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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Decision 2007/252/EC of 19 April 2007 establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme Fundamental rights and citizenship as part of the General programme Fundamental Rights and Justice<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 9(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 75 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Implementing Rules'), and in particular Article 90 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 75 of the Financial Regulation and Article 90(1) of the Implementing Rules, the commitment of expenditure from the Union budget shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the action involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.
- (2) In accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation and Article 9(2) of Decision 2007/252/EC, the Commission shall adopt an annual work programme.
- (3) The 2012 work programme being a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 90(2) and (3) of the Implementing Rules, the present decision constitutes a financing decision for the expenditure provided in the work programme for grants and procurement.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 110, 27.4.2007, p. 33.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (4) Under Article 168(1) d) of the Implementing Rules, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in the case of bodies identified in Article 4 d) of Decision 2007/252/EC.
- (5) The financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of the Implementing Rules.
- (6) For the application of this decision, it is appropriate to define the terms "substantial change" within the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules.
- (7) In accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 9(3) of Decision No 2007/252/EC, the committee was consulted and delivered a favourable opinion on the work programme for 2012.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme in 2012, as set out in the annex, is hereby adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 75 (2) of the Financial Regulation.

#### *Article 2*

Without prejudice to the last paragraph, the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision for the implementation of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme is set at EUR 15 300 000 to be financed from the budgetary line no 33 02 04 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2012.

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2012 after the adoption of the budget for 2012 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the provisional twelfths.

#### *Article 3*

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

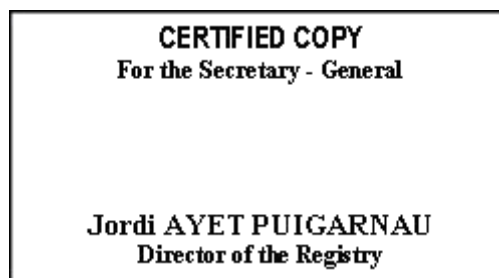
The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

*Article 4*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies identified in Article 4 d) of Council Decision No 2007/252/EC, in accordance with the conditions detailed in the annexed work programme.

Done at Brussels, 7.12.2011

*For the Commission*  
*Viviane REDING*  
*Vice-President of the Commission*



## ANNEX

### ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2012

#### **Specific Programme "Fundamental rights and citizenship"**

#### **1. GENERAL CONTEXT**

##### **1.1. Policy and Legal Context**

On 19 April 2007, the Council adopted the Decision No 2007/252/EC<sup>4</sup>, establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Fundamental rights and citizenship "(FRC) as part of the General Programme on "Fundamental Rights and Justice" (hereinafter referred to as the "basic act"), in order to contribute to the strengthening of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice over the period of 2007 - 2013. This Decision specifies the general and specific objectives of the Programme and the specific activities to be implemented.

The Commission will seek to avoid any duplication between the actions supported by this Programme and the activities of international organisations competent in the field of fundamental rights, such as the Council of Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

This work programme reflects the policy orientations taken in the Stockholm Programme

##### **1.2. Objectives of the programme**

###### **General objectives:**

- (1) To promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights;
- (2) To strengthen civil society and to encourage an open, transparent and regular dialogue with it in respect of fundamental rights;
- (3) To fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism and promote better interfaith and intercultural understanding and improved tolerance in the EU;
- (4) To improve contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions, for a better mutual understanding.

##### **1.3. Target group and beneficiaries**

The programme is targeted at European Union citizens, citizens of participating countries or third countries nationals legally residing within the European Union territory and civil society associations, among other groups active in promoting the objectives of the programme. The beneficiaries of the funding under this programme could be institutions and public or private organisations, universities, research institutes, non-governmental organisations, national,

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 110, 27.4.2007, p. 33

regional and local authorities, international organisations and other non-profit organisations established in the European Union.

## 2. BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FOR 2012

### Budget line: 33 02 04

For 2012, the total annual budget available for the specific Programme Fundamental Rights and Citizenship is EUR 15 300 000.

