdrawn.

Treasury and payment operations are highly automated and rely on modern information systems. Specific procedures are applied to guarantee system security and to ensure segregation of duties in line with the Financial Regulation, the internal control standards, and audit principles.

EU budget principles ensure that overall cash resources for a given year are always sufficient for the execution of all payments.

3.5.4.7. *Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk of loss due to a debtor's/borrower's non-payment of a loan or other line of credit (either the principal or interest or both) or other failure to meet a contractual obligation. The default events include a delay in repayments, restructuring of borrower repayments and bankruptcy. Mitigation measures on receivables – monitoring, reminders, etc.

Treasury resources are kept with commercial banks. The EU contribution is requested 3 times a year based on cash forecasts. In addition, specific guidelines are applied for the selection of commercial banks in order to further minimise counterparty risk to which ERA is exposed:

- All commercial banks are selected by call for tenders. The minimum short term credit rating required for admission to the tendering procedures is Moody's P-1 or equivalent (S&P A-1 or Fitch F1). A lower level may be accepted in specific and duly justified circumstances.
- The credit ratings of the commercial banks where ERA has accounts are reviewed at least on a monthly basis, or higher frequency if and when needed.

3.5.4.8. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the possibility of a reduction in the value of a security, especially a bond, resulting from an increase in interest rates. In general, higher interest rates will lead to lower prices of fixed rate bonds, and vice versa.

Interest rate risk at ERA arises from cash. It is recognised that interest rates fluctuate and ERA accepts the risk and does not consider it to be material.

ERA's treasury does not borrow any money; as a consequence it is not exposed to interest rate risk. It does, however, earn interest on balances it holds on its banks accounts. ERA has therefore put in place measures to ensure that interest earned on its bank accounts regularly reflects market interest rates, as well as their possible fluctuation.

Overnight balances held on commercial bank accounts earn interest on a daily basis. This is based on variable market rates to which a contractual margin (positive or negative) is applied. For most of the accounts, the interest calculation is linked to the EONIA (Euro over night index average) or EURIBOR (Euro InterBank Offer Rate) and is adjusted to reflect any fluctuations of this rate. In case the resulting interest rate to be applied is less than 0, then a fixed rate is applied for a certain period of time. As a result no risk exists that ERA earns interest at rates lower than market rates.

3.5.4.9. Foreign currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the EU's operations or its investments' value will be affected by changes in exchange rates. This risk arises from the change in price of one currency against another.

Most financial assets and liabilities are in EUR, so in these cases ERA has no foreign currency risk.

ERA has little exposure to exchange rate fluctuations since it undertakes almost all its certain transactions in EUR.

The EU agency's revenue and expenditure is primarily in EUR.

It is recognised that exchange rates fluctuate and ERA accepts this risk and does not consider it to be material.

3.5.4.10. *Fair value*

The estimated fair values of all financial instruments of ERA are equal/approximate to their book values as at 31 Dec 2017 and 31 Dec 2016. All financial assets and liabilities are receivable or repayable on demand or within one year.

4. Part II – Report on the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agency for Railways

4.1. Budgetary structure and principles

The budgetary accounts are kept in accordance with the Financial Regulation and its rules of application. The budget is the instrument which, for each financial year, forecasts and authorises the revenue and expenditure considered necessary for the implementation of ERA's Decision.

Every year, ERA estimates its revenue and expenditure for the year and draws up a draft budget which it sends to the Commission. The Commission then sends it to the budgetary authority. On the basis of this draft budget, the Council draws its position which is then the subject of negotiations between the two arms of the budgetary authority. The President of the Parliament declares that the joint draft has been finally adopted, thus making the budget enforceable. The task of executing the budget is the responsibility of ERA.

The budget structure for ERA consists of administrative and operational appropriations and has only nondifferentiated appropriations, meaning that the commitment and the payment appropriations are of the same amount. Non-differentiated appropriations are used to finance operations of an annual nature (which comply with the principle of annuality).

