



DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**Annual work programme for grants and procurement for the European Union
Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") for 2014**

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SUMMARY

DG EMPL's 2014 annual work programme for grants and procurement for the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI"), serving as financing decision

This draft Implementing Decision constitutes DG EMPL's 2014 annual work programme for grants and procurement for the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI"), serving as financing decision. It determines the essential details of the actions which will involve expenditure from the 2014 budget, and its purpose is to allow selection procedures to be launched so that individual decisions on the award of grants and contracts can be taken from the beginning of 2014.

This draft Implementing Decision covers the budget lines managed by DG EMPL directly, including those grouped under the EaSI programme.

This draft Implementing Decision relates to the following budget lines:

- 04 03 02 01: PROGRESS – Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions
- 04 03 02 02: EURES – Promoting workers' geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities
- 04 03 02 03: Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship – Facilitating access to finance for entrepreneurs, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

The appropriations available under these budget lines will be used for:

- awarding grants (including to bodies with a *de jure* monopoly, such as the Member States holding the Presidency of the Union, for the cofinancing of conferences in the Programme's objectives);
- public procurement;
- implementation of operations jointly managed with international organisations; and
- granting of subdelegations to other DGs for actions of common benefit.

The Annex to the draft Implementing Decision sets out, for each budget line concerned, the details of the various actions scheduled for 2014.

ANNEX I**Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) - Work Programme for 2014****1.1 Introduction**

On the basis of the objectives of the EaSI programme 2014-2020 this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

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1.2 Grants**04 03 02 01 - PROGRESS Presidency events****1.2.1 Grants for the organisation of Presidency Events***Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:*

The form, topic and expected results are established by the Presidency in agreement with the Commission.

The objective of the SLIC presidency events –thematic days- is to promote the exchange between National Labour Inspectorates of their experience on a particular specific topic related to the enforcement of the EU Acquis on occupational health and safety. This objective fits EaSI and the budget programming for 2014 objective “ensure effective application of EU legislation”.

The SLIC thematic day to be organized under the Greek presidency deal with “*Worker involvement in the management of OHS in SMEs. What works and its implications for the strategies and practices of labour inspection.*” The SLIC thematic day to be organized under the Italian presidency will address the subject “*Flexible jobs as employment opportunities and measures to counter diffusion of precariousness with no guarantees*”.

The expected results of these thematic days are the delivery of a number of presentations on the topics chosen and the publication of the surveys, presentations and discussions held.

Other Presidency events will focus on:

- EU 2020 and the Social Investment Package

- Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Social Protection Policies
- As well as a conference in line with the policy priorities of the IT Presidency in the field of inclusive growth

The form, topic and expected results are established by the Presidency in agreement with the Commission.

Description of the activities to be funded awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 (1) (c)RAP

The Organisation of Presidency events, such as conferences, seminars or, workshops is funded by the Commission through grants.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

These events, which are highly political in nature and which need 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 de jure monopoly.

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall be evaluated according to the following award criteria:

-The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value.

-The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget its likely value for money and a sound cost-effectiveness ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1, Q2 and Q4.

One Presidency conference organised by the EL Presidency. The event will take place in the 2nd Q-2014. This amount foreseen for this event is 300.000 €

One Presidency conference on social protection organised by the IT Presidency (Q4) for 290.000 euros and PES conference under EL Presidency Q2 140.000 euros

Under each presidency, a SLIC Thematic day is foreseen (EL: 2nd Q-2014, IT Presidency: 4th Q-2014), The amount for each event is 50.000 €

Indicative amount: €30.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Information-sharing mutual learning and dialogue.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic

partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes.

04 03 02 01 – PROGRESS - Supporting the development, Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

1.2.2 Contribution to the work of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Objectives: Protection against the adverse health effects of non-ionizing radiation in particular following the adoption of Directive 2013/35/EU there is a need to continue investigation into the suggested long term effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields, since there is currently no well-established scientific evidence of a causal relationship. Additionally the physical quantities ELV's and ALs laid down in the Directive are based on the recommendations of the ICNIRP and as such ongoing work to remain up to date is required; foreseen results: disseminate information and advice on the potential health hazards of exposure to non-ionizing radiation in the form of guidelines, their revision, the organisation of international workshops and publications in the scientific literature Scientific support for the assessment and development of Health and Safety at Work initiatives - Evidence for the updating of Directive 2013/35/EU.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP

Disseminate information and advice on the potential health hazards of exposure to non-ionising radiation.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation shall be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €25.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 55%.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist. dept. and similar), Social and economic partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes.

1.2.3 Posting of workers

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The call for proposals shall support projects related to transnational cooperation between the responsible authorities of Member States as well as social partners in the area of posting of workers, in order to improve administrative cooperation and to increase mutual trust, including promoting exchanges of relevant officials and training, as well as developing, facilitating and promoting best practice initiatives, such as the development and updating of databases or joint websites containing general or sector-specific information concerning terms and conditions of employment to be respected.

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

The call for proposals shall support projects related to transnational cooperation between the responsible authorities of Member States as well as social partners in the area of posting of workers, in order to improve administrative cooperation and to increase mutual trust, including promoting exchanges of relevant officials and training, as well as developing, facilitating and promoting best practice initiatives, such as the development and updating of databases or joint websites containing general or sector-specific information concerning terms and conditions of employment to be respected.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria: – properly constituted and registered legal entities, having their registered office based in one of the Member States of the European Union. In derogation from this requirement and pursuant to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, the organisations of social partners without legal personality under the applicable national law are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met.
– Falling in one of the following categories: Public authorities, social partners, international organisations, non-profit organisations, research centres and institutes, universities and civil societies organisations.

Selection criteria: Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

– The extent to which the action meets the objectives of this call for proposals;

- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The quality of the consortium, i.e. the degree of involvement and commitment at the application stage of the stakeholders in the action;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal, including the budgetary aspects and the arrangements to publicise the action, including aspects related to the European Union funding, and dissemination methods envisaged.

Implementation: Directly by DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative amount: €2 700 000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic partners.

1.2.4 Support for sectoral skills councils

Priorities, objectives pursued and expected results :

Support the consolidation and continuation of European Sector Skills Councils that are beyond the feasibility phase. These bodies shall provide a focal point at sector level for improving skills intelligence, highlighting skills mismatches and bottlenecks and for shaping the educational and training offer. They shall also facilitate peer-learning at national level by creating a European platform of exchange between labour market actors, skills intelligence observatories and education and training providers active in the sector.

A call for proposals will be launched with the aim to sign agreements for duration of 18 months. Only projects from sectors in which an EU financed feasibility study has been carried out are eligible. The feasibility studies have already mapped the relevant actors in the sectors concerned and the areas of interest for cooperation in 14 sectors. They provide a necessary basis for completing the expected activities within the timeframe proposed. Given the restricted budgetary availability for these projects, the Commission will not encourage new feasibility studies or applications from sectors where no such study is already produced as this will excessively fragment the work of the sector skills councils and damage the effectiveness of the action.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Information-sharing mutual learning and dialogue.

Policy related output and justification: Reports, conferences and networking infrastructure for meeting the commitment of higher investment in skills to better anticipate economic change, skills shortages and swiftly address skills mismatches taken in the Employment package 2012.

