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NOTE POUR LES MEMBRES DE LA COMMISSION

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**Observations éventuelles : service des procédures écrites SG-A-2
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Objet : Affaires économiques et financières
- programme de travail 2005 (subventions)

Proposition de M. ALMUNIA, en accord avec Mme GRYBAUSKAITE et M. le Président

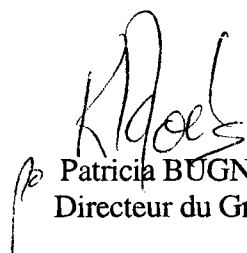
Décision proposée :

- approuver le projet de décision de la Commission portant adoption du programme de travail annuel 2005 en matière de subventions dans les domaines suivants : programme commun harmonisé des enquêtes de conjoncture de l'Union européenne et réseau européen de prévision, d'un montant de 5.060.000 euros;
- autoriser les engagements correspondants à charge de la ligne budgétaire 01 02 02;
- ne pas publier au JO.

Commentaire :

Ce programme de travail vaut décision de financement au sens de l'article 75 du règlement financier et de l'article 90 de ses modalités d'exécution.

Les incidences financières sont précisées dans la fiche d'accompagnement.


Patricia BUGNOT
Directeur du Greffe

Destinataires : MM. REGLING, ROMERO REQUENA, PETITE

NOTE DU SECRETARIAT GENERAL

PREPARATION DU DOCUMENT

Direction générale responsable

ECFIN Affaires économiques et financières

Services Associés

pour accord

BUDG Budget : Accord

SG Secrétariat général : Accord

pour avis

SJ Service juridique : Avis favorable

Langue originale : EN

En cas de demande de corrigendum/suspension de cette procédure, les cabinets et/ou le Service juridique sont invités à envoyer leurs observations à la boîte fonctionnelle "SG A-2 ACCORDS CABINETS".

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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION
ON THE 2005 WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS IN THE FIELD OF
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The decision on the 2005 work programme for grants in the field of economic and financial affairs has been prepared in accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation¹ and Articles 166 and 168 of the Implementing Rules.

The proposals without a basic act can be split into two distinctive groups. The first group contains the actions to be financed for the Joint Harmonised European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys and the second group contains the actions to be financed for the European Forecasting Network. Both groups of actions result from calls for proposals.

In accordance with Articles 49(2) and 75(2) of the Financial Regulation, the work programme for general grants awarded within the framework of a call for proposals also contains the information required for adopting a financing decision.

The Commission will now adopt a decision on the 2005 work programme for grants in the field of economic and financial affairs. On this basis, it is requested to adopt the attached Decision.

In view of the above, the Commission is invited:

- to approve the annexed 2005 work programme of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs;
- to authorise publication of this annual programme on the Commission's website;
- to confirm that the work programme of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs ranks as a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of the Financial Regulation and Article 90 of the Implementing Rules for the Financial Regulation and constitutes a budgetary implementation framework for the purposes of Article 15 of the Internal Rules.

¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and 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 Communities.



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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 Communities, and in particular Article 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 Communities, and in particular Article 166 and 168 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 110 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (the "Financial Regulation"), grants are subject to an annual programme, to be published at the start of the financial year.
- (2) Under Article 166 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 (the "Implementing Rules"), the work programme for grants is adopted by the Commission. It specifies the basic act, the objectives, the schedule of calls for proposals with the indicative amount, and the results expected.
- (3) The 2005 annual work programme for grants of the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs comprises two parts, set out in detail in the annex as follows:
 - Joint Harmonised European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys;
 - European Forecasting Network.