Origin of Appropriations

The main source of appropriations is ERA's budget for the current year. However, there are other types of appropriations resulting from the provisions of the Financial Regulation. They come from previous financial years or outside sources:

- > **Initial budget appropriations** adopted for the current year can be supplemented with transfers between lines and by amending budgets.
- Appropriations carried over from previous year or made available again also supplement the current budget. These are:
 - non-differentiated payment appropriations which may be carried over automatically for one financial year only;
 - appropriations carried over by decision of ERA in one of two cases: if the preparatory stages have been completed or if the legal base is adopted late.
- Assigned revenue which is made up of:
 - internal assigned revenue such as refunds where the amounts are assigned revenue on the budget line which incurred the initial expenditure and may be carried over for one year only;
 - external assigned revenue.

Composition of Appropriations Available

- Initial budget = appropriations voted in year N-1;
- Final budget appropriations = initial budget appropriations adopted + amending budget appropriations + transfers + additional appropriations;
- Additional appropriations = assigned revenue (see above) + appropriations carried over from the previous financial year.

Calculation of the Budget Result

The revenue entered in the accounts is the amount actually received during the course of the year. For the purposes of calculating the budget result for the year, expenditure comprises payments made against the year's appropriations plus any of the appropriations for that year that are carried over to the following year. Payments made against the year's appropriations means payments that are made by the accounting officer by 31 December of the financial year.

The following are added to or deducted from the resulting figure:

- the net balance of cancellations of payment appropriations carried over from previous years and any payments which, because of fluctuations in the euro rate, exceed non-differentiated appropriations carried over from the previous year; and
- the balance of exchange-rate gains and losses recorded during the year.

Payment appropriations carried over include: automatic carryovers and carryovers by decision. The cancellation of unused payment appropriations carried over from the previous year shows the cancellations on appropriations carried over automatically and by decision. It also includes the decrease in assigned revenue appropriations carried over to the next year in comparison with 2015.

Budgetary principles

The budget of ERA has been established in compliance with the principles of unity, budget accuracy, annuality, equilibrium, unit of account, universality, specification, sound financial management and transparency as set out in the Financial Regulation of ERA.

4.2. Budget implementation 2017

		Fund Source	re : C1				
	Chapter	Final appropriations (1)	Committed (2)	% Committed =(2) / (1)	Balance not committed =(1) - (2)	Total Paid (3)	% Paid =(3)/(1)
11	Staff in active employment	17,844,179.54	17,844,179.54	100.00%	0.00	17,763,367.66	99.55%
13	Missions and travel	93,000.00	93,000.00	100.00%	0.00	90,136.07	96.92%
14	Socio-medical infrastructure	240,403.06	240,403.06	100.00%	0.00	154,172.43	64.13%
15	Staff exchange between the ERA and the public sector	149,000.00	149,000.00	100.00%	0.00	148,532.81	99.69%
17	Entertainment and representation exp.	2,879.85	2,879.85	100.00%	0.00	2,879.85	100.00%
	Title I	18,329,462.45	18,329,462.45	100.00%	0.00	18,159,088.82	99.07%
20	Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated cost	1,387,482.25	1,387,482.25	100.00%	0.00	1,221,140.15	88.01%
21	Data processing	952,281.33	952,281.33	100.00%	0.00	512,737.49	53.84%
22	Movable property and associated costs	104,289.29	104,289.29	100.00%	0.00	57,313.72	54.96%
23	Current administrative expenditure	122,716.30	122,716.30	100.00%	0.00	112,576.22	91.74%
24	Post and telecommunications	149,156.57	149,156.57	100.00%	0.00	147,735.06	99.05%
	Title II	2,715,925.74	2,715,925.74	100.00%	0.00	2,051,502.64	75.54%
30	Operational Activities directly linked to the Reg. n°881/2004	7,772,711.31	7,772,112.41	99.99%	598.90	5,202,290.23	66.93%
31	Operational expenditures	1,913,900.50	1,913,900.50	100.00%	0.00	1,415,331.12	73.95%
	Title III	9,686,611.81	9,686,012.91	99.99%	598.90	6,617,621.35	68.32%
	Total Budget	30,732,000.00	30,731,401.10	100.00%	598.90	26,828,212.81	87.30%