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

The aims of EU sector skills councils are:

- 1) To provide more and better sectoral skills intelligence, based on the pulling together of existing national sources on employment trends and skills demand and supply in the sector.
- 2) To contribute to the development of skills governance at sectoral level and of national skills policies by facilitating capacity building and peer-learning amongst national skill observatories or equivalent organisations and by creating a European platform of exchange and development of joint sectoral skills projects.

EU sector skills councils should encompass sector specific organisations with a role in long-term matching of demand and supply on the labour markets. Activities should include seminars, conferences, reports aiming at capacity building through reinforced cooperation between national level skills observatories and other relevant organisations, synthesizing national sources and disseminating skills intelligence in the sector, initiating new actions such as mobility tools, quality standards for training, stimulating employer investment in training or increasing the attractiveness of the sector.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria. Applicants must:

- Be properly constituted and registered legal entities in one of the PROGRESS participating countries. In application of article 131 of the Financial Regulation, social partner organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met;
- Fall within one of the following categories: European or national social partners, public authorities, sectoral skills observatories non-profit making organisations, research centres and institutes, universities and civil society organisations. Activities must:
 - Be within one of the sectors for which there is already a feasibility study financed by the Commission available.
- Be carried out in cooperation between co-applicants from at least 10 different EaSI participating countries;
- Be fully carried out in the EaSI participating countries.

Selection criteria:

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

The extent to which the action meets the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals; The quality of the action proposed: the extent to which the actions planned are adequate, adequate and feasible for reaching the objectives and the overall clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget estimation; The quality of consortium, i.e. the involvement of relevant national and EU level organisations and the division of tasks among applicants; The added value and foreseen impact at national and EU level, the geographical coverage and, transnational dimension and the cost-effectiveness of the action.

Implementation: directly by DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative amount: €600.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: Social and economic partners, Experts, National authorities (minist., dept. and similar).

1.2.5 Euromod

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Support the implementation of the open method of coordination in the field of social protection and inclusions. Since EUROMOD is a unique tool that has been developed over many years by the University of ESSEX it has the unique technical capacity to provide for comparable micro-simulation models of households incomes over the whole EU, it consists of a de facto monopoly. EUROMOD is indeed the only micro-simulation tool currently available for modelling the impact of a current set of policy reforms on a range of specific outcomes (such as poverty rates, labour market incentives, budgetary cost, financial situation of households).

In 2014, the main task will be to update the 27 national models reflecting both changes in policy rules and updating the input data from EU-SILC, while the national model for Croatia will be constructed (other activities planned in the annex to the framework partnership agreement include notably further progress in road-testing of Euromod).

Since the current three years framework partnership agreement expires in December 2014, a new partnership agreement is to be signed at the end of 2014 with the University of Essex to cover another period of three years.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP

EUROMOD is a tax-benefit micro-simulation model that covers EU Member States and notably enables to assess in a consistent manner the effect of taxes and benefits on households' incomes in all EU Member States (thus enabling to cover a wide range of issues, such as analysis of work incentives or impact of different types of the tax-benefit systems on

household incomes and its dispersion).

The Commission has identified EUROMOD as a key tool to enhance its capacity for quantitative policy evaluation in the context of Europe 2020 and of the OMC on social protection/inclusion and it is necessary, in order for EUROMOD to serve its specific purpose of policy evaluation and to ensure its regular updating of all EU MS (at least yearly).

The last specific agreement of the current 3-year framework partnership agreement is expected to be signed in the second quarter of 2014; the new 3-year framework agreement then before the end of 2014.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation shall be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €1.500.000

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2nd quarter

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Coverage: EU 28, EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.6 *Call for proposals for awarding grants to the Annual Work Programme of the NGO networks active in promotion of social inclusion and poverty reduction or active in the promotion of microfinance and social enterprise finance who have signed the 4-years framework partnership agreements.*

In the framework of this call for proposals, specific agreements shall also be concluded under budget line 04030201.

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

A call to partners for the submission of the specific WP for the second year shall be launched.

Specific agreements shall be signed following the FPA

For the first lot/strand:

Long term Framework Partnership Agreements with EU level NGOs networks active in the promotion of social inclusion and poverty reduction. Support to organisations (Social Partners, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

For the second lot/strand:

Framework Partnership Agreements with European-level networks active in the area of access to finance (MF/SE). Support to organisations (Social Partners, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

Description of the activities to be funded by the specific grants to be awarded in reply to a call for proposals open to the partners who signed the Framework Partnership Agreement:

Specific grant for year 2015 to be awarded on the basis of the Work Programme submitted by the NGO networks in reply to the restricted call to be launched for NGO networks who have signed the Framework Partnership.

Objectives:

1. Support the Commission in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level with the aim of ensuring the implementation of European policies in the relevant area (e.g. Programme for Employment and Social Innovation, European Social Fund, Social Business Initiative etc.).
2. Reinforcing the capacity of the network's members, including through offering a platform for the exchange of good practices in the relevant field, and raising awareness about relevant EU policies.
3. Voicing the concerns and expectations of organisations facilitating access to finance to (potential) entrepreneurs from disadvantaged and underrepresented groups / social enterprises.
4. Providing data / research on developments in the field and on priority topics.

Award criteria:

- Coherence of the annual work programme with the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- The extent to which the proposed programme takes into consideration the objectives laid down in the PROGRESS axis under the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and respond to actual needs relevant for the period concerned;
- The added value and relevance at European level of the programme proposed as well its dissemination and availability to all countries involved in the EaSI Programmes;
- The clarity and feasibility of the programme and each of its modules, including timetable and methodology and in particular its capacity to achieve the planned objectives;
- The quality, efficiency and feasibility of the work organisation including a clear description of the allocation of human resources in relation to the individual tasks or activities;
- The financial quality of the programme, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and

reasonable budget which is coherent with the actions proposed.

Indicative amount: €10.000.000 for first lot/strand and €1.000.000 for second one.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: Associations, NGOs and similar.

1.2.7 Promoting the contribution of private savings to pension adequacy

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

Support cross-border cooperation of pension and financial service-providers as well as relevant stakeholders with a view to raising the quality of supplementary pension schemes and their contribution to secure incomes in retirement. In particular, building on the work of the Pension Forum group on a code of good practice (as announced in the White Paper on pensions of February 2012), a pilot project on a voluntary quality label for occupational pension schemes could be supported. In addition, one or two transnational pilot projects on the conversion of pension scheme and other (notably housing) assets into secure retirement incomes could receive funding under this call.

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

Support to organisations (Social Partners, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

Eligibility of the applicant. Applicants must:

- Be a properly constituted and registered legal person, having their registered office in one of the PROGRESS participating countries at the time of the submission of the application under the call;
- Lead applicants in charge of coordinating the action must be a non-profit organisation active in the area of private pensions or financial services for retirement provision;
- Co-applicants can be any type of non-profit organisation, including international organisations.

Eligibility of the proposals:

The proposal submitted for funding must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- the proposed activity must fit in with the activities under the EaSI Programme;

- must seek funding only for activities in EaSI participating countries;
- must be an international partnership covering at least five countries.

Selection criteria:

Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicant must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicant must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

The grants shall be awarded following an assessment of the proposals on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the general objectives of the call for proposals;
- Potential impact on the contribution of private savings to retirement incomes;
- Overall quality of the proposal in terms of its methodology, the partners involved and the work programme;
- Relevance of the proposal for other countries not represented in project and the EU policy debate;
- Sound cost-effectiveness ratio and financial quality of the proposal.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

Indicative amount: €1.000.000.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: Social and economic partners.

