

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018

DRAFT BUDGET

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Income

1.1.1 The principle

Pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1238/95 establishing the rules for the application of the Council Regulation, (EC) n° 2100/94 as regards the fees payable to the CPVO and as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) n° 572/2008, income is essentially generated from the following:

- fees paid by applicants for community plant variety protection;
- proceeds from the sales of the Official Gazette and the Annual Report
- interest on bank accounts.

1.1.2 Budgetary projections

Fee Types	Amount <i>(EUR)</i>		Detail		(EUR)
Application fees - Online	1,368,000 =	3,040	Aplications	Х	450
Application fees - Paper	104,000 =	160	Aplications	Х	650
Examination fees	4,842,000 =	2,152	Examinations	х	2,250
Annual fees	9,240,000 =	28,000	Titles	Х	330
Fees laid douwn by the Président	30,000 =	750	Taxes	х	40
Report fees	416,000 =	1,300	Reports	х	320
Sales of reports	160,000 =	500	Reports	х	320
Total	16,160,000				

The total forecast for income amounts to 16.920.000 euros. This figure is obtained as follows:

Fee Types		Amount	(EUR)
Income from taxesincome from taxes		16,	160,000
Deficit reserve		!	500,000
Income from adminstrative operations			110,000
Income from service benefits			pm
Other income			150,000
Multi-beneficiary program			pm
	Total	16,9	20,000

More details about income generated from fees may be found under point 3.1 under Income.

1.2 Expenditure

The assumptions and methods of calculation on which the principal items of Title 1, Title 2 and Title 3 are based are included on the pages detailed by budget headings.

1.2.1 Title 1: Personnel

The establishment plan for 2018 foresees a total of 45 posts. These posts are broken down as follows:

The President	3	AD	+	1	AST
The Technical Unit	7	AD	+	11	AST
The Adminstrative Unit	1	AD	+	7	AST
The Legal Unit	4	AD	+	5	AST
The Human Resources service				5	AST
The Audit Service	1	AD			

Expenditure registered under Title 1 amounts to 7.500.000 euros representing an increase of 6,38% compared to 2017.

An establishment plan can be found under point 4 of this document.

1.2.2 Title2: Building, equipement, various administrative expenditure

The forecast of expenditure on Title 2 amounts to 1.660.000 euros representing a decrease of 3,77% compared to 2017.

1.2.3 Title3: Operational expenditure

Appropriations registered under Title 3 amount to 8.910.000 euros representing a decrease of 11,48% compared to 2017.

1.2.4 Total Expenditure

The total expenditure forecast for 2018 amounts to 18.070.000 euros for commitment appropriations and 18.070.000 euros for payment appropriations.

1.3 Deficit Reserve

The budget shows an income title called "Deficit Reserve" to provide a balance between income and payment appropriations.

The amount which is necessary to balance the deficit in 2018 is calculated as follows:

Total payment appropriations	16,920,000
Total income	16,420,000
Deficit reserve	500,000

1.4 Conclusions And Prospects

The total of commitment appropriations in the draft budget amounts to 18.070.000 euros.

The total of income and payment appropriations in the draft budget amounts to 16.920.000 euros.

With regard to *income*, the annual number of applications for protection reaching the Office as well as the number of titles granted and fees collected subsequently enable it to preserve a stable and solid financial structure.

With regard to expenditure, the trends are as follows:

- an increase of 6,38% in personnel expenditure;
- a decrease of 3,77% in administrative expenditure; and,
- an increase of 11,48% in operational expenditure.

