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Brussels, 31 October 2019 IG/MH/AG/FN

Dear Mr. President, Dear David,

In accordance with article 2.7.1.of the financial rules, concerning the foreseen use of appropriations from budget item 400, I am pleased to send you the report, drawn up by our external auditors, about the use of these appropriations for budgetary period 2019/1.

Kind Regards,

GARCÍA-PEREZ Iratxe

President

REPORT BY THE GROUP OF THE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE OF SOCIALISTS & DEMOCRATS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



BUDGET ITEM 400

FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/1

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REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS RELATIVE TO THE USE OF THE CREDITS OF ITEM 400 OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2019

GROUP OF THE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE OF SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with the audit mandate, we have audited the Group's Financial Ştatement prepared by the Group Accountant for the financial year 2019/1 ending 30/06/2019 as presented on pages 1 to 19 of this document.

Respective responsibilities of the Group and the auditor

Pursuant to the rules on the use of appropriation from budget item 400 (hereafter "the Rules"), the Group is responsible to the European Parliament for the conformity of appropriation usage and of the preparation of the group's financial year 2019/1 financial report.

We are responsible for planning and carrying out the required work to verify the financial report prepared by the Group and to report with reasonable assurance our audit opinions to the Group.

Basis of Opinions

We have conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as issued by the IAASB. This standard requires the auditor or auditing company to plan and carry out the work in such a way as to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence and explanations to support audit opinions. An audit includes an examination, on a sample basis, of evidence relevant to the opinions.

The audit work included specific procedures aimed at gathering sufficient and appropriate audit evidence that:

- a) the statement of revenue and expenditure gives a true and fair view of the group's financial position for the budget period concerned;
- b) the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Group's assets at the end of the budget period,
- c) the overall considerations on financial statements in the rules adopted by the Accounting Officer of the Commission set out in Article 80 of the Financial Regulation¹, have been observed in the preparation and presentation of the accounts or, where appropriate, a divergence from these overall considerations is adequately explained by a note to the financial statements.
- d) an effective and efficient internal control system for the management of operations, which includes effective segregation of the duties of authorising officer and accounting officer or of the equivalent functions, is in place;
- e) the accounts have been presented in accordance with the harmonised Accounting Plan in Part 2 of the Rules;
- f) the expenditure complies with the provisions of the Rules;
- g) the expenditure has been charged to the correct item in the budget of the Group;
- h) the appropriations were available;
- i) the principles of sound financial management have been applied:
- j) payment orders are substantiated by original supporting documents (or certified true copies);
- k) the Group's internal rules have been observed.

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.



The audit work included verification of the risk management activities of the Group and on the quality of management and control systems. If necessary, recommendations for improving the conditions of implementation of operations and promoting sound financial management were issued.

The audit work also included assessment of the suitability and effectiveness of internal management systems and the performance of departments in implementing policies, programmes and actions by reference to the risks associated with them; and assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control and audit systems applicable to every budget implementation operation.

Opinions

- As a result of our work, we did not identify any material non-conformity with the dispositions laid out in the Rules or with the Group's internal rules including the internal control system.
- > The overall presentation of the income and expense statement and of the balance sheet complies with the chart of account provided with the Rules.
- No departures from generally accepted accounting principles have been established.
- The principle of sound financial management has been applied.
- In our opinion, the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group at 30/06/2019 and of the revenue and expenses for the year ending 30/06/2019.

Zaventem, October 17, 2019

RSM INTERAUDIT CVBA-SCRL REGISTERED AUDITORS REPRESENTED BY KARINE MORRIS

PARTNER

FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/1 (30/06/2019)

BALANCE SHEET

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		er 2 Debtors, stocks and other working assets Suppliers	5	25.540.40	- 1	40 747 00
;	-	Staff	}	35.549,12 46.700.40	. !	46.747,33
	- · · · · · ·	VAT		16.790,10	~ - 1	7.426,36
		Stocks		164.103,28	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	152.790,15
-		Various		9.579,49	:	16.921,77
Su		tal chapter 2	1	226.021,99	-	
				220.021,99	-	223.885,61
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	-	Financial securities	4	Transition in the state of the	***	·
i !		Cash and cash equivalent	4 .	5.505.076,83	,	6 666 220 02
Su	-	tal chapter 3		5.505.076,83	- :	6.666.328,83 6.666.328,83
		· · ·	4	5.505.076,63	-	0.000.320,83
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Ch	ant	er 4 Deferred charges and accrued income	, 1			a a per class
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LIABILITI	ES .	notes	2019/1		2018
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u	Carry forward to next financial year	. 1	5.119.044,77	: :	4.767.312,05
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4 5 5 to 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Other debts		939,59		1.587,13
.2	Charges settled in N but paid in N+1		774.974,45	:	2.357.587,26
.3	Debt to EP	,	1.486,68		0,00
Sub t	otal chapter 3		777.400,72		2.359.174,39
Char	oter 4 Deferred income/accrued charges	. (.)	*	1 1	
a sar as in a five	Deferred income	ī	9.723,80		160,83
.2	Accrued charges	}	24,00		24,50
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TOTAL L	IABILITIES	f	5.906.193,29		7.126.671,77

FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/1 (30/06/2019)

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament Budgetary period 2019/1 2019/1 2018 **Receipts** Chapter 1 Grants and other receipts from the European Parliament EP allocation 15.791.631,68 7.908.818,04 Other EP resources Subtotal for Chapter 1 7.908.818,04 15.791.631,68 Chapter 2 Own resources Interest and assimilated products 38.696,02 116,67 Profit on curency exchange 5.850,23 4.992,73 .3 Miscellaneous 5.576,82 8.105,00 Amount carried forward from previous financial year 4.767.312,05 5.811.621,53 Subtotal for Chapter 2 4.778.855,77 5.863.415,28 **Total receipts** 12.687.673,81 21.655.046,96 **Grand total** 12.687.673,81 21.655.046,96

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT of the Group	of the	Progressiv	e Alliance
of Socialists & Democrats in the Eur	2 2 3,		
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Expenditure	Notes	2019/1	2018
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Chapter 1 Staff	- **		10 1g
.1 Secretariat missions		819.999,10	2.232.860,40
.2 Recruitment		36.987,06	27.789,64
.3 Traineeships		46.306,07	367.295,39
.4 Salaries and related costs, fees		981.958,81	1.569.527,54
.5 Staff training	- "	137.753,82	275.204,83
.6 Staff representation costs		0,00	7.960,00
Subtotal for Chapter 1		2.023.004,86	4.480.637,80
Chapter 2 Equipment, routine administrative costs and operat	ing cos	<i>t</i> s	
1 Equipment, operating expenditure, computer-related			h 44.4 m
engineering and maintenance	3	24.599,28	49.249,10
.2 Equipment, telecomunications-related installation and		The second	
maintenance expenditure, office machinery, furniture and		and the second s	:
technical installations	3	26.134,55	67.045,06
3.3 Stationery and office supplies		2.596,41	10.523,96
.4 Postage and telecommunications		22.963,42	52.226,70
.5 Printing and duplicating		10.321,81	42.209,56
Subtotal for Chapter 2		86.615,47	221.254,38
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Chapter 3 Documentation, studies and research		Processor Control of C	
.1 Newspapers, magazines, press agencies and books		28.882,96	102.551,32
.2 Studies and research		0,00	133.529,69
.3 Databases		3.600,00	0,00
Subtotal for Chapter 3		32.482,96	236.081,01
Chapter 4 Legal and accountancy fees, financial and other cha	rges		3
.1 Legal costs		0,00	10.808,49
.2 Accounting costs/audits		37.388,41	35.550,00
.3 Financial charges and losses from currency exchange	2	1.809,47	7.967,06
.4 Translation and interpretation costs		9.079,00	78.504,45
.5 Other operating expenditure	5	284,16	0,00
Subtotal for Chapter 4	, , ,	48.561,04	132.830,00
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Chapter 5 Cost of meetings and representation		1	·
.1 Group meetings	-	0,00	12.916,97
.2 Other meetings and conferences		878.102,86	1.445.003,95
.3 Expenditure on entertainment	*	122.794,59	103.770,65
.4 Guests		0,00	17.369,52
.5 Individual fact finding missions of members		75.920,65	393.842,91
Subtotal for Chapter 5		1.076.818,10	1.972.904,00

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Chapte	r 6 Publications and publicity			- Consumeration
1.1	Posters, leaflets and booklets	1	71.753,44	185.931,60
.2	Advertising inserts and audiovisual advertising		179.114,65	413.785,77
.3	Advertising material, gadgets, publicity by telecommunication			obligation of the control of the con
	equipments	} ;	30.729,00	150.936,96
.4	Internet sites + e-publicity	3	197.953,44	750.816,14
.5	Visits to institutions, information stands	# #	81.884,73	95.759,16
Subtotal	for Chapter 6		561.435,26	1.597.229,63
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Chapte	r 7 Members of Parliament			3
.1	Members' political and information activities, administrative exp	oenses	3.688.866,50	8.151.600,26
	and political and information activities of national delegations (details attached)	and community		Control of
Subtotal	for Chapter 7	1	3.688.866,50	8.151.600,26
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Chapte	r 8 Grants, subscriptions and contributions	1		3
.1	Subsidies		37.719,85	68.855,83
.2	Membership fees	1	13.125,00	26.342,00
Subtota	I for Chapter 8	•	50.844,85	95.197,83
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Total e	expenditure		7.568.629,04	16.887.734,91
Credits	repayable to European Parliament		0,00	0,00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/1 (30/06/2019)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS BUDGETARY PERIOD 2019 1 (ENDING 30 JUNE 2019)

