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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹, and in particular Article 45(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities²(hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation'), and in particular Articles 75 and 110 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³ (hereinafter referred to as the 'Implementing Rules'), and in particular Articles 90 and 166 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Coordination Committee of the Funds and the opinion of the Committee under Article 163 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 December 2010, the Commission approved Decision C(2010) 9089 concerning operational and non-operational technical assistance at the initiative of or on behalf of the Commission under the European Social Fund for 2011 and serving as a work programme for the technical assistance.
- (2) On 29 September 2011, the Commission approved the Decision amending Decision C(2010)9089 concerning the adoption of a financing decision concerning operational and non-operational technical assistance at the initiative of or on behalf of the

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OJ L 210 of 31.7.2006, p. 25.

² OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- Commission under the European Social Fund for 2011 and serving as a work programme for this technical assistance.⁴
- (3) It is necessary to amend Annex I which contains the actions planned in 2011 by the Commission services concerning the budget line 04.022000 (operational technical assistance) and Annex II which contains the actions planned in 2011 by the Commission services concerning the budget line 04.010401 non-operational technical assistance to Decision C(2010) 9089 due to the addition of 3 actions.
- (4) The amendment of Annex I of this Decision is subject to the adoption of the Amending Budget no 6 for the year 2011 (DAB6/2011), which provides for the reinforcement of budget line 04.220 (European Social Fund Operational Technical assistance) by EUR 3.25 million.
- (5) In accordance with Article 53d of the Financial Regulation, evidence has been obtained that the International Monetary Fund and the Worldbank can be entrusted by the Commission with the implementation of Union's funds in joint management applying standards which offer guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards in their accounting, audit, internal control and procurement procedures.
- (6) Decision C(2010) 9089 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The budget implementation of tasks related to action 15bis set out in Annex I may be entrusted to the International Monetary Fund.

The budget implementation of tasks related to actions 16a and 16b set out in Annex II may be entrusted to the Worldbank.

⁴ C(2011)6861

Article 2

Subject to the adoption of the Amending Budget no 6 for the year 2011 (DAB6/2011), which provides for the reinforcement of budget line 04.220 (European Social Fund – Operational Technical assistance) by EUR 3.25 million, decision C(2010)9089 is amended as follows:

the table set out in Annex I is replaced by the table set out in Annex I to this Decision.

The table set out in Annex II is replaced by the table set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission László Andor Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Amended Financial Table I Operational Technical Assistance

ANNEX II

Amended Financial Table II Non- Operational Technical Assistance

1. INTRODUCTION:

This list contains the actions planned in 2011 by DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion concerning the budget heading for "operational technical assistance": 04.022000.

The types of measures and the types of procedures followed for the contracts or procurement procedures are indicated. For possible grants, the selection and award criteria and the maximum co-financing rates are indicated.

Appropriations may be used to cover the payment of interest on late payment due to contractors and beneficiaries in accordance with Article 106 of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation, arising from legal commitments concluded on the current budget heading.

In addition, late payment interest arising from legal commitments concluded under previous programmes and actions in the field of the European Social Fund, for which no earmarked revenues and no legal basis exist any more, may be paid by the current budget heading, if the current budget heading is to be considered the closest line.

2. DETAILED LIST OF ACTIONS:

Budget heading

04.022000 Operational technical assistance

BASIC ACT

The appropriations under this item are intended to finance actions taken by the Commission by virtue of the powers specifically conferred on it by Article 45(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

€13,250,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FINANCED

1. GRANTS

Four ESF Presidency Conferences will be organised in 2011-12. In addition EIPA will organize the European Public Sector Award (EPSA) 2011 conference. The Commission intends to co-fund these conferences. The awarded amount is €700,000 and the maximum Community co-financing rate will be 80% of the total eligible costs of the action.