2 SUMMARY TABLE

2.1 Income by title

CHAPT AR	TER INCOME TICLE	DRAFT BUDGET 2018 (AC 10/17)	BUDGET 2017 (AC 10/16)	EXECUTED 2016 (AC 03/17)
1	INCOME			
	1000 Income from taxes	16,160,000	15,389,420	13,262,555.00
	TOTAL TITLE 1	16,160,000	15,389,420	13,262,555.00
3	RESERVE			
	3000 Deficit reserve	500,000	589,580	2,130,128.24
	TOTAL TITLE 3	500,000	589,580	2,130,128.24
5	INCOME FROM ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS			
	5000 Income from administrative operations	110,000	112,000	96,401.00
	TOTAL TITLE 5	110,000	112,000	96,401.00
6	EXPEND. REFUNDING & PROVIDED SERV. INCOME			
	6000 Income from sales of the Official Gazette	pm	pm	pm
	TOTAL TITLE 6	pm	pm	pm
9	OTHER INCOME			
	9100 Interest on account	150,000	150,000	99,280.19
	9200 Donation and legacy	pm	pm	pm
	9300 Multi-beneficiary program	pm	pm	pm
	TOTAL TITLE 9	150,000	150,000	99,280.19
	TOTAL INCOME	16,920,000	16,241,000	15,588,364.43

2.2 Expenditure

2.2.1 Table 1 - Title 1: Staff expenses, staff working within the CPVO

CHA	\PTER	EVDENICEC TITLE 4	DRAFT BUDGET 2,018	BUDGET 2,017	EXECUTED 2,016
	ARTICLE	EXPENSES - TITLE 1	(AC 10/17)	(AC 10/16)	(AC 03/17)
11	Staff	in active employement			
	1100 Exper	nditure relatided to staff employed	7,020,000	6,500,000	5,857,338.59
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 11	7,020,000	6,500,000	5,857,338.59
12	Furth	er professionnal training			
	1200 Furth	er professionnal training	90,000	110,000	47,316.31
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 12	90,000	110,000	47,316.31
13	Missio	ons and duty travels			
	1300 Missio	ons and travel expenses	270,000	250,000	240,000.00
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 13	270,000	250,000	240,000.00
14	Suppl	ementary services			
	1400 Interi	m staff, administrative and technical assistance	80,000	150,000	190,688.33
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 14	80,000	150,000	190,688.33
15	Socia	welfare			
	1500 Speci	al assistance grants, other welfare expenditure	30,000	30,000	23,628.49
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 15	30,000	30,000	23,628.49
17	Enter	tainment and representation expenses			
	1700 Enter	tainment and representation expenses	10,000	10,000	3,922.60
	TOTA	AL CHAPTER 17	10,000	10,000	3,922.60
	EXPE	NSE TOTAL - TITLE 1	7,500,000	7,050,000	6,362,894.32

2.2.2 Table 2 - Title 2: Building, equipment, administrative expenditure

CHA	APTER EXPENSES - TITLE 2	DRAFT BUDGET	BUDGET	EXECUTED
	ARTICLE	2018 (AC 10/17)	2017 (AC 10/16)	2016 (AC 03/17)
20	Investments in immovable property			
	2000 Property related costs	350,000	300,000	498,554.51
	TOTAL CHAPTER 11	350,000	300,000	498,554.51
21	Data processing			
	2100 Equipment, software and other external services	620,000	650,000	829,677.22
	TOTAL CHAPTER 12	620,000	650,000	829,677.22
22	Movable property and associated costs			
	2200 Office furniture, transport, technical & library equipment	60,000	70,000	61,356.94
	TOTAL CHAPTER 22	60,000	70,000	61,356.94
23	General administrative expenditure			
	2300 General administrative expenditure	70,000	55,000	46,937.78
	TOTAL CHAPTER 23	70,000	55,000	46,937.78
24	Postal charges and Telecommunications			
	2400 Postage and Telecommunications charges	90,000	100,000	67,234.39
	TOTAL CHAPTER 24	90,000	100,000	67,234.39
25	Expenditure on formal and other meetings			
	2500 Meetings and notices	380,000	400,000	268,056.03
	TOTAL CHAPTER 25	380,000	400,000	268,056.03
26	Audits and Evaluations			
	2600 Audits and Evaluations	90,000	150,000	211,743.44
	TOTAL CHAPTER 26	90,000	150,000	211,743.44
	EXPENSE TOTAL - TITLE 2	1,660,000	1,725,000	1,983,560.31

