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ANNEX 1

ANNEX

to the

Commission Implementing Decision

**concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2014 and the financing for the
implementation of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme**

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Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme - Work Programme for 2014

Overview of the 2014 Implementation

BUDGET LINE	Total Amount	% of the 2014 Programme funds
Budget line 33 02 01: Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens	23 007 000 EUR	42,48 %
Budget line 33 02 02: Promoting non-discrimination and equality	31 151 000 EUR	57,52 %
TOTAL	54 158 000 EUR	100,00 %

Grants/Procurement	Total Amount	% of the 2014 Programme funds
Grants	38 760 000 EUR	71,57 %
Procurement	15 398 000 EUR	28,43 %
TOTAL		100,00 %

Overview of the 2014-2020 Implementation

FUNDS allocated to the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

Art. 7 of Regulation 1381/2013	439 473 000 EUR
2014 Budgetary procedure: additional allocation to Budget line 33 02 02	500 000 EUR
2014 -2020 Total Amount	439 973 000 EUR

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS on the basis of current implementation

GROUP of specific objectives - Budget lines	Total Amount 2014	% of the 2014-2020 Total Amount
Group 2 – Budget line 33 02 01	23 007 000 EUR	5,24 %
Group 1 – Budget line 33 02 02	31 151 000 EUR	7,09 %
TOTAL	54 158 000 EUR	12,32 %

These amounts do not include the contributions of EFTA States that are party to the EEA or of candidate countries, potential candidates and countries acceding to the Union, which will possibly participate in the Programme, subject to the conclusion of an agreement.

At present, the countries participating in the Programme are all the Member States. Should third countries conclude an agreement with the Union on their participation in the Programme as of 2014, this will be announced in the relevant call for proposals and/or on the Programme's website.

The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. The European added value of actions, including that of small-scale and national actions, shall be assessed in the light of criteria such as their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law, and to wide public awareness about the rights deriving from it, their potential to develop mutual trust among Member States and to improve cross-border cooperation, their transnational impact, their contribution to the elaboration and dissemination of best practices or their potential to contribute to the creation of minimum standards, practical tools and solutions that address cross-border or Union-wide challenges.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and shall support gender mainstreaming and the mainstreaming of non-discrimination.

1. BUDGET LINE 33 02 01: ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND EMPOWERING CITIZENS

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the five objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2):	15 800 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management (1.3.):	2 160 000 EUR
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4):	5 047 000 EUR

Indicative breakdown per specific objective:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	Amount
Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence	12 460 000 EUR
Action grants (1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3)	10 500 000 EUR
Operating grants (1.3.1, 1.3.3)	1 960 000 EUR
to promote and protect the rights of the child	4 544 000 EUR
Action grants (1.2.4)	3 800 000 EUR
Operating grants (1.3.1, 1.3.3)	200 000 EUR
Procurement (1.4.1)	544 000 EUR
to contribute to ensuring the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data	993 000 EUR
Procurement (1.4.1)	993 000 EUR
to promote and enhance the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union	2 510 000 EUR
Action grants (1.2.5)	1 500 000 EUR
Procurement (1.4.1, 1.4.2)	1 010 000 EUR
to enable individuals in their capacity as consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market to enforce their rights deriving from Union law, having regard to the projects funded under the Consumer Programme	2 500 000 EUR
Procurement (1.4.1)	2 500 000 EUR
TOTAL	23 007 000 EUR

1.2. Action Grants

1.2.1. Call for proposals to support transnational projects aiming to prevent, inform about and combat violence against women, young people and children linked to harmful practices

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The Commission will fund practical projects related to combating and preventing violence linked to harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation, forced or early marriage or forced sexual relationships, so-called "honour crimes" committed against women, young people and children.

This call will fund activities aiming at:

- promoting an integrated approach, by developing multi-sectorial guides and protocols for child protection system actors and other actors in contact with victims or potential victims of harmful practices;
- changing attitudes among relevant communities, including through dialogue, mutual learning and exchange of good practice.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation activities;
- awareness-raising, information, dissemination activities.

Projects must incorporate direct participation of the communities, including targeted awareness-raising, education as well as promotion of dialogue within practising communities.