1.2.8 Social Innovation and Social Policy Experimentation (SISPE)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

Grants are be awarded in the following priority areas, as identified in Europe 2020 strategy and in the Social Investment Package (SIP), to a consortium of stakeholders (lead applicant and co-applicants) that are capable to design and implement schemes that allow for testing on

a small scale innovative social policy reforms before scaling these up.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Social policy experimentation.

Policy related output and justification: The SIP calls upon Member States to pursue active policies prioritising social investment and the modernisation of welfare states. Social investment relies on social policy innovations to provide solutions that produce results better than the existing solutions or the status quo. Social policy innovations can help to create efficiency gains in social policies and to improve effectiveness in addressing societal challenges as well as to facilitate investment in human capital throughout the life course. This approach is consistent with the emphasis on good governance of the European Union, i.e. the increased need to ensure quality of public spending while responding to citizens' needs and expectations. This implies the need to test the impact, the adequacy and effectiveness of social reforms in particular those addressed by the Europe 2020 Country Specific recommendations before their wide-scale implementation.

Type: Grant - call for proposals

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

Grants shall be awarded to support the testing of innovative social policy reforms in EaSI participating countries in line with Europe 2020 and the Social Investment Package (SIP). The call shall have 2 strands, the first one aiming at using social innovations to create efficiency gains aimed in particular at public authorities to follow up on Europe 2020 Country Specific Recommendation and the second one to strengthen partnerships between public, private and 3rd sector to involve in awareness raising activities to create better understanding about the use and benefits of social policy innovation.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

Eligibility of the lead applicants and co-applicants:

1. The social policy experimentation project has to be submitted by a consortium of stakeholders involved in the process of social policy innovation. The lead applicant must be a public authority at central, regional or local level, or bodies governed by public law. The lead applicant has to involve in the consortium at least one co-applicant.
2. The lead applicant has to involve in the consortium at least one co-applicant. Co-applicants must be public authorities at central, regional or local level, or bodies governed by public law, and/or civil society organisations, and/or private sector organisations. Including academic structures, research organisations or international organisations is strongly encouraged.
3. Lead applicants and co-applicants must be properly constituted and registered legal persons, established in one of the EaSI participating countries.
4. All consortium members must confirm by written agreement their participation in the project.

Eligibility of the proposal:

1. The proposal must be a social policy experiment relevant for the field defined in this call.

2. The proposal must organise a transnational peer review at the final stage of the project involving peers from at least two other EaSI participating countries.
3. All the peers must confirm by written agreement their participation in the transnational peer review.
4. The proposal must seek funding for activities only in EaSI participating countries.
5. The requested grant must be between 750.000 and 2 000 000 €
6. The duration of the project must be between 24 months and 36 months.

Selection criteria:

1. Operational capacity to complete the proposed innovative action: applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed. Applicants (lead applicant and co-applicants) must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed innovative action. Applicants must bring together the right skills, experiences and competences to manage the overall social innovation process including the underlying diagnosis, implementation, reporting and dissemination of the action.
2. Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants (lead applicant and co-applicants) must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain their activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary (the verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies). The financial capacity shall be assessed on the basis of the relevant accompanying documents indicated in the text of the call for proposals (balance sheets).

Award criteria:

1. Relevance of the policy intervention: conformity with the objectives described in the call, the extent to which the proposal presents a well-supported diagnosis of the innovative social policy aspects to be addressed and demonstrates the relevance of the proposed policy intervention to advancing social policies and its ability to be implemented on a larger scale.
2. Understanding of the concept of social policy experimentation and practical experience thereof and quality of the proposed strategy for supporting such initiatives. Some of the innovative solutions to social challenges remain successful on a small scale, but some of them have the potential to be replicated in other contexts or to contribute to a wider social change. The potential for up scaling has to be explicitly addressed in the proposal.
3. Relevance of the partnership proposed for the achievement of the expected results in line with the objectives of Europe 2020 and the SIP.
4. Quality of the methodology suggested for the achievement of the expected innovative results and for the evaluation of the projects, including clear definition of results assessment indicators.
5. Sound cost-effectiveness ratio and financial quality of the proposal.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

Indicative amount: €200.000.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar).

1.2.9 Support for social protection reforms

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

The purpose of these grants is to help Member States tackle major challenges to their social protection systems by facilitating the access to expertise from other Member States or international organisations. The focus should be in particular on challenges that have been, or might become, the subject of country-specific recommendations, as well as reforms that could strengthen the social investment dimension of social protection schemes.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Capacity building for organisations.

Policy related output and justification: Relevant for SIP implementation - The purpose of these grants is to help Member States tackle major challenges to their social protection systems by facilitating the access to expertise from other Member States or international organisations. The focus should be in particular on challenges that have been, or might become, the subject of country-specific recommendations, as well as reforms that could strengthen the social investment dimension of social protection schemes.

Type: Grant - call for proposals.

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

Call for proposals with a view of awarding grants to help Member States tackle major challenges to their social protection systems. Support to organisations (SP, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

Eligibility of the applicant.

Applicants must:

- Be a properly constituted and registered legal person, having their registered office in one of the EaSI participating countries at the time of the submission of the application under the call;
- Lead applicants in charge of coordinating the action must be the competent national public authority or a public agency expressly mandated in writing by the competent national authority to assume responsibility for the implementation of the action;
- In the case of partnerships, co-applicants can be any type of non-profit organisation, including international organisations.

Eligibility of the proposals.

Only one application shall be considered per country; should, due to a lack of coordination in the country, more than one application be submitted, the Commission will invite the national authorities to indicate which application should be considered, failing which the Commission will select one applications.

The proposal submitted for funding must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- the proposed activity must fit in with the activities under the Progress axis of the EaSI Programme;
- must seek funding only for activities in EaSI participating countries;

Selection criteria:

Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicant must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicant must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

The grants shall be awarded following an assessment of the proposals on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the general objectives of the call for proposals;
- Potential impact on policies in the applicant country;
- Overall quality of the proposal in terms of its methodology, the partners involved and the work programme;
- Relevance of the proposal for the EU policy debate;
- Sound cost- effectiveness ratio and financial quality of the proposal.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €2.000.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar).

1.2.10 LFS 2015 ad-hoc module

The subdelegation is planned in the draft 2013 Partnership Agreement with Eurostat and shall be included in the newly proposed MoU (to replace the Partnership Agreement). It is subject to the adoption of the legal basis for the financing of the LFS 2015 ad-hoc module.

Description of the activities to be funded awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP (Article 190.1.d) of the Rules of Application).

Eurostat may award grants without call for proposals to the National statistical institutes and the other national authorities as designed by the Member states, in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European Statistics.

The activity covers the support for developments and data collection of the planned LFS 2015 ad-hoc module on work organization. Europe 2020 – The data from the ad-hoc survey shall provide extended structural information on the issue of work organisation in Europe and shall support the analytical capability of DG EMPL.

Implementation: Subdelegation to ESTAT.

Indicative amount: €2.000.000

Indicative timetable: between 1st September 2014 and 31th March 2016.