		Fun	d Source : C4				
	Chapter	Final appropriations (1)	Committed (2)	% Committed =(2) / (1)	Balance not committed =(1) - (2)	Total Paid (3)	% Paid =(3)/(1)
11	Staff in active employment	76,232.72	63,454.08	83.24%	12,778.64	40,549.20	53.19%
	Title I	76,232.72	63,454.08	83.24%	12,778.64	40,549.20	53.19%
20	Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated cost	1,033.55	0.00	0.00%	1,033.55	0.00	0.00%
21	Data processing	10,880.81	2,127.80	19.56%	8,753.01	0.00	0.00%
	Title II	11,914.36	2,127.80	17.86%	9,786.56	0.00	0.00%
	Total Budget	88,147.08	65,581.88	74.40%	22,565.20	40,549.20	46.00%

			Fund Source : C5				
	Chapter	Final appropriations (1)	Committed (2)	% Committed =(2) / (1)	Balance not committed =(1) - (2)	Total Paid (3)	% Paid =(3)/(1)
11	Staff in active employment	20,540.00	20,540.00	100.00%	0.00	20,540.00	100.00%
13	Missions and travel	1,031.50	1,031.50	100.00%	0.00	1,031.50	100.00%
	Title I	21,571.50	21,571.50	100.00%	0.00	21,571.50	100.00%
21	Data processing	884.19	181.20	20.49%	702.99	0.00	0.00%
	Title II	884.19	181.20	20.49%	702.99	0.00	0.00%
31	Operational expenditures	12,077.08	12,077.08	100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Title III	12,077.08	12,077.08	100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total Budget	34,532.77	33,829.78	97.96%	702.99	21,571.50	62.47%

			Fund Sour	ce : R0			
	Chapter	Final appropriations (1)	Committed (2)	% Committed =(2) / (1)	Balance not committed =(1) - (2)	Total Paid (3)	% Paid =(3)/(1)
30	IPA ACTIVITIES	340,638.54	140,638.54	41.29%	200,000.00	137,759.96	40.44%
30	EUMEDRAIL	910,000.00	230,000.00	25.27%	680,000.00	115,242.93	12.66%
	Title III	1,250,638.54	370,638.54	29.64%	880,000.00	253,002.89	20.23%
	Total Budget	1,250,638.54	370,638.54	29.64%	880,000.00	253,002.89	20.23%

4.3. Budget implementation – Appropriations carried over 2016/2017

	F	und Source : C8			
	Chapter	Amount carried over 2016/2017	Payments made	Balance not paid at the end of the year 2017	% of Balance
11	Staff in active employment	47,430.84	43,360.37	4,070.47	8.58%
13	Missions and travel	9,838.02	8,639.45	1,198.57	12.18%
14	Socio-medical infrastructure	80,114.76	71,582.30	8,532.46	10.65%
	Title I	137,383.62	123,582.12	13,801.50	10.05%
20	Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated cost	175,315.12	172,276.91	3,038.21	1.73%
21	Data processing	113,538.46	112,604.49	933.97	0.82%
22	Movable property and associated costs	25,540.30	24,620.49	919.81	3.60%
23	Current administrative expenditure	23,257.75	16,360.23	6,897.52	29.66%
24	Post and telecommunications	14,972.32	9,479.35	5,492.97	36.69%
	Title II	352,623.95	335,341.47	17,282.48	4.90%
30	Operational Activities directly linked to the Regulation n°881/2004	609,201.76	570,812.50	38,389.26	6.30%
31	Operational expenditures	946,931.91	946,931.91	0.00	0.00%
	Title III	1,556,133.67	1,517,744.41	38,389.26	2.47%
	Grandtotal	2,046,141.24	1,976,668.00	69,473.24	3.40%