Projects must take a child-centred approach and/or a gender-sensitive approach depending on the end beneficiary target group.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least three participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
- (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Daphne – Harmful Practices	Q4 2014	4 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.2.2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects linked to supporting victims of violence

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priorities of this call are:

- support services for victims of gender-based violence. Under this priority the Commission will fund projects developing targeted and integrated support for victims with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence, victims of gender based violence or victims of violence in close or intimate relationships;
- support services for child victims of violence with a child-centred and child rights approach;
- support services for other groups at risk of violence in close or intimate relationships.

Projects funded under this call will also strengthen implementation of the Directive on the rights of victims (2012/29/EU) that provides an obligation to "ensure access for victims and their family members to general victim support and specialist support, in accordance to their needs".

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects should focus in particular on one or more of the following actions:

- capacity building for staff providing specialised victim support (e.g. through shelters and other forms of safe, accessible alternative accommodation, legal advice, medical and psychological counselling, hotlines or other essential services for victims and their families);
- capacity building in relation to gender-specific issues and child-specific issues, for first points of contact for victims of violence so that they can better meet the specific needs of vulnerable victims, including signposting them to more specialist support services;
- development of integrated and targeted strategies to enhance multi-disciplinary cooperation between relevant actors providing support to victims, including in the fields of health, education, employment and social assistance;
- specific support programmes to empower in particular the most vulnerable victims, such as persons with disabilities, migrants, Roma, persons belonging to ethnic minorities, LGBTI and elderly women, children in alternative care and street children.

Projects must take a child-centred approach and/or a gender-sensitive approach depending on the end beneficiaries targeted.

The proposed projects may allow for adaptations or customisation in line with the situation in individual countries, but the overall objectives and methods must be the same for all participating countries.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least three participating countries;
 - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
 - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Daphne – Victims	Q4 2014	4 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

Funding under this call may be combined with funding under the Justice Programme on the implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU on the rights of victims.

1.2.3. Call for proposals to support transnational projects linked to children as victims of bullying at school, in residential care settings and in detention

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against

children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority of the call will be **to combat bullying against children** at school, in residential care settings and in detention.

Pooling resources, experience and identified best practices towards developing and implementing anti-bullying programmes will allow for a better understanding of the different national contexts, provide a mutually beneficial learning experience and bring into contact organisations from across the EU in order to tackle a problem that through the use of social media and the internet is very international.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation activities;
- training.

In particular, it will fund projects of organisations across the EU working together to develop and roll out, or roll out previously developed and piloted comprehensive anti-bullying policy and programmes in schools, residential care settings and detention. Projects funded under this priority must involve children, teachers and staff, as well as parents, in a participatory and empowering manner. Projects on bullying in school may also cover social networking sites as an extension of bullying in schools. The proposed projects may allow for adaptations or customisation in line with the situation in individual countries, but the overall objectives and methods must be the same for all participating countries.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
(a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
(b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least three participating countries;
(c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
(d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;

(b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Daphne – Bullying	Q4 2014	1 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.2.4. Call for proposals to support transnational projects aiming to build capacity for professionals in child protection systems and legal professionals representing children in legal proceedings

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote and protect the rights of the child

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call for proposals will support capacity building for professionals in child protection systems and legal professionals/practitioners representing children in judicial proceedings, by promoting good practices in the development of training modules grounded in EU and international standards and in rolling out training in the participating countries. Priority will be given to projects that focus on or explicitly include a majority of children from vulnerable groups. All projects should not only develop a sound methodology using recognized existing good practice or tried and tested intervention models, but also consist of a large proportion of concrete and practical delivery to the specific target groups identified, ultimately to improve children's experience of the judicial system.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- Capacity-building for practitioners/professionals working with or for children in alternative care and detention. This may include training to address the rights of the child and how to communicate with children in an age- and context-appropriate manner, in accordance with UNCRC Article 12.
- Capacity-building for lawyers representing children in criminal, administrative and civil justice on innovative methods used to promote and protect the rights of the child, such as:
 - test cases and class actions;
 - practical implementation of the third optional protocol to the UNCRC on a communications procedure;
 - recourse to the European Committee of Social Rights or the European Court of Human Rights.