Maximum co-financing rate: 70%

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information

Coverage: 28 Member States and EEA countries

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts. National statistical institutes and other national statistical authorities included in the list referred to in the article 5(2) of the regulation 223/2009.

1.2.11 SILC improvement actions

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The subdelegation is planned in the draft 2013 Partnership Agreement with Eurostat and shall be included in the newly proposed MoU (to replace the Partnership Agreement).

Description of the activities to be funded awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP 1.d)

Eurostat may award grants without call for proposals to the National statistical institutes and the other national authorities as designed by the Member states, in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European Statistics.

Action plan for SILC (EU survey on income and living conditions) improvements: Grants to MS to support the further developments and improvements of SILC, in the context of its

redesign, its timeliness and its regional coverage. The improvements are a part of the implementation of the Eurostat action plan in timeliness of social data, with the aim to provide more timely and better quality information for monitoring of EU social objectives.

Implementation: Subdelegation to ESTAT.

Indicative amount: €800.000.

Indicative timetable: launch in the first quarter 2014

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Coverage: 28 Member States

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts. National statistical institutes and other national statistical authorities included in the list referred to in the article 5(2) of the regulation 223/2009.

1.2.12 OECD joint analysis of Labour Market Policies

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

To improve labour market functioning and thereby increase the employment rate and reduce poverty in the framework of Europe 2020, and the European Semester recommendations in the EU, the work will undertake:

Structural review of labour market policies using complementary data (including LMP database and equivalent OECD data).

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information. To use the LMP data to monitor and assess preventative and active approaches with respect to long term and youth unemployment.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

CSRs Europe 2020 - activity to support the analytical capability of the directorate.

OECD has developed specific and often unique expertise in the area.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

– The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities of the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this

context;

– The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €150.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3

Coverage: EU 28, EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.13 OECD Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competences

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The project aims at the launch of a new international survey of adult skills supporting the Commission monitoring of guidelines on skills. The preparation of the survey was also supported in previous years.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

Preparation of the second phase of PIAAC to be held on 2014-2016 with more countries than today, thematic studies by OECD for the EC based on PIAAC data (titles to be decided), and an eventual small budget for training with the PIAAC database.

OECD have developed specific and often unique expertise in the area

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

– The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;

– The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €750.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4

Coverage: EU 28 EFTA/EEA + countries OECD/E 17+countries.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts, General public.

1.2.14 Joint EU-OECD research project on 'intergenerational aspects of integration of immigrants'

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The aim of this project with OECD would be to analyse social mobility among migrants from one generation to another, i.e.: compare the social and labour market performance of children of immigrants with their parents and with "comparable" natives. It shall help to have a better understanding on how children of immigrants perform (in terms of education, employment, etc), the differences between countries and what are the main factors driving the success or failure of 'integration'. Study report.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

OECD has developed unique expertise in the field of migrants' (and especially second generation migrants') integration and its measurement as well as in international comparisons. This project shall build on previous joint EC-OECD projects (i.e.: integration of children of immigrants finalised in 2009; socio-economic implications of naturalisation in 2011).

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €200.000.

Maximum co-financing rate:80%

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.15 Study on assessment of labour provisions in trade and investment arrangements

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The study to be carried out by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) will analyse a substantial number of trade and investment agreements concluded by the EU, the US, Canada and other countries, with a view to identify their social impacts, notably on labour standards and other pillars of the Decent Work Agenda (employment, social protection and social dialogue).

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Information-sharing mutual learning and dialogue.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

Policy related output and justification: Europe 2020, Trade Investment and labour social dimension of globalisation - Qualitative study to enhance international economic governance.

Trade and investment arrangements of EU and others such as US and Canada directly refer to ILO standards and frameworks; ILO has built up a capacity on analysing interplay between labour and trade/investment arrangements.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €400.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.16 EU-OECD Monitoring database on demographic impact of migration and mobility

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Development of an informative database for decision makers on the role of migration and mobility with regard to demography, employment and skill needs.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

Building on the work carried out in the context of the joint OECD-EC project on “matching economic migration with labour market needs”, the project will consist in updating, expanding and mainstreaming the analysis of the demographic impact of migration on the size and composition of the labour force.

The impact of migration on the occupational structure of the labour force will be included in the retrospective analysis. The main output will be a database accessible online which will enable to assess the impact of free movement and migration of third country nationals (each one separately) in EU and other OECD countries on the size of the working age population and the composition of the labour force in terms of age, gender and educational attainment.

In addition, a web-based tool will be developed to permit interactive access to the data and ad-hoc comparison between different countries/regions and scenarios. A methodological working paper will be produced as well as statistical briefs which will underline the key findings.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative amount: €300.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.17 Cooperation with OECD on promoting efficiency in health care

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

This provision covers a report, expert seminars and a conference with policy makers in cooperation with OECD. The agreement shall have duration of three years. The purpose of this action is develop a methodological framework for assessing whether adequate resources are available to guarantee access to necessary health care and whether these resources are used in the most cost-effective way. In addition to developing a general framework, an analysis of the available data for each Member State should also be part of the project, as well as specific support for interested Member States to help them address any potential effectiveness, notably access and efficiency issues identified through the general framework and the country analysis.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

Policy related output and justification: Relevant for SIP implementation - This year's country-specific recommendations have called upon many Member States to enhance the efficiency of their health care systems. However, the evidence base for such recommendations is still very weak. First discussions on a methodology for assessing efficiency in the SPC-ISG (using the common indicators of the Open Method of Coordination) have shown the need for more in-depth work which should build on the expertise developed notably by the OECD.

The OECD has a leading role in developing methodological approached for measuring efficiency (value for money) and in assisting Member States on how to improve their health care systems. The OECD has also played a major role in developing the system of health accounts for which methodological approaches are needed for using it as a sound evidence base for assessing the efficiency of health care systems. The action shall be carried out directly by OECD experts.

Foreseen output: Implementation report.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

OECD will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

– The rationale of the action: if and to which extent the proposed action is going to

contribute to the achievement of the general objective of promoting adequate social protection, social inclusion and fight against poverty;

- The technical quality of the proposal, in particular the clarity and completeness of the description of the activities.

– The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €1.000.000.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.18 OECD study on integrated housing and social services

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The purpose is to build expertise on preventing and tackling homelessness through integrated delivery service and improving housing outcomes.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Social policy experimentation.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

Stock taking background study on integrated housing and social service delivery to be presented at an OECD conference at the end.

Policy related output and justification: Relevant for implementing the Social Investment Package: knowledge bank - This study is highly relevant for the SIP knowledge bank in particular for the areas of homelessness, child poverty and active inclusion.

Foreseen output: Study report.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

OECD will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

– The rationale of the action: if and to which extent the proposed action is going to contribute to the achievement of the general objective of promoting adequate social protection, social inclusion and fight against poverty;

- The technical quality of the proposal, in particular the clarity and completeness of the description of the activities.
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €300.000.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.19 Cooperation with the World Bank on poverty and social policies

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Cooperation with the World Bank through financing a project that would review selected Member States' social protection systems and assess how they could be reformed to more efficiently and effectively address poverty. The project will also contribute to providing input for the Commission's work on developing a framework for the assessment of effectiveness and efficiency of social protection systems as proposed in the Social Investment Package. The World Bank has developed expertise in their area, for example in simulating the potential effects of improving pre-school availability and enrolment in Poland in reducing poverty and social exclusion. This project would seek to identify how specific reforms to social policy and other relevant public measures (in line with the guidance of the social investment package) could more effectively reduce poverty and social exclusion as well as result in more cost-savings.