CHAF A	PTER RTICLE EXPENSES - TITLE 3	DRAFT BU 2018 (AC 10/	3	BUDG 201 (AC 10		EXECU 201 (AC 03	.6
		Commitment	Payments	Commitment	Payments	Commitment	Payments
30	Fees payable to the examination offices						
	3000 Fees for the examination offices (E.U. and others)	7,600,000	6,400,000	8,800,000	6,200,000	7,235,325.64	6,431,240.14
	TOTAL CHAPTER 30	7,600,000	6,400,000	8,800,000	6,200,000	7,235,325.64	6,431,240.14
31	Maintenance of reference collections						
	3100 Expend.for relevant organisms (E.U. and others)	pm	pm	pm	pm	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL CHAPTER 31	pm	pm	pm	pm	0.00	0.00
32	Procurement of other examination reports						
	3200 Procurement of other exam.reports	440,000	480,000	416,000	416,000	332,005.52	361,765.52
	TOTAL CHAPTER 32	440,000	480,000	416,000	416,000	332,005.52	361,765.5
33	Examination of denominations						
	3300 Expend.for examination of denominations	pm	pm	pm	pm	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL CHAPTER 33	pm	pm	pm	pm	0.00	0.00
34	Publications and translations						
	3400 Official, general and promotional publications	170,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	162,665.79	158,574.7
	TOTAL CHAPTER 34	170,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	162,665.79	158,574.79
35	Technical studies, surveys, consultations						
	3500 Technical studies	500,000	530,000	500,000	500,000	489,803.20	108,411.9
	TOTAL CHAPTER 35	500,000	530,000	500,000	500,000	489,803.20	108,411.9
36	Special advisers						
	3600 Special advisers	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	213,818.55	181,917.4
	TOTAL CHAPTER 36	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	213,818.55	181,917.4
37	Multi-beneficiary program						
	3700 Actions in the frame of the multi-beneficiary program	pm	0	pm	pm	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL CHAPTER 37	pm	pm	pm	0	pm	0.00
	TOTAL TITLE 3	8,910,000	7,760,000	10,066,000	7,466,000	8,433,618.70	7,241,909.80
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,070,000	16,920,000	18,841,000	16,241,000	16,780,073.33	15,588,364.43

3 DETAIL BY BUDGET HEADINGS

3.1 Income

3.1.1 Item 1000 : Fees

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2016
16,160,000	15,389,420	13,262,555

Comments:

Council Regulation (EC) N° 2100/94 of 27 July 1994 instituting a Community protection system for new plant varieties (OJ n° L 227 of 01.09.1994, p.1) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) n° 15/2008 (OJ n° L 8 of 11.01.2008).

This income of the Office comprises the fees paid by applicants for Community Plant Variety Rights and other parties involved in proceedings. Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1238/95 of 31 May 1995 establishing implementing rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) N° 2100/94 as regards the fees payable to the Community Plant Variety Office, as last amended by Regulation (EC) n° 572/2008 (OJ n° L 161 of 20/06/2008).

Evaluation of income

1) Working assumptions

The forecasts regarding fees are based on the following assumptions:

- Number of applications expected	3,200
- Number or examinations invoiced	2,152
- Number of annual fees invoiced based on the title in force	28,000

2) Estimation of appropriations

The following income is estimated on the new fees levels in force on 01.01.2016

Fees types	Ai	nount
Application fees		1,472,000
Examination fees		4,842,000
Annual fees		9,240,000
Specific requests fee		pm
Appeal fee		pm
Fees laid doun by the President		30,000
Report fees		416,000
Sales of reports		160,000
	total	16,160,000

3.1.2 Item 3000 : Deficit Reserve

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2016
500,000	589,580	2,130,128

Comments:

The purpose of this item is to balance income and payment appropriations.