The accounts, hereafter, have been prepared in conformity with:

- the 400 financial rules approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 30 June 2003, revised by the Bureau on 22 March 2006, on 11 July 2007, on 20 September 2010, on 23 March 2011, on 26 September 2011, on 2 July 2012, on 11 March 2013, on 24 February 2014, on 14 April 2014, on 27 April 2015, on 10 December 2018 and on 11 February 2019.
- > the internal financial rules of the Group
- the accounting principles and the harmonised accounting plan adopted by the Secretaries-General of the political groups

Accounting principles and evaluation methods

- 1) Movements on the accounts and the balances shall be entered in the accounting ledgers.
- 2) All accounting entries, including adjustments to the accounts, shall be based on dated and numbered supporting documents, to which they shall refer.
- 3) The accounting system must be such as to leave a trail for all accounting entries

The financial statements shall be drawn up in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, namely:

- going-concern basis;
- prudence;
- consistent accounting methods:
- comparability of information;
- materiality;
- > no netting:
- reality over appearance;

Pursuant to Rule 2.5.3 of the Rules on the use of appropriations from budget item 400 the accounts are held on a modified accrual system.

All expenditure relative to activities of the current budgetary period or previous financial years is registered in the accounts of the current budgetary period, upon authorisation by the authorising officer responsible and payment by the accountant, if the actual payment is made no later than during the month following the end of the budgetary period.

All expenditure of a budgetary period paid during the month following the end of the budgetary period is booked on the expenditure accounts of the current budgetary period and as debt on the balance (chapter III.2). All expenditure for which actual payment is made later than the end of the month following the closure of the budgetary period or for risks and future charges is registered in the accounts of the next budgetary period.

No provisions will be made for expenditure of the current budgetary period not paid by the end of the month following the end of this budgetary period or for risks and future charges.

All revenue is registered in the income accounts upon establishment by the authorising officer.

All revenue established and not received in the course of the budgetary period is registered on a balance sheet account in chapter IV (deferred charges and accrued income).

Classification

The classification of the expenditure on the expenditure accounts follows the principle of classification by destination by the accounting plan annexed to the Rules on the use of appropriations from article 400.

Note 1: Carry forward to next budgetary year:

1: Credits received by our group for the 2019/1 budgetary period: 7.908.818,04€

2: Max. amount of carry forward to 2019 2 budgetary period: NA

3: Remainder at the end of the 2019 1 budgetary period: 5.119.044.77€

4: Credits to be returned to the EP:

5: Carry forward to 2019 2 budgetary period: 5.119.044,77€

The carry forward to the next budgetary period (2019 2) includes a reserve of 877.609.69€ earmarked to cover the costs resulting from the termination of employment contracts following Brexit.

Note 2: Exchange policy:

The revenue and expenditure in other currencies are converted in euro following the exchange rate of the first day of the month. The balance sheet accounts in other currencies are translated into euro at the exchange rate of the end of the budgetary period.

Note 3: Depreciations of fixed assets:

Assets with a unit value of 420 Euros or more and being intended to serve the activities of the group on a lasting basis are entered in the inventory and the Group's balance sheet. Fixed assets are to be valued at their acquisition price and depreciated on a monthly basis following the straight line method by the following annual percentages:

software	25.0 %
hardware:	25.0 %
telecommunications and audiovisual equipment:	25.0 %
technical equipment:	12.5 %
other installations and machines:	12.5 %
office furniture:	10.0 %

A recapitulative table of the assets in the balance sheet is annexed

Note 4: Valuation method for financial securities:

Financial securities are registered on the balance sheet for their net value at the end of the budgetary period.

Note 5: Valuation of receivables, debts and other assets:

Receivables, debts and other assets are stated at their nominal value. Value reductions on receivables and other assets are accounted for if there is any uncertainty regarding their collectability.

On basis of a final report of OLAF the authorising officer of the S&D group has ordered in 2015 the registration of a recovery order for an amount of 204.831,88€. A value reduction of the same amount has been booked, also in 2015, given the uncertainty of the outcome of the recovery procedure. In 2016, following advice from the EP legal service, both the receivable and the value reduction on this receivable has been reduced by 71.732,24€.