Justification for choice of implementing entity: The World Bank has developed expertise in their area, as it has conducted similar studies to assess the potential impact of policy reforms on reducing poverty and social exclusion outcomes in some Member States.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP:

This exercise would build on the work featured in the World Bank's report 'Poverty Prospects in Europe', where the Bank conducted a simulation to see if increasing pre-school enrolment in Poland would make a difference in the achievement of 2020 poverty and social exclusion targets. In this project, the Bank would focus on different Member States that received Country Specific Recommendations related to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of their social protection systems and reducing poverty (especially in the areas of child poverty and working-age poverty). The Commission would work in close collaboration with the Bank in the selection of the Member States and policy areas concerned.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Information-sharing mutual learning and dialogue.

Policy related output and justification: Relevant for SIP implementation - Involvement of

International organisation, EU, Member States and stakeholders.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The World Bank will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following main criteria:

- The rationale of the action: if and to which extent the proposed action is going to contribute to the achievement of the general objective of promoting adequate social protection, social inclusion and the fight against poverty;
- The technical quality of the proposal, in particular the clarity and completeness of the description of the activities.
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Indicative amount: €300.000.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts.

1.2.20 Transnational Company Agreements Database (update on international developments with ILO and maintenance)

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

The Commission intends to continue its cooperation with the ILO launched in 2012 and carried. Under this project, the ILO has actively contributed to the update and development of the database for agreements having an international scope, in particular international framework agreements on fundamental rights and principles at work. The ILO is the most appropriate organisation to continue carrying out this work, as it can continue to build on its own database of international agreements and the organisational structure in place. The contribution of the ILO would also include the preparation of promotional material and the participation in joint information session(s) for stakeholders. Under the agreement, the Commission would focus more directly on agreements with a European scope and on the overall maintenance of the database's infrastructure. The joint project would facilitate synergies and information on such agreements and increase visibility of both EU's and ILO's action in this field. The individual arrangement shall be elaborated jointly with a clear repartition of tasks and responsibilities. The ILO shall ensure transparency of operations carried out and the Commission that suitable arrangements exist for the technical setting and verification of the action.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decision substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3

Indicative amount: €40.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), International organisations.

1.2.21 Grant to the international Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre of the ILO

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

Improvement of Safety and Health at Work. Maintain and further develop several databases on OSH information collected worldwide; made them available through the internet and other means.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decision substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2

Indicative amount: €50.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 5% of the total eligible costs

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes .

1.2.22 Contribution to the IARC Monographs Programme

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. The IARC Monographs Programme shall organize 3 Working Group meetings to develop 3 new volumes of the IARC Monographs on 3 carcinogenic substances. The aim of this project is to continue to provide authoritative, up-to-date evaluations of environmental and occupational exposures that may present carcinogenic hazards to human beings, and to disseminate the results world-wide as printed books and in electronic form by online internet access.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decision substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative amount: €0.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 5% of the total eligible costs

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes.

1.2.23 Contribution to the International Programme on Chemical Safety

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Minimising Risks to human health, including that of workers, throughout the life cycle of chemicals; ensuring that information on chemicals is available, accessible, user friendly, adequate and appropriate to the needs of all stakeholders;

Foreseen results: produce, translate into as many languages as possible, publish and disseminate in a concise format internationally peer-reviewed safety and health information on the use of chemicals at work in the form of International Chemical Safety Cards.

Scientific support for the assessment and development of Health and Safety at Work initiatives - Evidence for the development of possible legislative initiatives, namely Directives.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decision substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementing entity: directly by the DG.

Indicative amount: €165.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 20% of the total eligible costs

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes.

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1.2.24 Cross border partnerships

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

This activity shall support cross border partnerships to implement EURES objectives as set up by the EURES National Coordination Office and the EURES partners. The support shall be implemented through an open call for proposals for cross border partnerships.

The expected results of the EURES activities in cross-border regions are: improved assistance to jobseekers and employers and increased matching and placement activities in cross-border areas (not exclusively), development of projects aimed at improving the functioning of the labour market in the cross-border regions, including co-operation with other relevant programmes, reduced obstacles for mobility in the cross-border region due to monitoring and identifying suitable solutions. To coordinate, contribute to and develop projects aimed at improving the functioning of the labour market in the cross-border regions, including co-operation with other relevant programmes, with the objective of making the cross-border partnership self-sustainable during or at the end of the 2014-2020 period.

Policy related output and justification: The services provided by the cross-border partnerships shall contribute to fair mobility in the cross-border regions as requested by the EP, the identification and abolishment of mobility obstacles, and the better functioning of cross-border labour markets, thus contributing to economic growth.

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

Eligible proposals need the support and active inclusion of the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs) or other public employment services duly mandated by the Member State and comprise the public employment services nationally or territorially responsible for at least two of the relevant border regions, in partnership with other organisations active in the provision of employment services to cross border employers, jobseekers and workers, including social partners organisations. Financial support to projects promoted by public employment services at national, regional or local level in a border region, in partnership with other organisations from public, private or third sector, including social partners organisations.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria: Eligibility of application:

- In line with Article 15(1) (b) of Regulation 492/2011, to be eligible the proposal must include entities representing the Member States concerned as the decision to establish this kind of structures is up to the Member States. This means the relevant National Coordination

Offices as designated in accordance with Commission Decision 2012/733/EU and at least two public employment services of the regions involved. It may include trade-unions and employer organisations, regional and local authorities, organisations dealing with vocational training, universities and other relevant actors active on the cross-border labour market which can be involved as well as co-applicants, affiliated or associated partner

Eligibility of applicants:

- All applicants must fulfil the requirements set forth in the following documents.
- Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (codification (OJ L 141 of 27.05.2011, p.1);
- Commission Decision 2012/733/EU (EURES reform).

To be eligible, applicant organisations:

- must be legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EU/EEA Member States;
- In application of Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, social partner organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met;
- if lead applicants, must be public employment services from the 28 Member States and the other EEA/EFTA participating countries, i.e. either the National Coordination Offices or the public employment services of the regions involved.

Selection criteria:

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain their activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

Relevance with the objectives of the call for proposals, the EURES objectives and the priorities identified by the National Coordination Offices of the regions involved;

- Trans-national dimension and European added value;
- Quality of the proposal;
- Impact of the proposal;
- Visibility of the proposed activities;

– Cost efficiency of the proposal.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €3.862.355.

Maximum co-financing rate: 95%.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: Employment services and social partners and labour market stakeholders.

1.2.25 Support to cooperation on intra-EU labour mobility and EURES

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

Closer cooperation of the EURES member with social partners should result in improved assistance to jobseekers and employers and therefore to increased number of matching and placement activities, especially in cross-border areas (not exclusively), Social partners close connection with jobseekers and employers helps to identify obstacles to mobility and therefore to improve the functioning of the labour market, especially in the cross-border regions.