Evaluation of income

Total payment appropriations	16,920,000
Total income	16,420,000
Deficit reserve	500,000

3.1.3 Item 5000 : Income generated from administrative operations

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2016
110,000	112,000	96,401

Evaluation of income

Income from valuable administrative services and/or reimbursement of expenses 110,000

3.1.4 Item 6000: Income generated from the sales of th Official Gazette

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2016
pm	pm	pm

Comments:

Contributions to Community programmes, expenditure refunding and income from services provided subject to payment.

Evaluation of income

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3.1.5 Item 9100: Interest on account

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2,015
150,000	150,000	99,280

Comments:

Income generated from interest on account.

Evaluation of income

Interets	18,500,000	X	0.80% =	148,000
			Rounded total	150,000

3.1.6 Item 9200: Donation and legacy

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2,015
pm	pm	pm

Evaluation of income

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3.1.7 Item 9300: Multi-beneficiary program

Budget 2018	Budget 2017	Outturn 2,015
pm	pm	pm

Comments:

This item will host contributions awarded by the European Commission to the European Agencies participating in the program in order to implement actions to contribute to an easier adhesion of certain countries to the European Union. In the particular case of the Office it is intended to promote the participation of these countries to work in the field of plant variety protection.

Evaluation of income

Appropriations from the European Community to the *Multi-beneficiary program* pm

3.2 Expenditure title 1 / Dépenses titre 1

3.2.1 Item 1100: Extenditure relatied to staff in active employement / Dépenses liées au personnel en activité

Appropriation 2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
7,020,000	6,500,000	5,857,338.59

Comments:

In accordance with the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the Establishment plan found under point 4 of this document, the appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- basic salaries;
- family allowances (household, dependant children and educational);
- expatriation and foreign residence allowances;
- fixed allowances of officials and temporary staff in grade C;
- employer's contribution to the social security scheme;
- costs relating to the running of restaurants, cafeterias, canteens and meals;
- medical officers' fees, preventive medical care, medical consumables, the purchase of equipment and special furniture;
- employer's social security contributions for sickness insurance;
- employer's contribution towards occupational disease insurance, accidents and supplementary expenses resulting from the application of relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations covering those expenses not covered by the insurance;
- unemployment insurance for temporary staff;
- constitution and maintanence of pension rights for staff in their country of origin;
- birth grants;
- death grants;
- annual travel allowance;
- rent and/or transport allowances;
- fixed duty allowances;
- salaries of contract agent;
- fixed local travel allowances covering cost of travel within the town perimeter of appointment location;
- redundancy and termination of contract allowances;

- overtime for officials, auxiliary staff and local staff in grades C and D;
- Office's contribution towards childminding and other education expenditure (crèches, day-care centres, schools);
- miscellaneous recrutement expenses;
- travelling expenses;
- installation and resettlement allowances;
- removal expenses;
- temporary daily subsistence allowances on transfer of staff;
- weightings;
- adjustments to remuneration made by the Council;
- expense coverage of national officials or other experts on secondment or temporary assignments to the Office or called in for short consultations, in particular to boost co-operation with the national offices and to develop technical protocols;
- reimbursement of additional costs to the Office relating to secondment or temporary assignment of Office officials to national or international offices under exchange agreements;
- expenditure incurred in practical administrative training for young graduates. This expenditure can include trainees' social security allowances and contributions, travel expenses at the beginning and at the end of the courses, travel expenses for travel connected with the training programme and reception or meal and documentation costs.

Breakdown		EUR
Basic salaries		4,600,000
Other staff		390,000
Socio-medical infrastructure		20,000
Employer's social security contributions, pension scheme		930,000
Miscellaneous allowances and grants		455,000
Child care		30,000
Exchange of officials and experts		pm
Entering-leaving the service expenses-transfer		45,000
Salary weightings		550,000
	Total	7,020,000

3.2.2 Item 1200: Further training, language courses, retraining and information for staff

Appropriation 2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn	2016
90,000	110,000	47,316.31	

Comments:

In accordance with the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, the appropriations are intended to cover, notably the organisation of language courses, introductory training, further professional training, professional re-orientation, courses on the use of modern techniques, seminars, etc.

