



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**Annual work programme for grants and procurements for DG EMPL prerogatives and specific competencies for 2017 (first update)**

**[Commission Decision C(2017)704 of 10 February 2017]**

## SUMMARY

### **DG EMPL's 2017 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision**

This draft Implementing Decision constitutes DG EMPL's 2017 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision. It determines the essential elements of the actions which will involve expenditure from the 2017 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 2017.

This draft Commission Decision relates to the following budget lines:

- 04 03 01 01: Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives
- 04 03 01 03: Free movement of workers, coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries
- 04 03 01 04: Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demography and the family
- 04 03 01 05: Information and training measures for workers' organisations
- 04 03 01 06: Information, consultation and participation of representatives undertakings
- 04 03 01 08: Industrial relations and social dialogue
- 04 03 11: European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
- 04 03 12: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- 04 03 13: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
- 04 03 14: European Training Foundation (ETF)

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

awarding grants (including to bodies with a *de jure* monopoly, for the cofinancing of conferences in DG EMPL's fields of activity and to bodies on the account of their technical competence and high degree of specialisation);

public procurement;

granting of cross-subdelegations to other DGs for actions of common benefit.

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 2017.

## ANNEX

The Annex is amended as follows:

### **(1) GRANTS**

#### **(a) Point 1.2.3 Call for proposals on Information and training measures for workers' organisations.**

The Essential eligibility criteria are amended as follows:

Essential eligibility criteria

To be eligible,

- Lead and co-applicants must be properly constituted and registered legal persons. 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;
- The lead applicant must be a social partner organisation representing workers at European, national or regional level;
- The lead applicant must have its registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Co-applicants must have their registered office in one of the Member States or Candidate Countries.

In addition, actions must:

- Have the involvement of applicants, affiliated entities or associate organisations from more than one Member State or Candidate Country in the case of proposals which are not submitted by a European-level workers' organisation;
- Have genuine involvement, i.e. as co-applicant or associate organisation, from a European-level social partner organisation, if the proposal is submitted by a national or regional workers' organisation;
- Be fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union or the Candidate Countries.

**(b) Point 1.2.4 Support to the Trade Union Institutes ETUI and EZA.** The Award Criteria are amended as follows:

Award criteria

The award criteria used for the specific operating grant agreements will be:

- Coherence of the annual work programme with the Framework Partnership Agreement
- Transnational dimension
- Contribution to the priorities, activities and results of European social dialogue
- Added value (lasting impact and/or multiplier effect)
- Cost-effectiveness as well as clarity and completeness of the budget explanation
- Arrangements to publicise the operation and dissemination methods envisaged
- Overall quality of the proposal, including the clarity and structure of the work programme

(c) Point 1.2.8 is amended as follows:

**1.2.8 Direct grant to ITCILO: Project with the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation (ITCILO) (2017\_04.030108\_21)**

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Capacity building activities (training), which should contribute to the Commission's initiatives of support to capacity building in the field of social dialogue, in the context of the New Start for Social Dialogue and its follow-up.

Description of the activities to be funded

To promote capacity building activities (training).

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.

ILO is the only international organisation that has an explicit and specific mandate in its constitution and basic texts to promote social dialogue and has acquired know-how internationally in this area. It is also the only international organisation with both governments and social partners in its governance and decision making processes. Capacity building and training measures are designed and organised by the unique International Training Centre of the ILO in close cooperation with the relevant employers' organisations and trade unions.

The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

Award criteria

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

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives pursued 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible total costs: 90%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2017 Q1	500.000

## **(2) PROCUREMENTS**

**(d) Point 1.4.1 Procurement activities of DG EMPLOYMENT under "Free movement of workers, coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries" budget line (04.030103).** The Implementation of the activities is amended as follows:

"Implementation: EUR 350.000 will be codelegated to DG DIGIT and EUR 400.000 to DG DGT. The rest will be implemented directly by DG EMPL."

**(e) Point 1.4.3 Procurement activities of DG EMPLOYMENT under "Industrial relations and Social dialogue" budget line (04.030108).** The Implementation of the activities is amended as follows:

"Implementation: EUR 10.000 will be codelegated to DG DGT. The rest will be implemented directly by DG EMPL."