Table I: Budget 04.022000 Operational technical assistance budget - Grants N° Action title (details) Content **Objective Expected results** Awarded **Indicative** If grant, key If subvention, date selection & max coamount market award criteria financing rate procedure 1 ESF presidency 300,000.00 1st sem, 80% ESF reporting. To exchange views on Mutual learning for ESF monopoly conference Hungary evaluation & monitoring issues related to ESF managing authorities & 2011 reporting, evaluation & other interested actors monitoring with a view to contribute to the preparation of the next ESF regulation for 2014-2020 2 ESF presidency Debate on the next ESF To exchange views on Mutual learning for ESF 300.000.00 2nd sem. 80% monopoly issues related to the next managing authorities & conference Poland Regulation - 2014-2020 2011 ESF regulation for 2014other interested actors 2020 To devise new 3 European Public Sector To contribute to the 100,000.00 1st sem, institution of The EPSA award 80% Award (EPSA) 2011 2011 realisation of the Europe administrative problempromotes & rewards the EU interest best, most innovative & solving paradigms & 2020 strategy by efficient good practice highlighting exemplary sharing them across projects of the public models of innovative Europe; to foster sector in Europe public performances & constructive competition building capacities in amongst public sector public administrations; to organisations & thus reach & reward create a common European administrative excellence; to create a space; to learn from the network of public EU leading edge excellence.

Subtotal

700,000.00

2. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope requested for the procurements is €9,299,624.00

Table II: Budget 04.022000 Operational technical assistance budget – Procurement

N°	Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget	Indicative date market procedure	If procurement existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor
4	ESF in the future	Study on scales of unit costs to feed & substantiate the impact assessment for the Structural Fund Regulations post 2013	Better informed decision making	Examination of the advantages & disadvantages of possible scales of unit costs	5,000.00	1st sem, 2011	Negotiated procedure	
5	Services to support exchange & learning between member states, mainstreaming of good practice & lessons learnt	Support for identification, synthesis, validation an dissemination at EU level of good practice from innovative & transnational activities, on key ESF themes & good governance issues	To support the Commission & key stakeholders at regional, national & European level in analysing, disseminating & mainstreaming good practice & lessons learnt from innovative & transnational activities	Mutual learning of ESF managing bodies & strategic stakeholders through good practice fiches, policy briefs, background documents, web articles; brochures & publications	1,200,000.00		Existing framework contract (VC/2010/371)	AEIDL (European Association for Information on Local Development)
6	ESF Communication	Maintenance & update	To improve information	Up-to-date website,	2,599,624.00		VC/2010/0038	ESN
		of ESF website,	provision on ESF, to	publication various			VC/2007/0052	Qwentes-Kantor

 Table II: Budget 04.022000 Operational technical assistance budget – Procurement

N°	Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or	If ongoing contract contractor
		preparation ESF publications, press work & development of audiovisual products as well as other communication functions & tools.	highlight results of ESF, to enhance public image of ESF & to increase knowledge about ESF among general public.	documents, production of audiovisual material & overall increased information availability for general public.			PO/2006-39/Dir D	Media Consulta; European Service Network/Saatchi &Saatchi Consortium; Mostra/Pleon Consortium
							VC/2007/0673	Mostra
7	ESF communication, networking & visibility	Promotional material	To enhance the visibility & knowledge of the ESF by the general public	Greater awareness among EU citizens of what the ESF does	100,000.00		new procedure	
8	Studies in support of the preparation or the follow-up of the restructuring forum in order to promote partnerships, pacts & initiatives through networking of relevant stakeholders		To support the preparation of the follow-up of the different restructuring forums	Background documents to facilitate the discussions during the forum & documents to launch a follow-up of a previous forum in order to mobilise for reforms in the field of employment & labour market inclusiveness		throughout 2011	new procedure	

 Table II: Budget 04.022000 Operational technical assistance budget – Procurement

N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget	Indicative date market procedure	If procurement existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor
9 Database on studies	Database on studies & reports on job & skill anticipation, foresight & forecast realized at different levels	To share information between the different stakeholders working in the field of restructuring (public bodies, experts, trade unions & businesses.	Animation of an interactive web site compound by 3 elements (library, forum & a wiki part) called "anticipedia"	100,000.00	2nd sem. 2011	new procedure	
10 Study on toolkits	2 or 3 reports concerning cases, tools & actions developed to reduce the negative social impacts of restructuring	To collect & to share practical tools or actions devoted to the management of restructuring	Basis of discussion with & between the different stakeholders active in restructuring (public bodies, experts, trade unions & businesses)	100,000.00	2nd sem. 2011	new procedure	
* *	e Capacity Building in o member states & regions of for supporting traineeships and apprenticeships (awareness raising, exchange of good practice, mutual learning, networking & expert assignments)	service providers, in improving quality & performance of apprenticeship and	peer learning will strengthen capacities of relevant government institutions, ESF bodies and social partners to create	1,300,000.00	2nd sem. 2011	new procedure open tender	