It also covers the purchase of equipment and documentation and the hiring of professional organisational experts.

Evaluation of appropriations

Further training, language courses, retraining and information for staff 90,00
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3.2.3 Item 1300: Mission expenses, travel expenses and other incidental expenditure

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn 2016
270,000		250,000		240,000.00

Comments:

In accordance with the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, the appropriations are intended to cover, notably, transport costs, payment of daily subsistence allowances on mission and ancilliary or special costs associated with missions, for office staff employed under the Staff Regulations and for experts and national or international officials seconded to the Office.

Mission expenses, travel expenses and other	incidental expenditure	270,000

3.2.4 Item 1400: Interim staff

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
80,000		150,000	190,688.33

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably, expenses relating to:

- employment of interim staff, notably, typists, receptionists, etc.;
- personnel employed with technical and administrative subcontractors.

Evaluation of appropriations

Interim staff	
Admistrative and technical assistance for miscellaneous activites	80,000

3.2.5 Item 1500: Special assistance grants-Social contacts between staff-Other welfare expenditure

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
30,000		30,000	23,628.49

Comments:

In accordance with the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities, article 76, the appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- expenditure on assistance grants which may be granted to an official, a former official or descendants of an official, finding themselves in a particularly difficult situation (when they cannot be granted a loan or an advance on their salary because of their financial situation).
- social, cultural and artistic events (reserved for cultural, artistic and social aspects);
- subsidies for sporting clubs and cultural associations;
- additional family assistance (assistance in the integration of family members of new officials or temporary agents such as language courses, etc.);
- miscellaneous subsidies;
- special aid for disabled persons;

- family assistance;
- reception of new staff; and,
- legal aid.

Evaluation of appropriations

Special assistance grants		pm
Social contact between staff		20,000
Other welfare expenditure		10,000
	Total	30,000

3.2.6 Item 1700: Entertainment and representation expenses

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
10,000		10,000		3,922	2.60

Comments:

The appropriations cover the reimbursement of costs incurred by authorised officials in meeting the Community Plant Variety Office's obligations in respect of entertainment or representation in the interests of the service.

The appropriations are estimated at	10,000

3.3 Expenditure Title 2

3.3.1 Item 2000: Property related costs

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
350,000		300,000	498,554.51

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- rent and co-ownership expenses for the premises occupied by the Office and the hire of conference halls, storage space, archive space, sanitary facilities, kitchens, garages and car parks;
- insurance premiums payable under the insurance policies taken out for the premises occupied by the Office;
- expenses incurred in the consumption of water, gas, electricity and heating;
- maintenance costs, in accordance with the contracts in force (premises, lifts, central heating, air-conditioning equipment, etc.); cleaning costs (regular cleaning, purchase of cleaning products, washing, laundry & dry-cleaning products, etc.) and repainting, repairs and supplies required by the maintenance workshops;
- the purchase of equipment and the fitting-out and repair of buildings, e.g. alterations to partitioning, adjustments to technical installations and other specialised work (locks, electricity, sanitary installations, paintwork, redecorating, floor coverings, joinery, masonry, etc.);
- various expenses related to the security of persons, buildings and goods, particularly security surveillance contracts, the purchase, hire and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, the replacement of equipment for officials and staff, first-aid equipment, the costs of checks required by law;
- the purchase or lease-purchase of buildings and technical assistance expenses incurred in the framework of major conversion works;
- financial and technical survey fees, prior to the acquisition or the construction of buildings and expertise advice relating to major conversion works;
- expenditure on buildings such as management fees for multiple occupancy of buildings, the costs of surveys of premises, taxes for general utilities (road charges, refuse collection, etc.) and associated costs.

10,000
70,500
70,000
pm
90,000
10,000
pm
pm
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0,000

3.3.2 Item 2100: Equipment, software and external services

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
620,000		650,000	829,677.22

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- the purchase, hire, appropriation lease and maintenance of software packages, miscellaneous computer consumables and other data-processing equipment. It also covers the costs of maintenance, operating and repairs;
- the costs of data processing companies and expert advice regarding costs of services such as:
 - maintenance of existing equipment;
- installation of new equipment and the expansion of existing equipment (feasibility studies, analysis, programming, implementation etc.);
 - purchase, hire and maintenance of all programmes and sofware, etc.;
- external data processing experts (operators, I.T. experts, system-engineers, data-entry staff, etc.).