Policy related output and justification:- better coordination of the social partners activities in the EURES network by the European level Social Partners organisations should lead to stronger involvement of national, regional and local employers organisations and trade unions in EURES, to better and increased EURES services provided by social partners organisations directly involved as EURES partners or associated partners, to fair mobility in the cross-border regions as requested by the EP, the identification and abolishment of mobility obstacles, and the better functioning of cross-border labour markets, thus contributing to economic growth.

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

It aims to support the social partners represented in the Advisory Committee on free movement for ensuring close cooperation between the Member States in matters concerning the freedom of movement of workers and their employment, in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 and to coordinate the social partners' activities within EURES. This concerns in particular:

European level Social Partners organisations should mobilise their national, regional and local member organisation to contribute to the delivery of EURES

Promote the use of EURES among their members.

Coordinate their members' EURES activities in order to provide better and increased EURES services of those social partners organisations directly involved as EURES partners or associated partners,

Social partner's organisations from the employers side should work towards a stronger involvement of national, regional and local employers organisations.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

Eligibility of applicants:

The following social partners organisations at European level are eligible:

for the trade unions:

- ETUC – European Trade Union Confederation.
- EUROCADRES.

for the employers' organisations:

- BUSINESSEUROPE - (UNICE - Union of industrial and employers' co-operations of Europe).
- UEAPME - European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.
- European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest (CEEP).
- All applicants must fulfil the requirements set forth in the following documents:
 - Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (codification (OJ L 141 of 27.05.2011, p. 1);
 - Commission Decision 2012/733/EU (EURES reform).

Selection criteria:

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain their activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).

Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

Relevance with the objectives of the call for proposals, the EURES objectives and the priorities identified by the National Coordination Offices of the regions involved;

- Trans-national dimension and European added value;
- Quality of the proposal;

- Impact of the proposal;
- Visibility of the proposed activities;
- Cost efficiency of the proposal;

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €150.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 95%.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: Social and economic partners.

1.2.26 Targeted Mobility Schemes

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results :

Targeted mobility schemes are experimentation projects to test innovative methods to implement cross border job mobility and tackle the needs of specific target groups, economic sectors, occupations or countries. For 2014, and building on the positive indicators of the preparatory action "Your first EURES job", the priority shall be to pursue activities to help young people to find a work placement job in other EU/EEA countries. The activities shall give due priority to bottleneck sectors identified by projects, but a special focus shall be given to the green economy, the white economy and the ICT sector.

In line with the Recommendation by the European Council of 28-29 June 2012, this scheme shall provide support measures for young candidates to find a job, traineeship or apprenticeship in a place other than his/her country of residence, enshrined in a legally binding work relationship with the employer, i.e. there must be a labour contract between the parties.

A job is a position in any organisation held by an employee; traineeships and apprenticeships (work-based trainings) consist in limited periods of hands-on practice spent at a workplace. Those work placements are meant to be occupied by "any person who undertakes genuine and effective work for which s/he is paid under the direction of someone else". The recruited candidate is entitled to remuneration, awareness of rights and adequate social protection, irrespective of his/her status.

Policy related output and justification: - Youth unemployment in Europe is critical with an overall rate of 23% has reached outstanding rates in several Member States, with rates above 50% and 60% in some Member States (e.g. Greece, Spain). Moreover, there are many jobs or work-based training vacancies that remain unfilled due to the lack of suitable local workforce, in particular in the three sectors mentioned.

This scheme aims to test innovative ways to support young mobile candidates with a comprehensive mobility package and enhance the quality of services provided to employers. It has also the potential to be part of any national Youth Guarantee scheme for offering job or

work-based learning opportunities abroad.

The estimated output could be the placement of at least 1800 young people in EU/EEA countries other than their country of residence throughout the duration of selected projects.

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

In 2014, a mobility scheme targeting young people aged between 18 and 35 shall provide them with access to jobs, traineeships or apprenticeships. It shall be implemented through a call for proposals. This call shall support the implementation of youth-oriented mobility actions by public, private or third sector labour market organisations from the EU/EEA countries (18 months project duration).

The call shall further test the use of customised services combined with financial incentives. Another objective shall be to test innovative working methods to improve the integration of mobile young workers into the host country, and in particular to trigger the development of a "welcoming/integration culture ". In this respect, the call may also support the development of partnerships between labour market stakeholders and players from other expertise areas willing to develop the concept of "one-stop-shop welcome service" for mobile workers in the labour market of destination.

Financial support provided by the beneficiaries to the scheme participants may be in a form of flat-rate financing and reimbursement on the basis of unit costs or actual declared costs.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible, applicant organisations:

- must be legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EU/EEA Member States;
- must be public, private or third sector employment services or other labour market organisations with a legal profit or non-profit status;
- if lead applicants, must be active in the provision of employment services and/or work integration services to jobseekers, job changers, trainee/ apprentice candidates and employers covering jobs and/or work-based trainings. Those services must include information, recruitment, matching and placement support;
- if co-applicants, may provide the same services as lead applicants or complementary customer-oriented services in other expertise fields such as information, training, career guidance, mentoring, legal advice, integration support or other equivalent.

To be eligible, actions must:

- be fully carried out in the EU/EEA countries;
- have a meaningful dimension by ensuring the involvement of at least 3 different EU/EEA countries.
- apply to whatever economic sector(s), with particular relevance for the white economy, the green economy or the ICT sector.

Selection criteria:

Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicant must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicant must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

The proposals which fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria shall be assessed according to the following award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call.
- Quality of the proposal.
- Impact of the proposal.
- Visibility of the action.
- The cost / effectiveness of the operation.

Implementation: directly by DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €900.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 95%.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: Employment services and other labour market organisations.

1.2.27 Support to cooperation on intra-EU labour mobility and EURES

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected result:

The objective is to support the implementation of Union law on facilitating intra-EU labour mobility in the EEA countries.

The output is to secure the clearance of job vacancies with CV's and the provision of support services for recruitment and placements from and to EEA countries. Closer cooperation should result in improved assistance to jobseekers and employers and therefore to increased number of matching and placement activities.

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

This activity is intended, for the completion of the internal market, to cover the implementation and operation of the EURES network in the EEA countries. The budget should come from the EEA contribution to EURES. Support to organisations (SP, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria: The eligible applicants are the Public Employment Services from Iceland (VMYTS - Vinnusmalastofnun (Directorate of Labour), Norway (NAV - the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration) and Liechtenstein (Office of Economy, Department of Work). The budget should come from the EEA contribution to EURES.

Selection criteria:

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- Relevance with the objectives of the call for proposals and the priorities identified,
- Trans-national dimension and European added value,
- Quality of the proposal,
- Impact of the proposal,
- Visibility of the proposed activities,
- Cost efficiency of the proposal.

Implementation: directly by DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative amount: €400.000.

Maximum co-financing rate: 95%.

Coverage: EEA.

Target audience: Employment services.

1.4 Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2014 amounts to €44.705.909.

