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Commission Decision C(2007) 3185 of 4 July 2007 amending, for the first time, the annual work programme on grants and contracts in the field of communication for 2007 and constituting the financing decision in application of Article 75(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002

Pilot project on pilot information networks (PINs)

First amendment of the annual work programme constituting the financing decision

for grants and contracts in the field of communication for 2007, adopted by Commission Decision C(2007) 750 of 8 March 2007:

Pilot project on pilot information networks (PINs)

An item "2.12 Budget line: 16.03 06 – Pilot project on pilot information networks (PINs)" shall be added to the "Annual work programme on grants and contracts in the field of communication for 2007", constituting the financing decision for contracts in this field, adopted by Commission Decision C(2007) 750 of 8 March 2007.

2.12 Budget line 16.03 06

PILOT PROJECT ON PILOT INFORMATION NETWORKS (PINS)

2.12.1 Operations financed under this budget line

The appropriations under this line are intended to cover the implementation of a pilot project on pilot information networks (PINs).

The objective of this pilot project is to create communities of European parliamentarians (including at national or regional level), journalists and other opinion-formers to share information and knowledge about the European Union.

As far as possible, the pilot project will use the Internet and online tools in order to allow "networks of ideas" to develop and grow organically without using "traditional" structures such as information points on Commission premises in the Member States. Consideration must be given to the possibility of structuring the networks on the basis of linguistic diversity and favouring multilingual communication.

The PINs pilot project will operate at two levels, via the Internet and via conferences, with the measures concerned focussing primarily on major topical issues affecting the Union.

2.12.2 Use of available appropriations

The various actions shall be implemented by way of contract procedures, such as those mentioned in the table below:

Commitment appropriations: EUR 5 000 000

Breakdown	Budget	Implementation arrangements
1. Technical assistance in preparing an open call for tenders for the development and management of an Internet forum for politicians, journalists and the European public	EUR 4 000 000	Contract
2. Development and management of the forum		Contract
3. Conferences in the Member States with the help of Europe Houses (Commission + European Parliament) and the first European Public Spaces	EUR 1 000 000	Contracts (principally based on existing contracts)
4. Conference in Brussels for the different thematic groups of national and European parliamentarians		

2.12.3 Implementation arrangements

The expenditure will be shared between new contracts, principally for the Internet forum, and existing contracts, mainly for the organisation of conferences and meetings.

New contracts worth less than EUR 60 000 (), cf. point 1 in the table above*

Corresponding annual amount	Launch during the 1st half of the year, total value of contracts	Launch during the 2nd half of the year, total value of contracts
EUR 5 000	EUR 5 000 [1]	—

New contracts worth more than EUR 60 000(), cf. point 2 in the table above*

Corresponding annual amount	Launch during the 1st half of the year, total value of contracts	Launch during the 2nd s half of the year, total value of contracts
EUR 3 995 000	EUR 3 995 000 [1]	—

(*) The estimate of the number of contracts is given in square brackets.