The annual work programme consists of the following parts and types of action:

Part	Types of actions	Envisaged budget in EUR
<b>Grants</b>		
A	Action grants to specific transnational projects of Union interest (call for proposals)	EUR 12 235 000
B	Operating grants to support the annual activity programme of non-governmental organisations or other entities (call for proposals)	EUR 600 000
C	Operating grants for organisations mentioned in the basic act	EUR 400 000
<b>Actions on the initiative of the commission</b>		
	Specific actions initiated by the Commission (public procurement)	EUR 2 065 000
	<b>Total:</b>	EUR 15 300 000

## 3. ACTION GRANTS (CO-FINANCING FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS)

### 3.1. Priorities for 2012:

The grants provided under this heading shall co-finance projects within the scope of the Fundamental Rights and Justice Programme. The call for proposals shall focus in particular on the annual priorities described below.

## **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**

Overall priority will be given to large-scale projects built on a wide partnership involving organisations from a significant number of Member States and offering a true European scope and relevance. Actions that duplicate other activities in this area, particularly in the framework of other related EU funding programmes, will not be retained.

### ***Informing on where the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights applies and where to turn to if fundamental rights are violated***

In order to strengthen a shared culture of fundamental rights within the European Union and the effective enforcement of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, the Commission seeks to promote information and training activities to improve the knowledge and understanding of the scope and application of the Charter. Priority will be given to projects with a focus on directing individuals who believe their fundamental rights have been violated towards the appropriate authorities.

### ***Promoting the Rights of the Child***

Priority will be given to actions that develop best practices and tools for professionals working with and for children in communicating with children in a way adapted to their age and stages of development, as well as with children in situations of particular vulnerability.

Identification and development of effective approaches to involve children in matters that concern them with the aim to empower children and to build a base for their meaningful participation at local, regional and national levels will also be supported.

### ***Combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism***

The Commission seeks to fund projects which aim to raise awareness on racism and xenophobia as well as projects which seek to inform law enforcement and judicial authorities on redress mechanisms.

### ***Fighting Homophobia: Enhanced/improved understanding and tolerance***

The Commission will support actions that emphasise the fundamental rights perspective in the fight against homophobia, in particular projects aimed at better identifying homophobic attitudes and stereotypes. Priority will be given to projects aimed at analysing and improving the redress and reporting mechanisms, methods, practices of hate speech and hate crimes.

## **CITIZENSHIP**

### ***Participation in the democratic life of the Union***

The Commission intends to promote information and civic education initiatives on the participation of Union citizens in the democratic life of the Union and, in particular, participation in European Parliament and municipal elections.

Priority will be given to projects focusing on the exercise of electoral rights of Union citizens in the Member States where they reside and of which they are not nationals. The Commission will support activities aimed at encouraging and supporting grassroots

initiatives and projects carried out by associations in which non national Union citizens, residing in another Member State than their own, are involved.

***Raise awareness about Union citizenship and the rights attached to it and identify obstacles to their effective exercise***

In the run up to 2013, designated as the European Year of Citizens, the Commission will support initiatives and projects aimed at

- raising awareness about Union citizenship, the rights attached to this status and its concrete benefits for Union citizens
- identifying obstacles to the effective exercise of these rights by Union citizens in their daily lives as well as solutions and best practices to tackle these obstacles, in line with the exercise launched by the EU Citizenship report 2010.

***Raise awareness and improve knowledge about the EU rules on free movement, in particular Directive 2004/38/EC***

With a view to enhancing on the ground the implementation of the right to free movement and residence for EU citizens and their family members, the Commission intends to support initiatives and projects that aim at improving:

- the knowledge and expertise on the EU rules on free movement, in particular Directive 2004/38/EC, of local/regional/national authorities whose tasks relate to issues arising from the exercise of free movement and residence by nationals of other Member States or who otherwise have frequent contact with newcomers from other Member States

and/or

- the awareness and knowledge of the EU citizens who make use of their right to free movement and residence.