Both categories of actions fall under the Coordination and Surveillance of economic and monetary union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The 2005 work programme for grants under budget heading 010202 Coordination and surveillance of Economic and Monetary Union as set out in the annex is hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

ANNEX

BUDGET HEADING 01 02 02 COORDINATION AND SURVEILLANCE OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

A. JOINT HARMONISED EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS (BCS)

1. Introduction

One of the general objectives of DG ECFIN is “to foster EU growth, employment creation and sustainable development”. Within this framework, the ABB activity “Economic and Monetary Union” (EMU) embodies the core activity of DG ECFIN. EMU is multifaceted and implies notably the realisation of objectives covering public finance issues, monetary policy issues, exchange rate issues, the coordination of national economic policies, structural reform as well as legal and practical questions. More generally, the EMU activity gives rise to a constant production of analytical and policy notes on a variety of subjects, both within the Commission and to outside bodies (Ecofin, Eurogroup, Economic and Financial Committee, Economic Policy Committee, etc.).

One of the actions undertaken under the objective to support the Commission’s internal capacity to conduct economic studies is the harmonisation, coordination, analysis and dissemination of business surveys in Member States.

Harmonisation is essential to allow the comparison of business cycles in the different Member States and the calculation of a meaningful business cycle index for the euro area and for the EU as a whole, in order to inform the EU authorities, the Member States and the various economic agents about the present economic situation. Business and consumer surveys summarise attitudes and judgements of a large number of managers and consumers for different sectors of the economy in the European Union. Results are published on a monthly basis.

In view of the time lag involved before results become available for countries applying for EU membership, work needs to be set in motion before the actual accession date (selection of suitable national institutes, technical assistance, etc.), which implies that business and consumer surveys are also conducted in these countries. As a result, these activities also contribute to the realisation of another objective of DG ECFIN (“to prepare for further enlargement”), which falls under the ABB activity “International Economic and Financial Affairs”.

2. Basic decision

The Joint Harmonized European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys is adopted by the Commission by virtue of its institutional prerogatives in accordance with Article 49(2)(c) of the Financial Regulation¹.

To date, this programme has been governed by:

- Commission Decision C(97)2241 of 15 July 1997 approving the programme and its funding, together with the part-financing of business and consumer surveys;
- and document COM(2000)770 of 29 November 2000 approving Mr Solbes's draft memorandum to the Commission on the programme, which includes the new Member States, as well as Bulgaria and Romania.

A new Commission decision on the programme is being prepared which will incorporate all the implementing rules and changes since 1997.

3. Work programme 2005

The budget line is 01.02.02 Coordination and surveillance of Economic and Monetary Union. The Commission's share in the joint financing may not exceed 50% of the expenditure incurred.

Year	Reference	Duration	Annual indicative amount for 2005	Objectives / expected results
Call for Proposals launched in 2002	OJ 2002/C188/09	5 years from May 2003	3 400 000	Objectives: To collect data on the opinions of business managers and consumers in all Member States on the state of their economies. To this effect, surveys are carried out in various economic sectors (industry, construction, retail trade, investment, services sector, households and international) in accordance with a harmonised methodology. Results: As a result, timely and comparable information on the state of the individual countries' business cycle should become available, which can be aggregated meaningfully into EU and euro area aggregates. Such information has become an essential tool for policy making in the economic and monetary union.
Call for Proposals launched in 2003	OJ 2003/C119/17	4 years from May 2004	710 000	Objectives: To collect data on the opinions of business managers and consumers in all recently acceded Member States, and in Bulgaria and Romania, on the state of their economies. To this effect, surveys are carried out in various economic sectors (industry and households) in accordance with a harmonised methodology.

¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

				Results: As a result, timely and comparable information on the individual countries' business cycle should become available, which can be aggregated meaningfully into EU aggregates. Such information has become an essential tool for policy making in the economic and monetary union.
Call for Proposals launched in 2004 (Framework Partnership Agreement)	OJ 2004/C244/06	3 years from May 2005	650 000	Objectives: To collect data on the opinions of business managers in all recently acceded Member States, and in Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia, on the state of their economies. To this effect, surveys are carried out in various economic sectors (construction, retail trade, investment, services sector and retail trade) in accordance with a harmonised methodology. Results: As a result, timely and comparable information on the individual countries' business cycle should become available, which can be aggregated meaningfully into EU aggregates. Such information has become an essential tool for policy making in the economic and monetary union.