I.T. hardware		20,000
Software development		335,000
Other external services		pm
Licenses and maintenances		265,000
	Total	620,000

3.3.3 Item 2200: Office furniture, technical installations, vehicles and library stocks

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn	2016
60,000		70,000	61,356	.94

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- expenditure on the purchase, renewal, replacement, occasional hiring, repairs and maintenance of office equipment, in particular, audio-visual, reproduction, archive, library and interpreting equipment such as booths, headsets and switching units for simultaneous interpreting facilities and various tools for maintenance workshops of the buildings;
- the purchase, rental, maintenance and repairs of technical equipment and installations such as fax machines, photocopiers, etc.;
- expenditure on the purchase, hire, installation and maintenance of electronic office equipment such as typewriters, calculators, word processors, etc. and expenditure relating to documentation, office supplies, etc.:
- office furniture requirements including new purchases, renewal, replacement, occasional rental, repairs and maintenance of existing furniture;
- the purchase, renewal, rental and maintenance of transport vehicles to meet the needs of the Office and vehicle operating and maintenance costs such as insurance, fuel, spare parts and all repair bills;
- special journeys (taxi or car hire) for which other means of transport are impossible;
- purchase of specialist books, directories, dictionaries, documents and other specialised non periodical publications in printed or electronic format (CD-ROM) and includes upgrading of existing volumes;
- purchase of special equipment for the Office library (catalogues, shelving, catalogue storage units, furniture, microfiche readers, CD-ROM readers, etc.);
- subscriptions to newspapers, specific periodicals, daily newspapers of the Member States, official journals, parliamentary records, foreign trade statistics, various bulletins and other special publications;
- binding and other costs essential for the upkeep of books and periodicals.

Documentation and library expenditure	2,000
Vehicles-fuel-taxi	1,000
Furniture	10,000
Technical installations and equipment	47,000

3.3.4 Item 2300: General administrative expenditure

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
70,000		55,000		46,937.7	78

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- the purchase of paper, envelopes and office supplies, external printing, photocopying costs and the purchase of products for reproduction equipment;
- bank charges and the cost of connection to the interbank telecommunications network;
- exchange rate losses incurred by the Office in the course of the management of its budget, provided they are not offset by exchange rate gains;
- costs of bank guarantees with third parties, in order to fulfil contractual clauses;
- damages and the costs of settling claims against the Office (civil liability);
- various kinds of insurance (in particular civil liability insurance, theft, pecuniary liability of accounting officers, imprest administrators, and insurance for staff shops and restaurants);
- refreshments and meals served during internal meetings;
- office removals and the general handling of equipment, furniture and office supplies inside the building;
- payments for service benefits provided to the Office by Community institutions or bodies, in particular, interpretation for the sessions of the Administrative Council.

Stationery and office supplies	8,000
Financial charges	4,000
Damages	pm
Other adminstrative expenditure	5,000
Adminstation aid provided by the Commission (interpreta-tion, salary calculation, etc.	33,000
Others	20,000
Total	70,000

3.3.5 Item 2400: Postal and telecommunications charges

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
90,000		100,000	67,234.39

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- expenditure on postal and delivery charges for ordinary mail, for reports and publications, on postal and other packages sent by air or surface mail and on the Office's internal mail;
- telephone rentals and calls (official calls only, as private calls are billed), faxes, videoconferences, data transmission and the purchase of directories;
- expenditure on telecommunications equipment, including cables: purchase, hire, installation, maintenance, documentation, etc.