***Facilitate sharing of knowledge and exchange of best practices on acquisition and loss of Union citizenship***

The introduction of Union citizenship does not compromise the principle of international law that States have the power to lay down the conditions for the acquisition and loss of nationality. This principle is not affected by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and has been confirmed in case-law of the European Court of Justice. According to this case-law, when exercising their powers in the sphere of nationality, Member States must have due regard to EU law, in so far as their relevant decisions affect the rights conferred and protected by the legal order of the Union.

The Commission will encourage initiatives and projects aimed at acquiring and sharing knowledge and exchanging experience on conditions and procedures for forfeiting Member States' nationality and, consequently, EU Citizenship, with a view to disseminating good practices and, where necessary, facilitating cooperation without encroaching on national competences.

## **DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY RIGHTS**

The development of a legal framework allowing the free circulation of information based on the protection of the fundamental rights of the individual and in particular their right to privacy with respect to the processing of personal data is an important task not only at European level but at international level as well.

Under this subject, priority actions should focus on:

- Training and awareness raising on data protection including general information on the fundamental right to the protection of personal data and awareness-raising campaigns, for example on the occasion of the European Data Protection Day (28<sup>th</sup> January);
- Improving practical cooperation between Data Protection Authorities;
- Reinforcing children's privacy in the on line environment;
- Identifying and tackling the challenges posed by new technologies for the fundamental right to data protection;
- Technological and organisational means to improve data protection compliance including privacy by design, Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs) and privacy seals.

### **3.2. Financial provisions**

The total amount foreseen for action grants is EUR 12 235 000.

The grant provided by the Programme should not cover the entire cost of the action; the EU contribution is limited to a maximum 80% of the total eligible cost of the action. Consequently, at least 20% of the total eligible costs must be covered by the applicant, the partners or by another fund provider. Contributions in kind cannot be included in the project budget as an expense and are not accepted as co-financing. Projects must be strictly non-profit making.

The Commission may award a grant lower than the amount requested.

Grants awarded shall be covered by a written agreement including the modalities for the reimbursement of a specified proportion of the eligible costs actually incurred. A grant agreement for an action with one beneficiary or with multiple beneficiaries will be used on a case by case basis, as appropriate. The agreement is a standard agreement, and its terms and conditions may not be altered or subject to negotiation.

As a general rule, the co-funding is provided in two instalments: a pre-financing payment corresponding up to 80% of the Commission grant on the signature of the grant agreement, and the balance on receipt and approval by the Commission of the final report and final financial statement. Based on individual risk assessment, the Commission may lower the percentage of the pre-financing, introduce an interim payment or request additional financial guarantees from the applicant. These additional conditions should be set out in the grant agreement.

### **3.3. Selection procedure**

Projects to be co-financed will be selected following a call for proposals. Proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation committee made up of Commission officials, possibly assisted by independent experts. The assessment will be carried out on the basis of the exclusion, eligibility, selection and award criteria described below and further detailed in the call for proposals.

#### **3.3.1. Exclusion criteria**

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the call for proposals if they are in one of the situations referred to in Articles 93(1), 94 and 96(2) (a) of the Financial Regulation.

#### **3.3.2. Eligibility criteria**

Projects must

- (a) be submitted by authorities, public or private organisations working on a non-profit basis, duly established in one of the Member States of the EU or by an international organisation;
- (b) be submitted by the deadline set in the call for proposals using only the online application tool of Directorate General Justice and must be presented on the standard forms, accompanied by all compulsory documents and annexes;
- (c) be transnational and involve organisations from at least two EU Member States;
- (d) have a duration of maximum 24 months;
- (e) seek EU co-financing of maximum up to 80% of the total eligible cost; the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (f) contain a balanced budget presenting the sources of co-financing other than the budget of the EU;
- (g) not be completed or started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

#### **3.3.3. Selection criteria**

In accordance with Articles 115 (1) and 116(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 176 of the Implementing Rules, proposals will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- (1) The applicant's sufficient operational and professional capacities to carry out the project;
- (2) The applicant's sufficient financial capacity to carry out the project.