 Table II: Budget 04.022000 Operational technical assistance budget – Procurement

N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or	If ongoing contract contractor
12 Campaign on the modernised social security coordination	Promotional material for the campaign	To enhance the mobility of workers throughout Europe. The campaign should improve the live of EU Citizens by giving them better job prospects in the framework of the EU 2020 strategy.	Greater awareness among EU citizens about the modernised social security coordination (the campaign will inform citizens about their rights & information obligations)	265,000.00	1 st sem. 2011	DG EMPL framework contracts VC/2007/034 VC/2007/673 VC/2007/674	Gellis Communications SPRL Mostra SA Bernhard Brunhes International SA,
13 Monitoring and development of Exchange of social security schemes (EESSI)	Assistance particularly when the system rolls out in full production	To enhance the mobility of workers throughout Europe. Citizens exercising their right of free movement within the EU will profit from EESSI by giving them better jobs prospects	To grant social benefits to mobile citizens in a speedy and efficient way and provision of electronic exchange of information between national social security institutions	1,450,000.00	Throughou t 2011	Use of framework contracts of DG DIGIT ESP DESIS Nr 05710 to 5724	One4EU & others
14 Evaluation expert network (03)	policy papers, country reports synthesising Member States evaluations & an EU level synthesis report	To deliver policy analysis & evidence on the performance of ESF programmes based on the monitoring & evaluation work done by the Member States.	synthesis of evaluations undertaken	1,800,000.00	throughout 2011	New procedure - Open Tender	

N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or	If ongoing contract contractor
5 Expert support to ESF partnership meetings and working groups	discussion papers, participation in ESF evaluation partnership meetings, expert support on methodological issues		discussion of ESF evaluation matters of interest to the Commission & Member States	30,000.00		new procedure	
Subtotal				9,299,624.00			

Budget heading 04.022000 -Operational Technical Assistance by	udget – Joint Management
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N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Awarded amount	Joint Management	Joint management	If subvention, max co-
						justification	financing rate

Subtotal 3,250,000.00

SUMMARY INFORMATION ESF OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Budget heading 04022000	Commitments	Payments
Available budget	13,250,000.00	7,500,000.00
Proposed budget	-13,249,624.00	
Difference	376.00	

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INTRODUCTION:

This list contains the actions planned in 2011 by DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion concerning the budget heading for "non-operational technical assistance": 04.010401.

The types of measures and the types of procedures followed for the contracts or procurement procedures are indicated.

Appropriations may be used to cover the payment of interest on late payment due to contractors and beneficiaries in accordance with Article 106 of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation, arising from legal commitments concluded on the current budget heading.

In addition, late payment interest arising from legal commitments concluded under previous programmes and actions in the field of the European Social Fund, for which no earmarked revenues and no legal basis exist any more, may be paid by the current budget heading, if the current budget heading is to be considered the closest line.

DETAILED LIST OF ACTIONS:

Budget heading

04.010401 Non-operational technical assistance

BASIC ACT

The appropriations under this item are intended to finance actions taken by the Commission by virtue of the powers specifically conferred on it by Article 45(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

€16,500,000

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FINANCED

1. JOINT MANAGEMENT

Budget heading 04.010401 Non-Operational Technical Assistance budget – Joint Management

N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Awarded	Joint	Joint	If subvention,
				amount	Management	management	max co-
						justification	financing rate