This may include development and delivery of new training modules or delivery of previously tried and tested training modules.

- Capacity-building for legal and other practitioners such as social and health workers, and the police. This may include development and delivery of new training modules or delivery of previously tried and tested training modules on child-friendly justice. Specific focus should be on interdisciplinary training on the rights and needs of children of different age groups, on proceedings that are adapted to them in the context of implementation of UNCRC Article 12 as well as on early intervention and preventative approaches (including support to families).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least four participating countries;
 - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 100 000;
 - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
(e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Rights of the child	Q2 2014	3 800 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.2.5. Call for proposals to support national projects aiming to promote Union citizenship policies

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote and enhance the exercise of rights deriving from citizenship of the Union

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call for proposals will support projects promoting Union citizenship policies, in particular facilitating the exercise of the right to free movement and the electoral rights deriving from the citizenship. The priorities of the call will be:

- To raise awareness and improve knowledge about the EU rules on free movement, in particular Directive 2004/38/EC.
- To foster the successful inclusion and participation of mobile EU citizens in the host EU country's civic and political life.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- improving the knowledge and expertise on the EU rules on free movement, in particular Directive 2004/38/EC, of local/regional/national authorities involved in implementing these rules;
- raising the awareness of EU citizens of their right to free movement and their ability to effectively enforce their rights;

- developing, identifying and promoting the exchange and dissemination of best practices implemented across the EU at local/regional/national level to foster the successful inclusion and participation of mobile EU citizens in the host EU country's civic and political life (eg. through one-stop-shop information services addressed to newcomers, by promoting the participation of EU citizens coming from another Member States in local elections etc).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
 - (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – EU citizenship	Q3 2014	1 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.3. *Operating Grants*

1.3.1. *Call for proposals for operating grants 2014 to support European networks active in the Daphne or Rights of the Child area*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- **Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
- **to promote and protect the rights of the child**

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to support the 2014 annual work programme of European networks whose statutory aims are to prevent and combat violence against children and/or women, and to protect victims of such violence, or to promote and protect the rights of the child¹. These priorities may be further specified in the call for proposals.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The grant will finance the expenditure linked to the normal activities of such networks and the costs of general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of the organisation. Only costs incurred after the grant application was submitted may be considered as eligible costs.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria
 - (a) The applicant must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
 - (b) The applicant must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network. This network must be organised at European level, i.e. have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Networks active in the area of female genital mutilation (FGM) must have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 10 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application; the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
 - (c) The network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme in the areas of Daphne or rights of the child;
 - (d) The applicant must seek co-financing for the costs to be incurred during the implementation of the annual work programme of the organisation for its 2014 financial year;
 - (e) The application must seek an EU grant that must be between EUR 75 000 and 250 000.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain its activities during the period of implementation of the

¹ Grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

proposed work programme;
(b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the period during which the work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposal;
- (c) European added value of the proposal;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Operating Grants – Daphne/Rights of the child	Q2 2014	1 080 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

1.3.2. Call for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) to support European networks active in the Daphne or Rights of the Child area

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- **Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
- **to promote and protect the rights of the child**

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to establish 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) with European networks whose statutory aims are to prevent and combat violence against children and/or women, and to protect victims of such violence; or to promote and protect the rights of the child². The annual grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework

² Grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in these areas.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities with EU added value.

The annual operating grant to be provided based on these Framework Partnership Agreements will finance the expenditure linked to the activities of these networks, insofar as they are in line with the objectives of the Programme in the areas concerned and with the annual priorities that may be established by the Commission. The costs of general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of these organisations may also be covered.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
 - (b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Networks active in the area of female genital mutilation (FGM) must have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 10 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
 - (c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme in the areas of Daphne or rights of the child.
2. The applicants for Framework Partnership must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 3-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 3-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;
 - (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 3-year period during which the proposed outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the outline 3-year work programme;
 - (c) European added value of the outline 3-year work programme;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
FPA – Daphne/Rights of the child	Q3 2014	<i>n.a.</i>

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.3.3. Operating grant 2015 to Framework Partners active in the Daphne or Rights of the Child area

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- **Daphne – to prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk, in particular groups at risk of violence in close relationships, and to protect victims of such violence**
- **to promote and protect the rights of the child**

BUDGET LINE

33 02 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This grant aims to support the 2015 annual work programme of European networks active in the Daphne and Rights of the Child area which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission (see activity 1.3.2).

Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of Framework Partners addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
Operating Grants under FPA– Daphne/Rights of the child	Q4 2014	1 080 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.4. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2014 for this budget line amounts to 5 207 000 EUR.

1.4.1. Procurement activities of DG Justice (incl. cross sub-delegation to DIGIT)

Legal basis

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Budget line

33 02 01

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (*in brackets: indicative types of contracts envisaged, indicative timeframe for launch of procedure*)

In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, seminars may be held and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is 4 957 000 EUR. It may cover in particular the following actions:

- (a) Specific objective: Rights of the Child
 - European Forum on the Rights of the child (Q4 2014);
 - Transfer of Kids' Corner section on rights of the child content to Europa website (Q3 2014);
 - Follow-up to 2013 Forum on the Rights of the Child (round tables) (Q3-4 2014);
 - Meetings of the children in judicial proceedings steering group and round table (Q2 2014);
- (b) Specific objective: Data protection
 - Studies to support the implementation of the data protection reform, once agreement is reached between the Council and the European Parliament on the reform package

(studies on the application of the data protection reform, preparation of necessary documents for facilitating application of the reform, studies regarding adequacy of third countries data protection laws, and studies related to international agreements in the field of data protection) (Q3-4 2014);

- Preparation of the implementation of the consistency mechanism with data protection authorities (Q3-4 2014);

- Meetings of network of experts and academics in the field of data protection (Q2-4 2014);

- Data protection day, other international conferences and workshops on data protection (Q2-4 2014);

- Annual Report on the situation regarding the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data in the European Union (Q4 2014);

- Studies on the external dimension of data protection (studies regarding adequacy of third countries' data protection laws, and studies related to international agreements in the field of data protection) (Q3-4 2014).

(c) Specific objective: Citizenship

- Studies on the citizenship rights including free movement and residence policy and political rights of Union citizens (Q2 2014);

- Meetings of network of experts on Union citizenship (Q2 2014);

- Website for improving awareness on Union citizenship rights (cross subdelegation to DIGIT);

- Activities aiming at facilitating administrative cooperation and inform public authorities on Union citizenship rights, including consular protection for unrepresented Union citizens (Q2 2014);

(d) Specific objective: Consumer rights

- Economic study on the impact of a fragmented legal framework on the uptake of cloud computing services in the EU (Q3 2014);

- Study on the impact of differences in national insurance laws on cross-border trade in the insurance sector (Q2 2014);

- Study on the legal fragmentation of the Single Market in cross-border sale of goods and services with focus on e-commerce (Q2 2014);

- Study on the effectiveness and equivalence of the protection granted by national laws on civil procedure to ensure that EU consumer legislation is taken into account in civil proceedings (Q2 2014);

- ex-post evaluation of the consumer awareness-raising campaign on consumer rights (Q4 2014);

- Consumer Law Database (content update, hosting, maintenance) (cross subdelegation to DIGIT);

- Follow-up activities for the consumer awareness raising campaign on consumer rights based on the evaluation (e.g. banner campaign, mailing or reprinting the information materials) (Q4 2014);

- Workshops on various consumer rights areas (Unfair Commercial Practises Directive, Misleading and Comparative Advertising Directive, Guidelines for the Consumer Rights Directive, consumer rights in the digital environment, Timeshare Directive, Unfair Contract Terms Directive) (Q2-4 2014)
- Transposition checks of the Consumer Rights Directive (Q3 2014);
- Development of the Comprehensive Consumer Law Database (incorporating Consumer Law Compendium and reworking the IT platform) (Q2, Q4 2014).

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 17

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 21

Implementation

By DG Justice (except if specified differently)

1.4.2. Contribution to institutional communication - Procurement activities of DG COMM

Legal basis

Art. 4 and 5 (1) (c) Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Budget line

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Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

In accordance with Articles 5 (1) (c) and 7 (2) of the basic act, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme will contribute in 2014 to the institutional communication priorities of the Union, as defined by the Commission in the Communication "Corporate Communication under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020", SEC(2013) 486/2 of 23.09.2013.