### **3.3.4. Award criteria**

The award criteria aim to ensure the selection of actions with a high inherent quality, which contribute as much as possible to the FRC objectives and priorities in a cost-effective manner. Synergies and complementarities with other programmes as well as with other Union instruments will be sought. All projects submitted must be within the scope of the Programme and will be assessed against the criteria set forth in this work programme and detailed in the call for proposals.

The proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria.

- (1) Relevance to the annual priorities;
- (2) Quality of the proposed action;
- (3) European dimension: the partnership and geographical scope of the project;
- (4) Sustainability of the project, impact and dissemination;
- (5) Value for money.

These award criteria will be detailed further in the call for proposals.

### **3.4. Approximate Timetable**

The following provisional schedule is foreseen for the call proposals for the action grants:

Publication of the call on the Commission website:	Q4 2011
Deadline for submission of proposals:	Q1 2012
Opinion of the Programme Committee:	Q2 2012
Commission Decision:	Q2 2012
Commitments and grant agreements	Q3 2012
Projects' starting date :	Q3 2012

## **4. OPERATING GRANTS FOLLOWING CALLS FOR PROPOSALS**

Following a call for proposals, operating grants may be awarded to non-governmental, non-profit making organisations and bodies pursuing one or several objectives of the Programme with a European dimension.

### **4.1. Priorities for operating grants**

The aim of this grant is to support the implementation of the annual work programme of these entities for a period equal to their financial year starting in 2012 by co-financing the

expenditure linked to their normal activities as approved in their annual work programme and the costs of the general administrative expenditure necessary for the running of the body, and not, as opposed to action grants, to co-finance projects.

The statutory objectives pursued by the organisation should be in line with the objectives of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme and the activities included in their 2012 annual work programme should address the priorities of this annual work programme.

#### **4.2. Financial provisions**

The total amount foreseen for operating grants is EUR 600 000

The grant provided by the Programme should not cover the entire costs the applicant expects to incur in carrying out its activities during its financial year starting in 2012; the EU contribution is limited to a maximum of 80% of the total eligible operating budget of the organisation. Consequently, at least 20% of the total eligible operating costs must be covered by other sources. Contributions in kind cannot be included in the budget as an expense and are not accepted as co-financing.

The activities must be strictly non-profit making. If an organisation realizes a surplus balance on the operating budget, it may have to repay part of the grant paid to it by the Commission. The same organisation may not benefit from more than one operating grant (for the same period) from the budget of the European Union.

In accordance with the Financial Regulation, when operating grants are renewed from one year to another, they shall be gradually decreased.

The Commission may award a grant lower than the amount requested. Grants awarded shall be covered by a written agreement including the modalities for the reimbursement of a specified proportion of the eligible costs actually incurred. The agreement is a standard agreement, and its terms and conditions may not be altered or subject to negotiation.

As a general rule, the co-funding is provided in two instalments: a pre-financing payment corresponding up to 80% of the Commission grant on the signature of the grant agreement, and the balance on receipt and approval by the Commission of the final report and final financial statement. Based on individual risk assessment, the Commission may lower the percentage of the pre-financing, introduce an interim payment or request additional financial guarantees from the applicant. These additional conditions should be set out in the grant agreement.

#### **4.3. Selection procedure**

Operating grants to be co-financed will be selected following a call for proposals. Proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation committee made up of Commission officials, possibly assisted by independent experts.

The assessment will be carried out on the basis of the exclusion, eligibility, selection and award criteria described here below and further detailed in the call for proposals.