16a Poverty mapping -Following the The main objective of the Pilot of Maps of 150,000.00 Second half The joint Not applicable mapping extremely publication of the project is to map extremely marginalised 2011 management marginalised Communication on extremely marginalised communities in BG (DG REGIO scheme is communities in Member "Fighting against communities in Member through the use of data will chosen because Agreement coming from the poverty platform", the States and use the maps under joint States contribute of the very to more efficiently target national statistic offices with further management Communication "EU specialised framework for Roma (census and methodology interventions in these 150,000.00 with the National Integrated areas. Poverty is linked WORLDBANK needed to carry administrative data) and from their Strategies", calling for surveys. These maps out map of to the territories and the TA 2011) mapping marginalised objective is to map local would be compared to local communities in Europe areas below NUTS 3 DK poverty mapping. marginalised to better spend national level. In collaboration communities in and communities funds with ESPON, this project the 10 member in favour of extremely would allow using the states maps during the poverty and the EU identified. Both Council Conclusions of upcoming negotiation of the WB and the Structural Funds 24 June 2011. DG UNDP have REGIO and DG EMPL (ERDF, ESF). proved agreed to sign a joint experience and management agreement methods with the World Bank in developed in this field in all cooperation with the UNDP and OSI to map the identified poverty in CZ, HU, SK, countries. PL, BU, RO, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia. This project will be complemented with a mapping exercise of marginalised communities in the old member states to be

carried out in the framework of ESPON

- 16 Poverty mapping -
- b mapping extremely marginalised communities in Member States

Following the publication of the Communication on "Fighting against poverty platform", the Communication "EU framework for Roma National Integrated Strategies", calling for mapping marginalised communities in Europe to better spend national level. In collaboration in favour of extremely poverty and the EU 24 June 2011. DG REGIO and DG EMPL (ERDF, ESF). agreed to sign a joint management agreement with the World Bank in cooperation with the UNDP and OSI to map poverty in CZ, HU, SK, PL, BU, RO, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia. This project will be complemented with a mapping exercise of marginalised communities in the old member states to be carried out in the

framework of ESPON

The main objective of the Maps of extremely project is to map extremely marginalised communities in Member States and use the maps to more efficiently target coming from the interventions in these areas. Poverty is linked to the territories and the objective is to map local areas below NUTS 3 and communities funds with ESPON, this project poverty maps of old would allow using the maps during the Council Conclusions of upcoming negotiation of the Structural Funds

marginalised communities in remaining 9 new MS through the use of data national statistic offices (census and administrative data) and surveys. These maps would be complemented with the member states to be produced in the framework of a project to be funded by ESPON.

300.000.00 Second half of (DG REGIO 2011 will contribute Agreement with further under joint 300,000.00 management from their with the TA)

The joint management scheme is chosen because of the very specialised methodology WORLDBANK needed to carry out map of local marginalised communities in the 10 member states identified. Both the WB and UNDP have proved experience and methods developed in this field in all the identified countries.

Not applicable

2. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for the procurements is $\bigcirc 6,049,028.00$

Budget heading 04.010401 Non-Operational Technical Assistance budget – Procurement								
N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget (€)	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor	
17 Framework contract outsourced audits Art. 6	Outsourcing of audit work on 4 Art. 6 projects	To improver efficiency of staff resources; more audits	4 audited Art. 6 project grants additional to audits by I2-staff	65,000.00	First half of 2011	DG BUDG framework contract No -30-CE- 0135779/00-80 of 23/07/2007	Moore Stephens Limited Liability Partnership	

N° Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget (€)	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor
18 contracts to support EMPL audits	Outsourcing of ESF audits related to closure 2000-2006 & audits of OPs 2007-2013	Increase number of audits to have a better view on assurance level of Managing & Control Systems in MS	Re-performance audits of project audits and project audits of 2007- 2013 & possibly closure audits 2000-2006	1,752,000.00	Throughou t 2001	DG EMPL/REGIO/MARE joint framework contract on audit services: VC/2009/876,877,878 Or new framework contract of DG BUDG for audit services or open tender	Ernst&Young Deloitte Mazars
	Development of an audit IT Tool	Monitor efficiently the audit activities of Commission auditors	Provide auditors and managers an integrated environment to better organise and monitor audit tasks and associated files			DIGIT/R2/PO/2009/029 Software acquisition Channel (SACHAII)	PC-WARE Information Technologies BV
	Risk scoring tool	Strengthen the Structural Funds management and control systems	Identifying irregular circumstances of SF and CF operations. List of riskiest operations per Operational Programme			New- procedure- Open tender or a DG DIGIT FWC	