In line with the general objectives of the Programme (Article 3), corporate communication will aim to raise public awareness about the EU as a whole, its values and political priorities, therefore contributing to the creation of an area, where the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, are promoted and protected.

This means that the contribution from the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme may be used for the issues highlighted for corporate communication in 2014 – growth and jobs on the one hand and the debate on the future of Europe/European Parliament elections on the other.

Institutional communication will be implemented in 2014 through an integrated communication campaign, promoting the EU's activities.

In particular, the campaign will increase citizen's knowledge and understanding of different policies the European Union it puts in place to stimulate the growth of the European economy.

The campaign will use multiple channels to deliver a clear and consistent message to a variety of audiences and it will have to actively engage with citizens, seeking their views and promoting a permanent dialogue.

The campaign will be evaluated by using evaluation and measurement techniques.

Indicatively, the campaign will be implemented through a specific service contract for example via the Framework Service Contract COMM PO/2011-9/A1 and other framework contracts including for evaluation.

Indicative amount

250 000 EUR

Implementation

By DG COMM based on a co-delegation

2. BUDGET LINE 33 02 02: PROMOTING NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUALITY

2.1. Introduction

On the basis of the four objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (2.2):	13 950 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management (2.3.):	6 850 000 EUR
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (2.4):	10 351 000 EUR

Table breakdown per specific objectives:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	Total Amount
to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter	11 080 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.1)	3 450 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.1, 2.3.2)	2 500 000 EUR
Operating grant to de facto monopoly (2.3.3)	950 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4.1)	4 180 000 EUR
to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance	5 790 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.2., 2.2.3)	5 350 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.1, 2.3.2)	250 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4.2)	190 000 EUR
to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities	5 896 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.4)	1 550 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.1, 2.3.2)	2 200 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4.3)	2 146 000 EUR
to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming	8 385 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.5, 2.2.6)	3 600 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.1, 2.3.2)	950 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4.4)	3 835 000 EUR
TOTAL	31 151 000 EUR

2.2. Action Grants

2.2.1. Call for proposals to support activities on non-discrimination and Roma integration

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The Commission will support activities which:

- tackle at least one of the grounds of discrimination of Art. 19 TFEU by;

- developing national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation;
- implementing more effectively the legislation on non-discrimination adopted following the Racial Equality Directive and the Employment Framework Directive;
- increasing relevant stakeholders' knowledge of EU and national policies and legislation in the antidiscrimination field;
- increasing the level of citizen's knowledge of their rights in cases of discrimination.

or

- promote Roma integration, aiming to support the implementation of national Roma inclusion strategies or integrated sets of policy measures and the Council Recommendation on Roma integration.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The scope of projects can be either transnational or national, including the implementation of activities at regional or local level.

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection and surveys;
- conducting scientific research or other scientific activities in the field of anti-discrimination;
- monitoring the implementation of non-discrimination legislation;
- training of professionals;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities (including at local level), such as seminars, conferences, campaigns or social media and press activities.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
 - (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Non-discrimination/Roma	Q3 2014	3 450 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects on exchange of best practices to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

BUDGET LINE

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priorities of this call would be the exchange of best practices to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and homophobia and other forms of intolerance, to cover in particular the use of criminal law as response to racism, xenophobia and homophobia, and the use of other tools (e.g. ethic codex, community-building, awareness raising). Priority will be given to projects covering many participating countries.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund mutual learning and cooperation activities; in particular, it will fund projects aiming at sharing concrete best practices that are likely to increase efficient prevention as well as effective responses to racist, xenophobic and homophobic incidents, by means of criminal law or by other means. Projects on the use of criminal law should involve representatives of law enforcement authorities, prosecutors, and members of the judiciary, projects on prevention should involve actors having influence on the public opinion (such as media, local decision-makers etc.). Priority will be given to projects involving a large number of participating countries. The activities should result in the production of a manual summarising best practices, which could be disseminated to all relevant stakeholders in the participating countries. Wide dissemination of results and concrete recommendations to relevant stakeholders in all participating countries should be foreseen in the proposals.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least five participating countries;
 - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 300 000;
 - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Racism – Best practices	Q2 2014	1 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.3. Call for proposals to support transnational projects on monitoring and reporting on hate crime and hate speech in the internet

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The projects shall contribute to the development of efficient monitoring and reporting mechanisms for racist, xenophobic and homophobic hate speech and hate crime on the internet and to improve the existing monitoring/reporting mechanisms. They will thereby support the effective, comprehensive and consistent implementation, application and monitoring of Framework decision 2008/913/JHA.