##### **4.3.1. Exclusion Criteria**

Applicants shall be excluded from participating in the call for proposals if they are in one or more of the situations listed in Articles 93 (1), 94 and 96(2) (a) of the Financial Regulation:

## **4.3.2. Eligibility Criteria**

### **4.3.2.1. Eligibility of the applicant**

To be eligible for an operating grant, organisations must fulfil all of the following requirements:

- (a) the applicant organisation should have legal personality duly established in one of the Member States of the EU;
- (b) the aims and objectives of the organisation declared in its statute or other official document establishing the organisation should be in line with the objectives of the Programme;
- (c) the applicant organisation must be strictly non-profit making;
- (d) the applicant organisation must
  - be an organisation that have a corporate or organisational structure in at least 10 EU Member States through their own offices or branches; or
  - represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network or organisations that work through an with partner/member organisations in at least 10 EU Member States. Only the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat /coordinator may submit an application, the member/partner organisations are not eligible to apply; or
  - represent organisations that are active via an informal network of organisations that carry out work with a common objective in at least 10 EU Member States. In that case the activities of the represented entities during the financial year 2012 are expected to result in the formalisation of the network either by setting up a formal legal entity or to adopt a document appointing one of the member organisations or a joint secretariat to coordinate the work of the network in the future.

### **4.3.2.2. Eligibility of the application**

In order to be eligible proposals

- (a) must be submitted by the deadline set out in the call for proposals using only the online application tool of Directorate General Justice and must be presented on the standard forms, accompanied by all compulsory documents and annexes;
- (b) must seek co-financing for the costs to be incurred during the implementation of the annual work programme of the organisation approved for its financial year starting in 2012, the maximum duration of the grant is 12 months;
- (c) must seek co-financing of maximum up to 80% of the total eligible cost; the EU grant applied for cannot be higher than 250 000 EUR;

- (d) must contain a balanced budget presenting the sources of co-financing other than budget of the EU.

#### **4.3.3. Selection Criteria**

In accordance with Article 116(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 176 of the Implementing Rules, proposals for operation which meet the eligibility criteria will be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- (a) The applicant's operational and professional competencies and capacities to implement the proposed activities;
- (b) The applicant's financial capability to carry out the proposed annual work programme and participate in its funding.

#### **4.3.4. Award Criteria**

The proposals meeting the selection criteria will be evaluated against the following award criteria:

- (a) Relevance to the annual priorities objectives;
- (b) Quality of the planned activities;
- (c) European dimension of the activities carried out;
- (d) Likely multiplier effect on the public of these activities and citizen involvement;
- (e) Cost/benefit ratio of the activities;

#### **4.4. Approximate Timetable**

The following provisional schedule is foreseen for the call proposals for the operating grants:

Publication of the call on the Commission website:	Q4 2011
Deadline for submission of proposals:	Q4 2011
Opinion of the Programme Committee:	Q1 2012
Commission Decision	Q1 2012
Commitments and grant agreements	Q1 2012

### **5. OPERATING GRANTS TO BODIES IDENTIFIED BY THE BASIC ACT**

The programme will use operating grants to co-finance the expenditure associated with the permanent work programme of the Conference of the European Constitutional Courts and the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the

European Union, which maintains certain databases providing for a European-wide collection of national judgments relating to the implementation of Union law, insofar as the expenditure is incurred in pursuing an objective of general European interest by promoting exchanges of views and experience on matters concerning the case-law, organisation and functioning of their members in the performance of their judicial and/or advisory functions with regard to Union law.

### **5.1. Selection procedure**

In accordance with Article 110(1) second subparagraph of the FR and Article 168(1) (d) of the IR, the Commission may award these grants without publication of a call for proposals as the bodies in question were identified by Article 4(1)(d) of the a basic act as recipient of a grant. All other requirements of the FR and its IR shall apply.

The grants under this heading will be awarded following the receipt of a grant request from the organizations accompanied by the annual work programme and the budgetary forecast for the financial year of the organization starting in 2012. The Commission will verify that the organisations satisfy the exclusion criteria and that its proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme. The grants will be formalised by a grant agreement. Co-financing may concern only eligible costs incurred when pursuing an objective of general European interest.

### **5.2. Financial provisions**

The total planned budget under this heading is EUR 400 000

The grant provided by the Programme should not cover the entire costs the applicant expects to incur in carrying out its activities during its financial year starting in 2012.