B. EUROPEAN FORECASTING NETWORK (EFN)

1. Introduction

The European Forecasting Network (EFN) aims at improving the analysis of euro-area economic conditions and policy options. This should be furthered, inter alia, through the production of regular independent and authoritative joint assessments of the economic outlook and policy challenges by a network of leading EU research institutes.

In addition to a regular conjunctural analysis and a macro-economic forecast for the euro-area, the EFN publishes reports covering a wide variety of EMU relevant topics. In particular, topics include the development of labour cost and productivity in the euro-area, macro-economic shock absorption in the euro-area, cyclical convergence in EMU, the economic effects of enlargement on EMU or an economic evaluation of the Lisbon targets. Reports are published twice a year.

As the European Forecasting Network focuses on euro-area and EMU-related issues, it serves the ABB activity "Economic and Monetary Union", which is a core activity of DG ECFIN falling under its general objective "to foster EU growth, employment creation and sustainable development".

2. Basic decision

The programme for the coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union is adopted by the Commission by virtue of its institutional prerogatives in accordance with Article 49(2)(c) of the Financial Regulation.

Grants for the coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union are awarded pursuant to Article 110 of the Financial Regulation following publication of a call for proposals.

3. Work programme 2005

The budget line is 01.02.02 Coordination and surveillance of Economic and Monetary Union. The Commission's share in the joint financing may not exceed 50% of the expenditure incurred.

Year	Reference	Duration	Annual indicative amount for 2005	Objectives/expected results
Call for Proposals launched in 2004 (Framework Partnership Agreement)	OJ 2004/C113/03	2004 -2007	300 000	<p>Objectives: To ensure cooperation with a European Forecasting Network for 2004-07. This should lead to a better understanding of the economic conditions and developments in the euro area and enable the Commission to improve the bases for the policy debates and decisions of the Eurogroup.</p> <p>Results: The purpose of the network is to produce, on a bi-annual basis, a macro-economic forecast for the euro area and to analyse economic policy issues pertinent for the euro area.</p>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(cf. Article 16 of the Internal Rules)

*Form to be used where the work programme constitutes a financing decision
(or for revision purposes)*

POLICY AREA(S): ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

ACTIVITY (-IES): ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

WORK PROGRAMME FOR: 2005

TITLE OF THE ACTIONS:

- 1. JOINT HARMONISED EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS**
- 2. EUROPEAN FORECASTING NETWORK**

1. BUDGET HEADING(S) CONCERNED AND TITLE(S)

CHAPTER 01 02 ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

01 02 02 Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union

2. LEGAL BASIS

Tasks resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for by Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

3. OVERALL FIGURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (IN EUROS)

3.a. - Current year

01 02 02 Coordination and surveillance of economic and monetary union

	<i>Date</i>	<i>CA</i>
TOTAL appropriation		6 000 000
Initial appropriation for the financial year (budget)		6 000 000
Transfers		

Additional appropriation		
Appropriations already set aside by another work programme		
Balance available		
Amount of the measures proposed:		
- Joint Harmonised European Union Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys		4 760 000
- European Forecasting Network		300 000
TOTAL for the measures proposed		5 060 000

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

See Annex to the Decision.

5. METHOD OF CALCULATION ADOPTED

Not applicable to the 2005 work programme.

6. PAYMENT SCHEDULE (IN EUROS)

Headings	Commitment 2005	Payment	
		2005	2006
01 02 02			
1. Joint Harmonised EU Prog. Business Consumer Surveys			
2002/C188/09	3.400.000		3.400.000
2003/C119/11	710.000		710.000
2004/C244/06	650.000		650.000
2. European Forecasting Network			
2004/C113/03	300.000		300.000
TOTAL 01 02 02	5.060.000		5.060.000