04 03 02 01: 33.652.000 euros

04 03 02 02: 8.337.645 euros

04 03 02 03: 2.716.264 euros

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| 1.4.1 Studies |
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| <u>Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :</u> |
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| Purchase of studies and surveys supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions. |
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| <u>Implementation:</u> Directly by the DG. |
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| 1.4.2 Technical assistance |
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| Purchase of analytical support services supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions. |
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Indicative timetable:

- Specific contracts based on existing FWC: Q2, Q3 and Q4
- Direct contracts: 8 contracts in Q1, 1 in Q2 and 3 in Q4

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 35.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

1.4.3 *Technical assistance for microfinance institutions*

Budget line: 04 03 02 01 - PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

This activity shall provide technical assistance in form of trainings to microcredit providers in order to allow them to develop their businesses and permit a better reach-out to clients. This could be done in the form of trainings, evaluations, certification (e.g. vouchers distributed to MFIs for these services). The activity shall be subdelegated to DG REGIO, which would establish a technical assistance platform with the EIB.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Capacity building for organisations.

Policy related output and justification: EaSI - Need to improve capacities of microfinance providers in order to allow for access to finance to vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

Type of contract: direct service contract

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2.

Implementation: subdelegation to DG REGIO.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: Social and economic partners.

1.4.4 *IT Services*

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Purchase of IT support services for the maintenance, development, monitoring and hosting of existing IT systems.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 and Q4.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 28.

Implementation: Directly by the DG.

1.4.5 Meetings and conferences

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Organisation of several seminars/events and communication activities with stakeholders and ad hoc expert/working groups.

Type of contract: specific contracts based on existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1, Q2 and Q3.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 179.

Implementation: Directly by DG.

1.4.6 Communication and publication

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Purchase of communication, information and publication services aiming at promoting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

Type of contract: specific contracts based on existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 and Q2.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 47.

Implementation: directly by DG and one codelegation to DG COMM.

As provided in Article 9(3) of the Regulation on the European Union Programme for Employment and Social innovation (EaSI), the EaSI Programme will contribute to covering the corporate communication of the Union's political priorities as defined by the Commission in the Communication "Corporate Communication under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020" (SEC(2013) 486 final).

In line with the general objectives of the Programme, which contributes to the implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy for jobs and smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, corporate communication will aim to ensure that the communication needs of this strategy are met. Corporate communication will serve to convey top level messages about the EU which will create a leverage effect in support of communication actions dealing with specific Europe 2020 policy areas, including those dealing with (youth) employment, working conditions and the fight against poverty and social exclusion.

Corporate communication actions that demonstrate to non-specialised audiences the EU's added value in supporting inclusive growth and job creation intrinsically support the

Programme's objectives.

An increased impact of the corporate communication activities conducted by the Commission as a whole should lead to a better understanding of the EU by citizens and an enhanced image of the EU institutions and their activities, with measurable positive trends in public perception.

Corporate communication will be implemented in 2014 through an integrated communication campaign about the EU. The overall aim will be to reach particular segments of society where isolated actions would not be as effective as through a corporate approach. 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 public procurement, and in particular using existing framework contracts.

The contribution of the Programme to corporate communication will be EUR 1,5 million in 2014.

The appropriations will be managed through co-delegation between DG COMM and DG EMPL.

Implementation of the corporate communication actions shall involve a steering committee which will be composed of representatives of DGs which financially contribute to these actions as well as of other DGs which make a significant contribution towards the political priorities of the EU through their policies. This steering committee will be chaired by DG COMM and will guide the development and implementation of the corporate communication actions, including drafting specifications and identifying indicators for evaluation.

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1.4.7 Audit of EURES activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Audit of EURES activities covering about 3 EURES project grants to be audited on the spot throughout 2014.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 1.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

1.4.8 Studies

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of studies, evaluations and surveys promoting workers' geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 1.

Implementation: directly by DG.

1.4.9 Meetings and conferences

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Organisation of several seminars/events and communication activities with stakeholders and ad hoc expert/working groups. Support coordination of network.

Type of contract: specific contracts based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 22.

Implementation: directly by DG.

1.4.10 Network support activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

This activity shall support the development of services for the recruitment and placement of workers in employment. It shall consist of activities for appropriate interaction with client groups (job seekers and employers), co-operation and interaction between all organisations in the network, information and communication to the public, to the social partners and other relevant actors on mobility, as well as the communication aspects of the "European Mobility Day" and the "European Job Days".

Specific objective: EaSI EURES_Services for the recruitment and placing of workers.

Policy related output and justification:

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 7.

Implementation: directly by DG.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: General public.

1.4.11 EURES training

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

To train EURES advisers and other staff involved in EURES activities from Public Employment Services, social partner organisations and other EURES partner organisations on basic EURES services to be offered to both job-seekers and employers.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2.

Implementation: directly by DG.

1.4.12 Help desk for the European job mobility portal

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Provide support for the European job mobility portal. This activity shall support the transparency of job vacancies, applications and any related information for applicants and employers.

Type of contract: new FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 5.

Implementation: directly by DG.

1.4.13 Maintenance, enhancement and continuous development of the EURES IT platform to further develop the European Job Mobility Portal and the related IT platform

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase services for maintenance, enhancement and continuous development of the EURES IT platform. This activity shall support the transparency of job vacancies, applications and any related information for applicants and employers.

Type of contract: specific contracts based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 15.

Implementation: directly by DG.

1.4.14 Information and communication activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Publications, creation and maintenance of websites, audiovisual material, media monitoring.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 15.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

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1.4.15 Capacity-building activities for microfinance and/or social entrepreneurship actors

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

This activity shall support the roll-out of new (and/or the improvement or continued offer of) programmes and policies to support activities linked with the implementation of EaSI third axis.

Type of contract: direct contract.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 4.

Implementation: subdelegation to DG ECFIN.

1.4.16 Information and communication activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Publications, creation and maintenance of websites, audiovisual material, media monitoring.

Type of contract: specific contracts based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 3.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

1.5 Indirect Management

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and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

1.5.1 *Cooperation with the Council of Europe for support to capacity building for local authorities for Roma inclusion*

Indicative amount: €1.000.000.

Overall objective and purpose of the action:

Support to capacity building for local authorities for Roma inclusion. This project shall provide training, mentoring, and coaching to local authorities aiming at integration Roma which live on their territories. It shall strengthen the capacity of local and regional authorities (targeting both elected officials and senior civil servants) to develop and implement plans and policies for Roma inclusion. It shall ensure that local authorities are equipped with tools, knowledge, and skills enabling them to overcome the challenges and barriers they often face when it comes to taking into account the needs of the Roma (including structural barriers which prevent a proper implementation of the strategies and policies) and provide concrete outputs in terms of general local development in which the contribution of Roma is properly recognised.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Social policy experimentation.

Policy related output and justification: Europe 2020 strategy: social inclusion and fight against poverty - Local authorities are essential contributors to the implementation of National Roma Integration strategies but lack the necessary capacity. Report on capacity building measures for Roma inclusion at local level.

Foreseen output: Support to organisations (SP, NGO, enterprises, national, regional, local authorities).

Implementing entity: The CoE has been selected for managing this action this task because, as a norm setting institution, it has developed a specific expertise regarding Roma inclusion. The CoE has the unique capability to translate policy content into capacity building interventions at the local level The Council of Europe shall carry out the action by procuring specific experts in the field.

Implementation timetable: September 2014-March 2016

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: Regional and Local Authorities.

1.5.2 *Support for equal access to YEI schemes*

Indicative amount: €500.000.

Overall objective and purpose of the action:

Cooperation with the World Bank to support capacity building for beneficiaries promoting the access of young Roma to youth guarantees schemes. This project shall provide training, mentoring, and coaching to potential beneficiaries of youth guarantees schemes.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_ Capacity building for organisations.