The funding will be awarded to a few larger projects that would ideally cover all participating countries, and in any case a high number of them.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund projects focusing on:

- monitoring and data collection concerning the existence of racist/xenophobic/homophobic websites in participating countries;
- sharing of best practices among participating countries where such mechanisms exist (e.g. Ireland, Italy);
- development of efficient reporting mechanisms for victims of hate crimes (particular focus should be put on the sustainability of reporting beyond the life of the project);
- wide dissemination to relevant stakeholders in all participating countries and to the wider

public, aiming to encourage victims or witnesses of racist or xenophobic incident to report.

Proposals should ensure close cooperation between relevant authorities of the participating countries. They should include a strategy on how to reach effectively relevant public authorities and foresee an analysis of their follow up of concrete incidents to be reported through proposed reporting mechanisms.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
 - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least five participating countries;
 - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 300 000;
 - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Racism – Hate crime/hate speech	Q2 2014	3 850 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.4. Call for proposals to support national projects on voluntary mutual recognition of disability benefits associated to a disability card (European Disability Card)

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective of the EU model disability card (proposed working title "InclEUusive card") is to facilitate cross-border travelling in the EU of persons with disabilities. Such a scheme of mutual recognition of the disability status would be based on a single European card for persons with disabilities.

In a number of EU Member States national or regional disability cards mostly give access to certain benefits, notably in the areas of tourism, culture and transport. However, there is currently no mutual recognition between the Member States of the disability status or the benefits attached to this status. Therefore, persons with disabilities travelling to another EU country are often not treated equally to nationals as their cards are not recognised outside their countries.

The "InclEUusive card" would imply recognition of the disability status and would give equal access to the same benefits to the card holders from other participating countries as to national card holders, for example in the areas of culture, leisure, sport, transport and tourism.

The Commission will facilitate the preparatory and launch phase of the "InclEUusive card" by giving initial support until the project reaches cruising speed. However, the InclEUusive card should not become dependent on continuous EU funding.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The call will aim to support the launch and start-up phase of the InclEUusive card in the Member States that are participating in the Project Working Group on the development of the card. In particular the support will contribute to:

1. setting up the respective inclEUusive card national organisations (governmental or non-governmental entities) whose main tasks will be: a) issuing the card; and b) collecting the benefits and maintaining contacts with service providers;
2. establishing the respective national package of benefits that Member States are ready to mutualise and taking the necessary national measures to make that possible (e.g. setting up of a database).

The applicant must confirm that he accepts the main principles for cooperating in the "InclEUusive card" and that he intends to remain part of it in the future, after the finalisation of this grant.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant must be a public entity duly established in one of the Member States participating in the Project Working Group on the development of the card or a non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the Member States participating in the Project Working Group on the development of the InclEUusive card and mandated by the relevant national authorities;
 - (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
 - (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action taking into account the specific requirements for the implementation of the InclEUusive card and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
 - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
 - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
 - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
 - (c) European added value of the project;
 - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
 - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Disability – European Disability Card	Q3 2014	1 550 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.5. Call for proposals to support Member States' activities to improve gender equality in national policies and programmes

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call for proposals will aim to support national actors in promoting equality between women and men, to improve gender mainstreaming in the policies and programmes of the participating countries, and to achieve the objectives defined in the European Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015 and the European Pact for equality between women and men. The funded projects will seek the integration of European goals of equality in national policies. Priority will be given to projects dealing with equal economic independence, including aspects such as reconciliation of professional and private life.