The Group expressed a debt towards European Parliament for eventually reimbursable allocations regarding the budget period 2019 1 (1.486,68€). The amount is under a recovery procedure, accounted for under the receivables, but in order to anticipate the risk of non-recoverability a corresponding debt towards European Parliament has been accounted for.

Our group has concluded the following substantial long standing (>1 year) financial commitments: Maintenance contract 2 defibrillators Eurodist up until 2020 cost: 400 €/year

Note 6: Comparison of the figures

According to article 2.1.1. of the financial rules governing budget item 400 this report covers the budgetary period 2019 1 which lasts from 01/01/2019 to 30/06/2019.

For practical reasons no comparative figures for the identical period of 2018 can be presented. Therefore, the figures of 2018 cover the entire financial year.

Note 7: Technical support to European political parties and foundation Regulation: (EU) 1141/2014

The S&D Group has not granted any technical support to political parties and foundations as defined in article 13 of the EP Bureau decision dated 12 June 2017.

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BREAKDOWN OF OUTTURN OF DECENTRALISED APPROPRIATIONS CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE 1

Breakdown in accordance with the Accounting Plan annexed to the Rules on the use of the appropriations from budget item 400

Breakdown of outturn of decentralised appropriations

Chapter 7 article1

Breakdown in accordance with the Accounting Plan annexed to the Rules on the use of the apprpriations from budget item 400

Chapter/ Article	Heading	Execution budgetary period 2019/1	%	Execution financial year 2018	%
10	Staff	1.512.212,34	40,99%	3.212.555,32	39,41%
20	Equipment / routine administrative expenditure and operating	38.583,66	1,05%	85.974,63	1,05%
30	Documentation, studies and research	62.667,03	1,70%	103.221,20	1,27%
40	charges and other operating expenditure	27.645,53	0,75%	10.776,89	0,13%
52	Meetings and conferences	545.411,54	14,79%	1.756.528,54	21,55%
54	Guests	28.271,94	0,77%	104.038,08	1,28%
61	Posters, leaflets and booklets	363.435,43	9,85%	395.314,53	4,85%
62	Advertising inserts and audiovisual advertising	264.147,28	7,16%	612.697,69	7,52%
63	Advertising material, gadgets, etc.	368.678,88	9,99%	840.956,46	10,32%
64	Internet Sites	284.009,67	7,70%	576.209,18	7,07%
65	Visits to institutions, info stands	193.803,20	5,25%	453.327,74	5,56%
	Total execution chapter 7 article 1	3.688.866,50	100,00%	8.151.600,26	100,00%

DETAIL OF THE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/1 (30/06/2019)

TABLE INVENTORY 2019/1 (30/06/2019)

Analysis of the property and equipment on the balance sheet and depreciations

Financial Year: 01/01/19..30/06/19

					Technical			
					Equip. &	Misc. Mach &	Movable	
		IT Software	IT Hardware	Telecom Equip	Supplies	Install	property	
		25%	25%	25%	12.5%	12.5%	10%	
	Category and depreciation rate	05	10	30	40	45	50	TOTAL
	Opening balances 2018 (historical cost)	395.724,50	185.706,93	207.959,66	00'0	24.296,61	5.039,52	818.727,22
	Less Items sold and entered in profit and							
O	loss account in 2019	29.082,27	12.287,06	15.187,22	00'0	00'0	00'0	56.556,55
0	Plus Acquisitions during the financial							
Ø	year 2019	1.640,00	1.280,99	6.870,23	00,00	00'0	0,00	9.791,22
-	Plus Transfers	00'0	00'0	00'0	00'0	00'0	00'0	0,00
	Result Closing balance at historical cost	368.282,23	174.700,86	199.642,67	0,00	24.296,61	5.039,52	771.961,89

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d Opening balances (accumulated							
e depreciation)	320.323,92	147.313,56	167.744,50	00'0	12.994,14	3.831,24	652.207,36
Less Accumulated depreciation of items							
e sold and entered in p/l account	29.082,27	12.287,06	15.187,22	00'0	00'0	00'0	56.556,55
c Plus Depreciation charge for the							
i financial year 2019	21.797,28	10.024,09	13.107,74	00'0	96'666	223,96	46.153,03

Result Closing balance at historical cost	313.038,93	145.050,59	165.665,02	00'0	13.994,10	4.055,20	641.803,84

Net book value of fixed assets on	75 400 58	38 303 37	AN 245 48		11 302 47	4 208 28	166 510 86
01/01/19	7 0. 400, 00	10,000,01	40.2.10,10		11.506,77	1.200,20	100.010,00
Net book value of fixed assets on							
30/06/19	55.243,30	29.650,27	33.977,65	00'0	10.302,51	984,32	130.158,05