N°	Action title (details)	Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget (€)	Indicative date market procedure	If procurement existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor
st	Expenditure on taff other than fficials	Technical tasks to be performed by staff other than officials: contract agents/national experts on secondment/agency workers	To implement the ESF	Assistance in implementing the ESF	5,000,000.00		NA	
m co p	Development & naintenance of omputer programs (intra nuros)	Development & maintenance of software applications for the management of the Structural Funds. Daily operational maintenance, corrections & evolution of existing applications. Assistance to users (helpdesk). Analysis & development for 2007-13 period. Seminar with Member States on SFC 2007-2013	To develop effective management tools.	Implementation of management tools for structural funds	1,440,000.00		Framework contract – DIGIT	
a m ee (l so fo		Cost of acquisition, replacement & maintenance of software & equipment (PCs, laptops, printers, servers), cost of licensing software applications (Oracle, Microsoft), small expenses & associated actions including hosting contribution In the Calculation Centre.	To replace obsolete equipment, to acquire equipment according to population increase, to maintain equipment & software.	Provision of material resources	370,000.00		Framework contract – DIGIT	

Budget heading 04.010401 Non-Operational Technical Assistance budget – Procurement If procurement Requested **Indicative** If ongoing N° **Action title** Content **Objective Expected results** existing contract or budget (€) date contract (details) market new procedure contractor procedure 21 Extension of development of the EESSI Delivery of the EESSI Development of 330,000.00 Framework contract – b contracts **EESSI** programme software **DIGIT** 22 Technical Service helpdesk, user To provide computer Logistics services 560,000.00 ---Framework contract – assistance for the support for desktop & services to users DIGIT & computer daily operation of applications, managing systems & servers, computer databases. training & user

support

N° Action (deta		Content	Objective	Expected results	Requested budget (€)	Indicative date market procedure	existing contract or new procedure	If ongoing contract contractor
23 ESF Communi	cation	Maintenance and update of ESF website, preparation of ESF publications, press work and development of	enhance public image of	Up-to-date website, publication of various	709,418.00		VC/2010/0038 VC/20070052	ESN Qwentes Kantor
		audiovisual products as well as other communication functions and tools.	ESF & to increase knowledge about ESF among general public.	documents, production of audio-visual material and overall increased information availability for general public			DI/06763	PanoplisB Consortium
							DI/067670	PanoplisA Consortium
							DI/06764	ONE4EU2
							VC/2007/0673	Mostra
							PO/2006-39/Dir D	Media Consulta: European Service Network /Saatchi&Saatchi Consortium; Mostra/Pleon Consortium
24 OPOCE		Publication, printing & storage ESF documents.	To have printed copies in Community languages of ESF publications.	High quality information provision to general public.	152,610.00		OPOCE framework contracts	

Budget heading 04.010401 Non-Operational Technical Assistance budget - Procurement N° **Objective** Requested **Indicative** If procurement If ongoing **Action title** Content **Expected results** budget (€) date existing contract or contract (details) market new procedure contractor procedure 25 Conferences and Organisation of events To implement the ESF Enhancing the 2,150,000.00 throughout VC/2008/0063 Destrée workshops (logistical support / travel knowledge of VC/2008/1148 Studio EGA 2011 expenses / catering, etc.) VC/2008/0862 ESF operations, Minotaur achievements of VC/2008/0864 Travex ESF, possibilities VC/2008/0867 Adie Technics Adie Technics of ESF VC/2008/0868 VC/2008/0869 Team Work 26 Fora, workshops To collect, promote & exchanges & 1,020,000.00 VC/2008/0870 **IGEP** & conferences on disseminate information discussions. restructuring gathered by projects on support for trade restructuring issues. unions, businesses & workers to tackle restructuring challenges. 450,000.00 throughout Costs associated with 27 Meetings To implement the ESF Adherence to 2011 meetings of groups of regulatory experts associated with the requirements & ESF (in particular, the ESF better Committee) coordination with the Member States 350,000.00 2011 27 Task Force for Costs associated with To enhance the b Greece(TFGR) meetings of external experts achievements of the Greek

associated with the TFGR

ESF administrative capacity reform

28 Missions Mission expenses for DG To programme, implement Local work with 1,700,000		
EMPL staff - other than officials - involved in the programming, monitoring & ESF - control & audit of control of the ESF the Member States. Good coverage in terms of control & audit of activities supported by the ESF	.00 throughout 2011	

SUMMARY INFORMATION ESF OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Budget heading 04022000	
Available budget for commitments & payments	16,500,000.00
Proposed budget commitments	- 16,499,028.00
Difference	972.00

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