The maximum rate of co-financing by the Commission is up to 80% of the total eligible costs incurred in the beneficiary's financial year. Consequently, the remaining balance must be covered by other sources. The operating costs of an organisation co-funded under this framework cannot be financed by any other instrument from the budget of the European Union. The same organisation may not benefit from more than one operating grant (for the same period) from the budget of the EU. Contributions in kind cannot be included in the budget as an expense and are not accepted as co-financing.

The activities must be strictly non-profit making. If an organisation realizes a surplus balance on the operating budget, it may have to repay part of the grant paid to it by the Commission.

Article 9(7) of the basic act, stipulates that the "principle of gradual reduction shall not apply to the operating grant given to the bodies identified in the basic act of this programme.

The Commission may award a grant lower than the amount requested by applicant. Grants awarded shall be covered by a written agreement including the modalities for the reimbursement of a specified proportion of the eligible costs actually incurred. The agreement is a standard agreement, and its terms and conditions may not be altered or subject to negotiation.

As a general rule, the co-funding is provided in two instalments: a pre-financing payment corresponding to 80% of the Commission subvention at the signature of the grant agreement and the balance on receipt and approval by the Commission of the final report and final financial statement.

### 5.2.1. Approximate timetable

The following indicative schedule is envisaged:

Submission of the grant request	Q4 2011
Evaluation of the grant request	Q4 2011
Commitment and grant agreement	Q1 2012

## 6. PROCUREMENT AND OTHER ACTIONS ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMISSION

The total budget envisaged for these types of actions is EUR 2 065 000. In 2012 the Commission intends to undertake the following actions through contracts following public procurement (open calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements.

### 6.1. Fundamental Rights

- Actions related to the policy on racism and xenophobia (i.e. expert meetings)
- Annual report on EU Charter of Fundamental Rights –preparatory work and follow up
- Action related to the strategy on implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights –Training

### 6.2. Rights of the child

- "L'Europe de l'enfance" – two meetings organised by the Commission with intergovernmental group dealing with children rights with a view to exchanging information and good practices in the field
- "European Forum on the Rights of the child"- meetings of the steering group and expert meetings
- Costs related to the maintenance and hosting of Rights of the Child website(sub-delegated to DG DIGIT<sup>5</sup>)

### 6.3. Rights of Union Citizens

- Study evaluating the Free movement Directive 2004/38/EC with a view to produce a report on its implementation in 2013
- Eurobarometer survey aiming at collecting data on EU citizens' awareness of the rights attached to EU citizenship status with a view to producing the 2013 Citizenship Report and support the European Year of Citizens 2013.
- Conferences on consular protection - two conferences on consular protection to be organised by the Commission under the 2012 Presidencies

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<sup>5</sup> Funds will be put at DG DIGIT disposal via a cross sub-delegation of an appropriate budget line. This may be replaced later by a co-delegation

- Costs related to the website (maintenance, hosting and further improvements) on consular protection (sub-delegated to DG DIGIT<sup>6</sup>)

#### **6.4. Data protection**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual report- Publication of the report on the development on the development of the MS on data protection
- Studies on international transfers of personal data
- Studies to support the analysis of conformity of legislations with the EU data protection acquis
- Supporting activities/actions to the Data Protection reform

The following indicative schedule of approximately 20 procurement contracts concluded after a call for tenders or framework contracts is envisaged:

Publication of the call for tenders:	Q4 2012
Deadline for submission of proposals:	Q1 2013
Commitments and contracts:	Q2 2013

#### **7. ACCOMPANYING MEASURES**

According to Article 8(3) of the basic act, the Commission may finance administrative and technical assistance activities regarding the management of this Programme through public procurement. This shall cover, inter alia, expenditure on information and communication, preparation, implementation, monitoring, checking and evaluation of projects, policies, programmes and legislation.

In particular, this may include the payment of external experts, activities regarding the exploitation and dissemination of project results, production of information material and the organisation of meetings. The execution of these activities is subject to the available resources on budget line 33 01 04 01.

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<sup>6</sup> Funds will be put at DG DIGIT disposal via a cross sub-delegation of an appropriate budget line. This may later be replaced by a co-delegation