4.4. 2017 Budget transfers/Amendments

		Fund Sou	ırce : C1			
	Chapter	Budget adopted	Transfers	Budget after transfers and amendments (1)	Committed (2)	% Committed =(2) / (1)
11	Staff in active employment	17,727,200.00	116,979.54	17,844,179.54	17,844,179.54	100.00%
13	Missions and travel	140,000.00	-47,000.00	93,000.00	93,000.00	100.00%
14	Socio-medical infrastructure	340,000.00	-99,596.94	240,403.06	240,403.06	100.00%
15	Staff exchange between the ERA and the public sector	160,000.00	-11,000.00	149,000.00	149,000.00	100.00%
17	Entertainment and representation expenses	5,000.00	-2,120.15	2,879.85	2,879.85	100.00%
	Title I	18,372,200.00	-42,737.55	18,329,462.45	18,329,462.45	100.00%
20	Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated cost	1,350,000.00	37,482.25	1,387,482.25	1,387,482.25	100.00%
21	Data processing	700,000.00	252,281.33	952,281.33	952,281.33	100.00%
22	Movable property and associated costs	295,000.00	-190,710.71	104,289.29	104,289.29	100.00%
23	Current administrative expenditure	220,000.00	-97,283.70	122,716.30	122,716.30	100.00%
24	Post and telecommunications	185,000.00	-35,843.43	149,156.57	149,156.57	100.00%
	Title II	2,750,000.00	-34,074.26	2,715,925.74	2,715,925.74	100.00%
30	Operational Activities directly linked to the Regulation n°881/2004	7,530,000.00	242,711.31	7,772,711.31	7,772,112.41	99.99%
31	Operational expenditures	2,079,800.00	-165,899.50	1,913,900.50	1,913,900.50	100.00%
	Title III	9,609,800.00	76,811.81	9,686,611.81	9,686,012.91	99.99%
	Total Budget	30,732,000.00	0.00	30,732,000.00	30,731,401.10	100.00%

4.5. Appropriations carried over 2017/2018 C1-credits

	Chapter	Amount carried over 2017/2018	% Amount carried over 2017/2018
11	Staff in active employment	80,811.88	0.45%
13	Missions and travel	2,863.93	3.08%
14	Socio-medical infrastructure	86,230.63	35.87%
15	Seconded national experts	467.19	0.31%
	Title I	170,373.63	0.93%
20	Investments in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated cost	166,342.10	11.99%
21	Data processing	439,543.84	46.16%
22	Movable property and associated costs	46,975.57	45.04%
23	Current administrative expenditure	10,140.08	8.26%
24	Post and telecommunications	1,421.51	0.95%
	Title II	664,423.10	24.46%
30	Operational Activities directly linked to the Regulation n°881/2004	2,569,822.18	33.06%
31	Operational expenditures	498,569.38	26.05%
	Title III	3,068,391.56	31.68%
	Total Budget	3,903,188.29	12.70%

To the total amount of € 3 903 188,29 of carried-over C1 credits, € 25 032,68 of committed but unused C4-credits, € 12 258,28 committed but unused C5-credits and € 117 635,65 of committed but unused R0-credits have to be added bringing the total appropriations to be carried to € 4 058 114,90.

Budget outturn 4.6.