Evaluation of appropriations

Postage and delivery charges		43,000
Telephone subscriptions		47,000
	Total	90,000

3.3.6 Item 2500: Expenditure on formal and other meetings

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
380,000		400,000		268,056.0	03

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- travelling, subsistence and incidental expenses of experts and others, in particular members of the Administrative Council called to participate in subcommittees, study and work groups. This item also covers costs associated with the holding of meetings, provided they are not covered by the existing infrastructure;
- actions with countries affected by the enlargement of the European Union;
- expenditure relating to the organisation of conferences, congresses, seminars, fairs and meetings, with the exception of expenses on the existing infrastructure and the remuneration of conference interpreters;
- expenditure on free-lance translators, agency staff, drafting and other external services, in particular, the Translation Centre in Luxembourg.

Meeting and notices	310,000
Miscellaneous expenditure for meetings (seminars, faires; etc.)	70,000
Tot	380,000

3.3.7 Item 2600: Audits and Evaluations

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation 2017	Outturn 2016
90,000		150,000	211,743.44

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover expenditure on internal audits, evaluations and manage

Internal audit		60,000
Evaluation and management consulting		pm
Audit of examination offices		30,000
	Total	90,000

3.4 Expenditure Title 3

3.4.1 Item 3000: Fees payable to the competent organisations acting as examination offices

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriati	on 2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
7,600,000	6,400,000	8,800,000	6,200,000	7,235,326	6,431,240.14

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- fees payable to the offices entrusted by the Office with the technical examination of plant varieties;
- fees payable to the offices entrusted with technical verification after the grant of protection by the Office.

Evaluation of appropriations

Breakdown	
1) Fees payable for carrying out the technical examination of plant varieties	
Number of applications requiring a commitment over one or several years:	2,933
Average cost of the examinations (€)	2,591
Total of perennial commitments (€)	7,600,000
2) Fees for technical checking of plant varieties (€)	pm
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Commitment			Payments					
			2018	2019	2020	2021	> 2021	
Pre 2018 commit outstanding	tments still	4,200,000	2,200,000					
Appropriation	2017	8,800,000	2,700,000	2,500,000	1,200,000			
Appropriation	2018	7,600,000	1,500,000	2,500,000	960,000	750,000		
Tota	I	20,600,000	6,400,000	5,000,000	2,160,000	750,000		

3.4.2 Item 3100: Expenditure for the maintenance of reference collections of varieties at the examination offices

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
pm	pm	pm	pm	0.00	0.00

3.4.3 Item 3200: Expenditure on the procurement of other examination reports available on

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
440,000	480,000	416,000	416,000	332,006	361,765.52

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably costs incurred by the competent organisations of the Member States, in maintaining reference collections of the plant varieties as a basis for technical examination and/or verification requested by the Office.

Evaluation of appropriations

At the moment, fees are set at 320 € per examination report. The total expenditure amount for this item can be calculated as follows:

Breakdown				EUR
Requests to be made within the year for the taking over	1,300	applications	320 €	416,000
Safety margin for the entire item	0%			0
Total (€):		Т	otal (€):	416,000
Pounded up total				416,000
Rounded up total				416,000

Commitment			Payments				
			2018	2019	2020	2021	> 2021
Pre 2018 commitments outstanding	still	80,000	76,000				
Appropriation	2017	416,000	194,000	200,000			
Appropriation	2018	440,000	210,000	190,000	70,000		
Total		936,000	480,000	390,000	70,000		

3.4.4 Item 3300: Expenditure on the examination of variety denominations

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriati	on 2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
pm	pm	pm	pm	0	0.00

Comments:

Examination of proposed variety denominations (Article 54 paragraph 1 of Regulation (EC) n° 2100/94, last modified by Regulation (EC) n° 2506/95.

3.4.5 Item 3400: Official, general and promotional publications translation services

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
170,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	162,666	158,574.79

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover, notably:

- publications such as the Official Journal of the Office and other official publications;
- other publication costs relating to other Office publications, (brochures and publications for the dissemination of technical and economic knowledge relevant to the activities of the Office. This appropriation also covers publications deriving from seminars, symposiums, etc.);
- expenditure on Office publicity and promotional publications in order to advertise its activities to the economic sectors and public authorities concerned;
- freelance translators or agency staff, drafting and other work sent out and in particular, services provided by the Translation Centre in Luxembourg.