The results of the projects will contribute to the knowledge, understanding and development of the European Strategy and the European Pact for equality between women and men. They will improve the image of the EU and stimulate activities at European level. They include exchange of experiences and best practices on a transnational scale among the participating countries and stimulate dialogue and cooperation across national borders and cultural boundaries.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Activities funded will encompass:

- training of professionals (i.e. civil servants);
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation;
- awareness raising, information, dissemination.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the application must be submitted:

(i) by the national authority in charge of the policy on equality between women and men (if an application is submitted by this authority, applications submitted by other entities will be ineligible); or

(ii) by the body responsible for gender equality at national level (i.e. [body referred to in Art. 20 of the Directive 2006/54/EC](#)) (If no application is submitted by the national authority under (i), an application submitted by the body responsible for gender equality at national level will be eligible); or

(iii) by another national authority (only if no application is submitted by the two entities under (i) and (ii), will an application submitted by another national authority be eligible);

(b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 100 000;

(c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;

(b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient

sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Gender Equality	Q4 2014	3 350 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.6. Action grant to monopoly – Presidency conference

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming

Article 190(1)(c) of the Rules of Application

Presidency Conferences, highly political in nature and requiring representation at the highest level both from national authorities and European representatives, are to be organised exclusively by the Member State holding the Presidency. Given the unique role of the Presidency in the framework of EU activities, the Member State responsible for the organisation of the event is considered as a monopoly.

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

One Presidency conference will be financed and will aim to enhance awareness and promote the debate about key challenges and policy issues on equality between women and men among stakeholders and civil society at Member States' level.

Description of the activities to be funded

This grant aims to support one Presidency Conference in 2015 in the area of equality between women and men.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite in writing the applicant to submit a proposals. The Commission will verify that the applicant satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed activities address the priorities of the Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015 (COM(2010) 491 final);
- (b) quality of the proposal, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the activities;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the proposed activities.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
Action Grants – Gender Equality - Presidency	Q4 2014	250 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3. *Operating Grants*

2.3.1. *Call for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) to support European networks active in the areas of non-discrimination; racism, xenophobia, homophobia or other forms of intolerance; disabilities; or equality between women and men*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter;
- to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance;
- to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;

- to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming.

BUDGET LINE

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Objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to establish 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) with European networks whose statutory aims are to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination; to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities; to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming. The annual grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the policies in these areas.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and who will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities.

The annual operating grant to be provided based on these Framework Partnership Agreements will finance the expenditure linked to the activities of these networks, insofar as they are in line with the objectives of the Programme in the areas concerned and with the annual priorities that may be established by the Commission. The costs of general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of these organisations may also be covered.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
 - (b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 15 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
 - (c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme in the areas of non-discrimination; or racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; or rights of persons with disabilities; or equality between women and men.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
 - (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 3-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 3-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;
 - (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 3-year period during which the proposed

outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the outline 3-year work programme;
- (c) European added value of the outline 3-year work programme;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
FPA – Non-discrimination/Racism/Disability/Gender Equality	Q3 2014	<i>n.a.</i>

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3.2. *Operating grants 2015 to Framework Partners active in the areas of non-discrimination; racism, xenophobia, homophobia or other forms of intolerance; disabilities; or equality between women and men*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objectives:

- to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter;
- to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance;
- to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;
- to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to support the 2015 annual work programme of European networks which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission (see activity 2.3.1) and whose statutory aims are to promote the effective implementation of the principle of

non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation; to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities; or to promote equality between women and men and to advance gender mainstreaming.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
Operating Grants under FPA – Non-discrimination/Racism/Disability/Gender Equality	Q4 2014	5 900 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3.3. *Operating grant 2015 to de facto monopoly - EQUINET*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Specific objective: to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter

Article 190(1)(c) of the Rules of Application
Article 13 of Directive 2000/43/EC

BUDGET LINE

33 02 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The beneficiary of the grant will be EQUINET AISBL (registered in Belgium). EQUINET was created in 2007 and its members are National Equality Bodies as established by Article 13 of Directive 2000/43/EC. This article provides that Member States will designate a body or bodies for the promotion of equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on grounds of racial or ethnic origin. These bodies may form part of agencies charged at national level with the defence of human rights or the safeguarding of individuals' rights. As the designation of equality bodies by the Member States is required by Article 13 of Directive 2000/43/EC, these organisations are well identified.