	2017	2016
Revenue		
Commission subsidy DG MOVE	30,732,000.00	27,395,879.00
Phare funds from Commission	1,110,000.00	300,000.00
Fee income	0.00	0.00
Other revenue	88,147.08	88,711.65
Total revenue (a)	31,930,147.08	27,784,590.65
Expenditure		
Personnel expenses – Budget Title I		
Payments	18,221,209.52	17,604,620.27
Automatic carry-overs	206,057.15	158,955.12
Administrative expenses – Budget Title II		
Payments	2,051,502.64	2,260,959.05
Automatic carry-overs	676,337.46	353,508.14
Operational expenses – Budget Title III		
Payments	6,870,624.24	5,616,249.89
Automatic carry-overs	4,066,027.21	1,708,849.29
Total expenditure (b)	32,091,758.22	27,703,141.76
Outturn for the financial year (a-b)	-161,611.14	81,448.89
Cancellation of unused carry-overs	64,812.54	111,020.96
Adjustment for carry-over from the previous year of appropriations available at 31.12 arising from assigned revenue	179,832.01	187,333.39
Exchange differences for the year	-2,311.71	-1,588.47
Balance carried over from year N-1	378,214.77	357,347.45
Positive balance from year N-1 reimbursed in year N to the Commission	-378,214.77	-357,347.45
Balance of the outturn account for the financial year	80,721.70	378,214.77

Reconciliation economic outturn – budget outturn 2017 4.7.

	2017	2016
Economic result (+ for surplus and - for deficit) of the consolidation reporting package	2,642,377.64	195,431.40
Ajustment for accrual items (items not in the budgetary result but included in the economic result)		
Adjustments for Accrual Cut-off (reversal 31.12.N-1)	-1,233,605.84	-1,071,943.27
Adjustments for Accrual Cut-off (cut- off 31.12.N)	1,308,815.09	1,233,605.84
Amount from liaison account with Commission booked in the economic revenue	0.00	0.00
Unpaid invoices at year end but booked in charges (class 6)	74,312.36	15,584.54
Depreciation of intangible and tangible assets (1)	1,231,866.30	1,132,693.66
Provisions (1)	0.00	0.00
Value reductions (1)	0.00	0.00
Recovery Orders issued in 2017 in class 7 and not yet cashed	-40,182.81	-12,996.50
Prefinancing given in previous year and cleared in the year	0.00	0.00
Prefinancing received in previous year and cleared in the year	0.00	0.00
Payments made from carry over of payment appropriations	1,976,668.00	2,343,982.92
Other *)	-437,575.90	-205,267.16
Ajustment for budgetary items (item included in the budgetary result but not in the economic result)		
Asset acquisitions (less unpaid amounts)	-1,677,759.46	-1,861,852.23
New pre-financing paid in the year 2017 and remaining open as at 31.12.2017	0.00	0.00
New pre-financing received in the year 2017 and remaining open as at. 31.12.2017	926,587.09	518,214.77
Budgetary recovery orders issued before 2017 and cashed in the year	12,996.50	13,719.00
Budgetary recovery orders issued in 2017 on balance sheet accounts (not 7 or 6 accounts) and cashed	0.00	0.00
Capital payments on financial leasing (they are budgetary payments but not in the economic result)	0.00	0.00
Payment appropriations carried over to 2018	-4,948,421.82	-2,221,312.55
Cancellation of unused carried over payment approppriations from previous year	64,812.54	111,020.96
Adjustment for carry-over from the previous year of appropriations available at 31.12 arising from assigned revenue	179,832.01	187,333.39
Payments for pensions (they are budgetary payments but booked against provisions)	0.00	0.00
Paiements for stocks of leave and supplementary hours (they are budgetary payments but booked against provisions)	0.00	0.00
Other **)	0.00	0.00
Budget outturn for the year	80,721.70	378,214.77

4.8. Annex to the Budget Accounts

4.8.1. Establishment plan 2017

	2017					
Function group and grade	Authorised un	der the EU Budget	Filled as at 31/12/2017			
runction group and grade	Permanent posts	Temporary Posts	Permanent posts	Temporary Posts		
AD16						
AD15						
AD14		1		1		
AD13						
AD12		1				
AD11		5		2		
AD10		18		14		
AD9		33		20		
AD8		21		16		
AD7		14		23		
AD6		10		17		
AD5						
Total AD		103		93		
AST11						
AST10						
AST9		3		1		
AST8		5		1		
AST7		4		1		
AST6		3		5		
AST5		8		5		
AST4		9		6		
AST3		3		10		
AST2		1		6		
AST1						
Total AST		36		35		
GRAND TOTAL		139		128		