Policy related output and justification: Europe 2020 strategy: social inclusion and fight against poverty - YEI beneficiaries need capacity building support to ensure equal access for disadvantaged youth, including Roma.

Foreseen output: training, mentoring, and coaching to potential beneficiaries of youth guarantees schemes.

Implementing entity: World Bank given its specific expertise

The World Bank has been selected to manage this action because it has specific expertise to carry out the action.

Implementation timetable: June 2014-May 2015

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: Local Authorities.

1.6 Financial instruments implemented in direct or indirect management

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for financial instruments in 2014 amounts to 23.783.736€

The objectives of these financial instruments have been described in the Regulation 1296/2013 and can be found under Article 4: General objectives:

e) promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable people who wish to start up a micro-enterprise as well as for existing micro-enterprises, and by increasing access to finance for social enterprises.

These objectives are further specified under Article 26: Specific objectives:

(a) increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for:

(i) vulnerable persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their job, or have difficulty in entering or re-entering the labour market, or are at risk of social exclusion, or are socially excluded, and are in a disadvantaged position with regard to access to the conventional credit market and who wish to start up or develop their own micro- enterprises;

(ii) micro-enterprises in both start-up and development phase, especially micro-enterprises which employ persons as referred to in point (i);

(b) build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers;

(c) support the development of the social investment market and facilitate access to finance for social enterprises by making equity, quasi-equity, loan instruments and grants of up to EUR 500 000 available to social enterprises with either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 30 million, or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 30 million which are not themselves a collective investment undertaking.

Indicative target results are 41.000 microloans given to final beneficiaries and 1.350 loans given to social enterprises. The target for microfinance has been based on the past experience with the Progress Microfinance. The target for social enterprises has been based on the total volume of the guarantees and funded instruments funds, multiplied by the expected leverage and divided by an average investment size of 200.000 euros per social enterprise. For the funded instruments, an expected co-investment of 20 million euros was taken into account. These targets are subject to change as potential co-investments are unknown at this stage.

The criteria for the selection of fund managers and the entrusted entity will follow the Guidelines for the selection of entrusted entities and DIV managers for new financial instruments.

DG EMPL has commissioned two studies in 2013, namely "Study on imperfections in the area of microfinance and options how to address them through an EU financial instrument" by Evers&jung and "Study on imperfections in the social investment market and options on how to address them" by the Zeppelin University. These studies have been conducted in line with the requirements listed in Article 224 RAP. As such they will serve as ex-ante evaluations for the new financial instruments.

1.6.1 *Increasing access to microfinance*

Specific Financial instrument to be used

Extension of funding to microcredit providers with the objective of improving access to and availability of microfinance, particularly to persons facing difficulties to access the credit market.

Budget line

04 03 02 03 - Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Facilitating access to finance for entrepreneurs, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

Objectives to be fulfilled and the foreseen results

Promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable people who wish to start up a micro-enterprise as well as for existing micro-enterprises.

The amount allocated to the financial instrument;

11.891.868€

Criteria to be used to select the fund manager (direct management) or entrusted entity or person (indirect management) or justification for the exception

See legal basis

Implementation mode

Subdelegation DG ECFIN (indirect management)

Indicative timetable

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1.6.2 *New financial instrument for social entrepreneurship*

Specific Financial instrument to be used

The new financial instrument promoting social entrepreneurship finance under EaSI shall make available hybrid financing for social enterprises in the form of a combination of equity, quasi-equity, loan instruments and grants.

Budget line

04 03 02 03 - Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship — Facilitating access to finance for entrepreneurs, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

Objectives to be fulfilled and the foreseen results

Promote employment and social inclusion by increasing access to finance for social enterprises.

The amount allocated to the financial instrument;

11.891.868€

Criteria to be used to select the fund manager (direct management) or entrusted entity or person (indirect management) or justification for the exception

See legal basis

Implementation mode

Subdelegation DG ECFIN (indirect management)

Indicative timetable

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1.7 Other Actions

04 03 02 01 - PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

1.7.1 3rd Administrative Arrangement between DG EMPL and the Joint Research Centre

Indicative amount: €300.000.

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

Provide scientific support to DG EMPL for the work to be done for the Scientific Committee of Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL). The role of the JRC is to provide scientific support to SCOEL– they will prepare a number of preliminary scientific papers review in accordance with an agreed work programme (contained in the Annex to the Administrative Arrangement). This will facilitate the work of SCOEL, which is also purely scientific, who are tasked with evaluating the health effects of workers exposure to a range of hazardous chemicals.

Implementation: Implemented by JRC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist., dept. and similar), Social and economic partners, Associations, NGOs and similar, Universities and research institutes, International organisations.

1.7.2 Committee of experts on posting of workers

Indicative amount: €264.000.

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

Reimbursement of experts' travel expenses and subsistence expenses.

Implementation: Implemented by DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Coverage: EU28, EFTA/EEA, candidate countries, pre-candidate countries.

Target audience: National authorities (minist. dept. and similar).

1.7.3 Hosting of the ESCO portal

Indicative amount: €90.000.

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

Following the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding number DIGIT-00243-00 to cover the hosting of the ESCO portal and its evolution for the period 2010-2014, a subdelegation must be given to DG DIGIT to provide the services as defined and described under the Article 2 "Subject" of the Memorandum of Understanding signed, related to the expenditure as calculated by DG DIGIT based on the budgeted expenditure and the services to be provided.

In light of new technological developments, hosting requirements may need to be reconsidered and this may lead to an increase of the indicative amount.

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Policy related output and justification: -

Foreseen output: Dissemination of the ESCO classification.

Implementation: Subdelegation to DIGIT.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: General public.

04 03 02 02 - EURES — Promoting workers' geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities.

1.7.4 Hosting of the European job mobility portal

Indicative amount: €350.000.

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

This activity shall support the transparency of job vacancies, applications and any related information for applicants and employers. Following the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding number DIGIT-00295-00 to cover the hosting of the European Job Mobility portal and its evolution for the period 2012-2014, a subdelegation was given to DG DIGIT.

For 2014 an amount of EUR 350,000 shall be available to DG DIGIT. This amount represents the expenditure to be incurred by DG DIGIT to provide the services as defined and described under Article 2 "Subject" of the Memorandum of Understanding signed, related to the expenditure as calculated by DG DIGIT based on the budgeted expenditure and the services to be provided.

Specific objective: EaSI EURES_Transparent information on job vacancies and applications.

Policy related output and justification: -

Foreseen output: Data base.

Implementation: DIGIT.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: General public.

1.7.5 Translations for the European Job Mobility Portal

Indicative amount: €1.300.000.

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

This activity shall support the transparency of job vacancies applications and any related information for applicants and employers by providing translations for the European Job Mobility Portal of all the information diffused through the EURES IT portal to all European languages of the EU. The new Agreement between the European Commission and the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, signed on 29 May 2012 and valid until 31 December 2012 (reference 68018-09). As it is tacitly renewable for successive periods of 12 months, the renewal has entered into force on 1st January.

Specific objective: EaSI EURES_Transparent information on job vacancies and applications.

Policy related output and justification: -

Foreseen output: Publication.

Implementation: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1.

Coverage: EU28 EFTA/EEA.

Target audience: General public.