EQUINET is in a de facto monopoly situation, because this is the only network which can ensure coordination of activities and exchange of good practices between Equality bodies foreseen by the Directive 2000/43/EC.

Member States must also ensure that the competences of these bodies include independent assistance to victims of discrimination in pursuing their complaints about discrimination, conducting independent surveys concerning discrimination and finally publishing independent reports and making recommendations on any issue relating to such discrimination.

The Commission considers that the National Equality Bodies play a key role in the actual implementation of Directive 2000/43/EC. This is comprehensive legislation taking a rights-based approach, so it will work only if citizens take cases to court. That is why there is a need for comprehensive support by the equality bodies, both in terms of direct support to the individuals and in terms of research and awareness-raising. The work with the equality bodies to date has shown a very varied level of knowledge and working methods among the 27 equality bodies. Consequently, European sharing of best practice is crucial to get a common level of protection of citizen's across the EU.

Description of the activities to be funded

This grant aims to support the activities implemented in 2015 by the network of the equality bodies and encourage the sharing of experiences and good practices between them.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite EQUINET in writing to submit its proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities announced by the Commission;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

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Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
Operating Grant – de facto monopoly	Q4 2014	950 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95 %

2.4. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2014 for this budget line amounts to EUR 10 351 000.

2.4.1. Procurement activities of DG Justice

Legal basis

Art. 4 and 5 Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013

Budget line

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Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (*in brackets: indicative types of contracts envisaged, indicative timeframe for launch of procedure*)

In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, seminars may be held and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is EUR 10 351 000. It may cover in particular the following actions:

(a) Specific objective: non-discrimination

- Training of legal and policy practitioners on non-discrimination (Q2 2014);
- Network of legal experts in the field of non-discrimination (Q2 2014);
- Citizens guide on how to present an anti-discrimination claim (brochure/annex to implementation report on anti-discrimination directives) (Q2 2014);
- Communication activities (Journalist Award, newsletter, database) (Q2 2014);
- Activities on Roma integration: Roma Platform, National Roma Contact Point meetings, ad hoc pilot/working group, Round Tables with civil society & international organisations (Q2-4 2014);
- Data collection and development of indicators on equality - updating the 2007 handbook with indicators from DG ESTAT, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), open method of coordination (OMC), EU2020 Strategy and other sources & providing guidance to national authorities on data collection on equality (Q4 2014);
- The business case for diversity: follow up to the current project on the EU Exchange

Platform of Diversity Charter on developing and strengthening diversity policies by companies (working groups, exchange of good practices, diversity tools to set up and measure benefits of diversity for companies etc.) (Q2 2014);

- Study/research to deepen the understanding of good practices in LGBT areas (Q3 2014);

- Good practice exchange seminars with Member States on specific topics of common interest, Governmental Expert Group (Q3 2014);

- Diversity Award for public authorities promoting outstanding policies, practices and projects at national and local level aiming at promoting equality (Q3 2014);

(b) Specific objective: racism and xenophobia

- Expert seminars, exchanges of information and good practices and other support activities (Q2-4 2014);

(c) Specific objective: disabilities

- Production of European Disability Card "InclEUusive card" (Q4 2014);

- Training of legal practitioners on the UN Convention and on the disability provisions in EU legislation (Q3 2014);

- Work Forum on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Q4 2014);

- Study on effectiveness of the implementation of disability-relevant EU legislation and policies in the Member States and related relevant measures (Q3 2014);

- European Day of Disabled people - Mobilizing stakeholders for the promotion and exchange of good practices on disability issues (Q4 2014);

(d) Specific objective: gender equality

- Training of legal and policy practitioners on gender equality (Q4 2014);

- Network of legal experts in the field of gender equality (Q2 2014);

- Workshops on exchange of good practices on gender equality (Q2 2014);

- Database on the participation of women in decision-making positions (Q2 2014);

- European Equal Pay Day activities (Q4 2014);

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 12

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 11

Indicative number of contract renewals: 3

Implementation

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