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Dear Colleagues,

referring to my message to you all, please find below the reply by 5.1.2e which I received a few minutes ago, to be shared with you for information as agreed with 5.1.2e

## 5.1.2e

Dear 5.1.2e

Please find below the answers to your questions.

1) Q: What is the legal base for transferring tasks and money to the ECDC now?

A: The Commission can transfer credits between budget lines in accordance with the Articles 30 and 31 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 Jul 2018 (i.e., the Financial Regulation). This is the legal base for the current transfers of funds to the ECDC

2) Q: Where does the money come from, and what is the financial procedure to transfer it?

A: The 106 million € are transferred to the EU budget line "subsidy to ECDC" through two budget transfers at EU level: a Budgetary Authority transfer (DEC05/2021) whereby the money was made available mid-April and an Amending budget to the EU budget (DAB02/2021) whereby the money was made available on 18 May. The total amount of 106 million EUR is available as an annual subsidy to ECDC. The Commission has committed these credits and the Agency can claim this amount (in instalments) from the Commission, alike the 'normal' annual subsidy. It is up to the Agency to decide whether it wants to continue to implement its budget through non-differentiated appropriations or whether it wants to introduce differentiated appropriations for its operational tasks.

3) Q: How is the extra funding divided between the ECDC and the MSs?

A: This is all specified in the note/overview table included in the Powerpoint that was presented at the last management board meeting.

- In summary, the proposed allocations for 2021 are as follows
- 22 million to further expand/continue the WGS framework contract with Eurofins
- 83 million for Member States (grants) for national infrastructure support programmes
- 2 million for Member States (grants) for cross-border capacity building support programmes
- 5 million for neighbourhood countries (ensure access to WGS framework contract)

(In line with what was presented during the preparations of the budget transfers)

4) Q: Which principles are used in the decision making process for granting the funding to the MSs, after each application meets the basic requirements?

A: This is for ECDC to define and propose to the Commission.

5) Q: Is the role of the ECDC only a technical one, and if so, which entity is making the decisions on how to use the extra funding most effectively in the MSs, in longer run, not only for this current situation now?
A: Grants will be made available in the context of COVID-19/HERA Incubator. The funding is to be used by Sept 2022 as explained during Management board meeting. What happens afterwards/in longer run is not decided.

## Best regards,



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Dear MB colleagues,

just to inform you briefly in relation to this Written Procedure:

the Commission is currently preparing replies to some legal and practical questions which I briefly discussed with our colleague 5.1.2e last week, trying to comprehend the background of this issue in more detail. I shall pass the written replies by 5.1.2e to you as soon as they are available.



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