Evaluation of appropriations

Breakdown		EUR
Official publications		40,000
Miscellaneous publications		10,000
Translation service benefits		120,000
	Total	170,000
Rounded up total		170,000

Commitment			2018	2019	Paymer 2020	nts 2021	> 2021
Pre 2018 commitment outstanding	nts still						
Appropriation	2017	150,000	108,000				
Appropriation	2018	170,000	42,000	108,000			
Total		320,000	150,000	108,000			

3.4.6 Item 3500: Technical studies

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
500,000	530,000	500,000	500,000	489,803	108,411.91

Comments:

The appropriations are intended to cover the costs of specialised technical studies (technical studies, research and development, etc.).

Evaluation of appropriations

Breakdown		EUR
The appropriations are estimated at		500,000
	Total (€):	500,000

Commitment			Payments				
			2018	2019	2020	2021	> 2021
Pre 2018 commitments outstanding	still	90,000	100,000				
Appropriation	2017	500,000	200,000				
Appropriation	2018	500,000	230,000	100,000	90,000		
Total		1,090,000	530,000	100,000	90,000		

3.4.7 Item 3600: Special Advisers

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	on 2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	213,819	181,917.44

Comments:

the remuneration, travelling expenses and subsistence expenses of members of the Board of Appeal;

preliminary legal costs and the services of lawyers or other experts called in to advise the Office. It also covers expenses incurred before the Court of Justice and other courts.

Evaluation of appropriations

Breakdown		EUR
Remuneration of members of the Board of appeal		100,000
Other works		100,000
Legal expenses		pm
Total (€):	Total (€):	200,000

Commitment			2018	2019	2020	2021	> 2021
Pre 2018 commitments outstanding	still						
Appropriation	2017	200,000	pm				
Appropriation	2018	200,000	200,000				
Total		400,000	200,000				

3.4.8 Item 3700: Actions in the frame of the Multi-beneficiary program

Financial Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

Appropriation	2018	Appropriation	2017	Outturn	2016
Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment	Commitment	Payment
pm	0	pm	pm	0	0.00

Comments:

The creation of this item is justified by the participation of the Office in the Multi-beneficiary program in favour of certain countries launched by the European Community. The appropriations will be awarded by the European Commission and are intended, as far as the Office is concerned, to promote the participation of these countries to work in the field of plant variety protection.

Evaluation of appropriations

Breakdown		EUR
The appropriations are estimated at		pm
	Total (€):	pm

Commitment		Payments					
			2018	2019	2020	2021	> 2021
Pre 2018 commitm outstanding	ents still	pm					
Appropriation	2017	pm	pm	pm			
Appropriation	2018	pm	pm	pm			
To	tal	0	0	0	0		

4 ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

	Posts	s 2017	Posts	Posts 2018	
Category and grade	Officials	Temporary Agents	Officials	Temporary Agents	
AD 16	-	-	-	-	
AD 15	-	1	-	1	
AD 14	1		1	-	
AD 13	-	-	-	-	
AD 12	1	1	1	2	
AD 11	-	1	-	-	
AD 10	2	1	2	-	
AD 9	1	1	2 (*)	2	
AD 8	-	1	-	2	
AD 7	-	2	-	1	
AD 6	-	-	-	-	
AD 5	-	1	-	3	
TOTAL	5	9	6	11	
AST 11	-	-	-	-	
AST 10	2	3	1	3	
AST 9	-	3	-	3	
AST 8	1	1	-	1	
AST 7	1	1	1	2	
AST 6	1	8	1	8	
AST 5	-	7	-	6	
AST 4	-	1	-	1	
AST 3	-	1	-	1	
AST 2	-	1	-		
AST 1	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	5	26	3	25	
TOTAL GENERAL	10	35	9	36	
	4	5		45	

(*): 1 post subject to certification