



DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Annual work programme for the implementation of the preparatory actions "Social solidarity for social integration" and " Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants in Europe through development, testing and scaling of a new generation of local centres for social and economic integration" for 2015

[Commission Decision C(2015)9053 of 13 October 2015]

SUMMARY

DG EMPL's 2015 annual work programme for the implementation of the preparatory actions "Social solidarity for social integration" and " Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants in Europe through development, testing and scaling of a new generation of local centres for social and economic integration" serving as financing decision

This draft Implementing Decision constitutes DG EMPL's 2015 annual work programme for the implementation of the preparatory actions "Social solidarity for social integration" and " Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants in Europe through development, testing and scaling of a new generation of local centres for social and economic integration" serving as financing decision.

It determines the essential elements of the actions which will involve expenditure from the 2015 budget, and its purpose is to allow procedures to be launched so that individual decisions on the award of grants and contracts could be taken from the beginning of 2015.

This draft Commission Decision relates to the following budget line :

04 03 77 19

04 03 77 18

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

- Awarding grants implemented under direct management
- Public procurement implemented under direct management

The Annex to the draft Commission Decision sets out, for each budget line concerned, the details of the various actions scheduled by DG EMPL for 2015.

ANNEX

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in legal basis mentioned under the different appropriations this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): EUR **500.000**
- for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.) N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): EUR **1.500.000**
- for actions implemented under [insert management] modes (1.5): N/A
- for Financial instruments (implemented under indirect management) (1.6): N/A
- for other actions (1.7): N/A

Any action under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

1.2 GRANTS

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| Budget line: | 04 03 77 19 |
| Legal Basis: | Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1). |

1.2.1 - Direct grant to International Organization for Migration (IOM) for implementing the preparatory action "Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants in Europe through development and testing of local centres for social and economic integration".

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The main objective of this preparatory action is to increase the capabilities of local administrations in dealing with the multiple aspects related to the integration needs of migrants at local level. This will be done with a series of trainings and mentoring activities for the front-line workers dealing with the specific needs and situations of migrants.

The aim of the preparatory action is to enhance the capacity of local governments to develop sustainable strategies for the successful social and economic integration of migrants from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The European Agenda on Migration adopted in May 2015 called for measures aimed at the effective integration of migrants in European societies; while the competence lies primarily with Member States, the European Union can support actions by national governments, local authorities and civil society.

According to the social investment approach to social policy, support should be better targeted to those in need through individualised and integrated services. This could be achieved by setting up one-stop-shops, notably local centres for social and economic integration at municipality level. A more integrated provision of benefits and services can contribute to better take-up and coverage by potential beneficiaries as well as to more efficient and optimised administrative procedures.

The training areas will focus on the 3 pillars of active inclusion:

- Income support
- Access to the labour market
- Access to social services

Cities have a critical role to play in integrating and engaging newcomers both socially and economically, as the lived experience of integration is inherently local. At the same time, we are witnessing throughout Europe devolution of powers regarding the design and implementation of integration policy from a national to regional and local level. In some cases, Member States use one-stop shops (such as activation centres in DE, located in the job centres, which channel individual's needs towards other relevant service providers), while others (CY) aim at improved cooperation between social and employment services.

The expected results are the enhancement of capabilities of local authorities to deal with the multiple aspects related to the integration needs of disadvantaged migrants. Following the intervention, they would develop the capacity to move towards a more integrated delivery of benefits and services, which address the multiple drivers of labour market and social exclusion, and to target these to the individual migrant's needs.

Description of the activities to be funded

The activities will be centred on a series of trainings and mentoring activities for the front-line workers dealing with the specific needs and situations of migrants.

The activities will include:

- 1.- Scoping study regarding the needs of selected local municipalities when dealing with the reception and integration trajectory of newly arrived migrants;
- 2.- Development of training modules for the local officials dealing with the reception of migrants;
- 3.- Training in the selected local municipalities;
- 4.- Peer-review with all participant countries;

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1 (f) of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

The IOM has the expertise, legitimacy and contacts to support the EU in this task. The individual award decision substantiating the specific characteristics will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following main 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Maximum possible rate for co-financing of the eligible costs: 95%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date | Amount |
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| 2015-Q4 | EUR 500.000 |

1.3 PRIZES –N/A

1.4 PROCUREMENT

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1.4.1 - Implementation of the preparatory action "Social solidarity for social integration"

Background

The preparatory action is a follow-up of the pilot project which financed a first phase of implementation of a European minimum income network in order to increase awareness and knowledge of minimum income schemes.

Objectives and main features of the actions

The aim of the preparatory action is to:

→ strengthen the capacity of the national minimum income networks to develop an implementation strategy of the recommendations that have emerged from the European Minimum Income Network pilot project that was funded between 2012 and 2014;

- strengthen the links with the EU2020 process by following up on the implementation of the relevant CSRs;
- further develop the awareness raising on minimum income schemes focusing on coverage, adequacy and take-up;
- engage EU-level actors on further dialogue on minimum income schemes;
- promote the common methodology on reference budgets (under preparation through the Reference Budget Network pilot project) at local, national and EU-level to ensure adequacy of minimum income support.

Implementation

The focus of the second phase will be to strengthen the capacities of the national networks. The final report of the pilot project was received in the first quarter of 2015 and is a valuable source of information to write the call for tender for the preparatory action. The Commission services have followed closely the implementation of the project: the results presented in the final conference in December 2014 are promising to build on the preparatory action.

The preparatory action will be financed in the form of a call for tender up to a maximum of EUR 1,5 million under the budget 2015, to be launched in the 3th quarter of 2015. The relevant contract will be awarded in the fourth quarter 2015 with duration of 24 months.