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ANNEX I

1. LEGAL BASIS – WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016

Article 58 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.

2. BUDGET LINE

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance

3. INTRODUCTION

On the basis of the objectives given in Article 58 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2016 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (3.1.): EUR 31 445 700
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (3.2.): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (3.3.): EUR 34 745 460
- for actions implemented under indirect mode (3.4.): N/A
- for Financial instruments (3.5.) :N/A
- for other actions (3.6.): EUR 4 762 300

TOTAL: EUR 70 953 460

3.1. Grants

3.1.1. Regional doing business indicators

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to obtain a database with the regional ease of doing business indicators.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

- collect regional ease of doing business indicators following the World Bank methodology
- reports analysing and summarising the results.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to World Bank.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the World Bank shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 2 500 000 of which: EUR 1 750 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 750 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	1Q	EUR 1 750 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.2. Cross Border and city statistics

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to obtain more data on border regions and a test easibility of producing labour force survey data for large functional urban areas

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The key activities will cover the preparation of

- a database with indicators on border regions
- report summarising the results and discussing whether these indicators can be produced on an annual basis.
- feasibility report on producing labour force survey data for large functional urban areas of metro regions with test cases from a range of countries.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) point (d) of the Implementing Rules, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in the case(s) of bodies identified by a basic act, within the meaning of Article 128 of the Financial Regulation, as beneficiaries of a grant. According to Article 5 (3) of Regulation (EC) N° 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, grants may be awarded to the National Statistical Institutes without a call for proposals.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by National Statistical Institutes shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 400 000 of which: EUR 280 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 120 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	1Q	EUR 280 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

90 %

3.1.3. Improved regionalisation and timeliness of SILC (2016-2017)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

These grant will ensure a better regional coverage of SILC indicators such as the at risk of poverty or social exclusion rate.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

Grants will be provided to MS to support the further developments and improvements of SILC, in the context of its redesign, its timeliness and its regional coverage.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) point (d) of the Implementing Rules, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in the case(s) of bodies identified by a basic act, within the meaning of Article 128 of the Financial Regulation, as beneficiaries of a grant. According to Article 5 (3) of Regulation (EC) N° 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, grants may be awarded to the National Statistical Institutes without a call for proposals.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by National Statistical Institutes shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented by ESTAT through cross-subdelegation. The grant will be an amount of EUR 2 400 000 of which: EUR 1 680 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 720 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indicative amount
	3Q	EUR 1 680 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

90 %

3.1.4. JASPERS 2016

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to provide assistance to Member States to prepare major projects, capacity building and independent quality review. Faster approval of projects and better quality of investment.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

Assessment of major project applications.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in the case(s) of bodies identified by a basic act, within the meaning of Article 54 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, as beneficiaries of a grant. According to Article 31(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, a grant may be awarded to the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund covering initiatives implemented on a multiannual basis. JASPERS will be implemented throughout the 2014-2020 programming period (in continuation of JASPERS action in the 2007-2013 programming period).

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the EIB shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 32 000 000 of which: EUR 22 400 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 9 600 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indicative amount
	3Q	EUR 22 400 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 % according to Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. Financing through unit costs for technical assistance actions implemented by the EIB is established by a separate Commission Decision.

3.1.5. Homologues Group Meeting

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The 24th annual meeting of the European financial controllers (Homologues group meeting) is an annual conference gathering of representatives of Member States and the Commission to discuss issues related to controls of the management of the Structural Funds. The objectives of this meeting are sharing and dissemination of best practices amongst Member States. The expected result is better cooperation between Member States and the Commission.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The annual conference gathering representatives of Member States to discuss issues related to controls of the management of the Structural Funds.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a *de jure* or *de facto* monopoly, duly substantiated in the award decision. Because of the treatment and exchange of confidential and sensitive information during the meeting of the Homologue Group between the representatives of the Ministries of Finance of the Member States, the European Court of Auditors and the European Commission, the organisation of this meeting is limited to the national bodies of control and audit. These entities have decided to designate annually (during the meeting of year n-1) the body amongst them that will ensure the organisation of the meeting for year n. For 2016 the designated body is the Directorate General for Audit of European Funds in Hungary. Therefore a *de facto* monopoly has been established.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the Member States shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 250 000 of which: EUR 175 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 75 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	4Q	EUR 175 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80 %

3.1.6. Support to the design and implementation of macroregional strategy (MRS) EUSAIR

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective is to ensure strategic coordination of MRS EUSAIR and facilitate its implementation, in particular in its very early stages, as well as, to strengthen effective implementation of EUSAIR.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

Assisting MRS EUSAIR in, e.g. governance, management, implementation, organisation of thematic meetings, communication tools, etc.

Providing support to monitoring, evaluation and implementation systems of MRS EUSAIR.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a *de jure* or *de facto* monopoly, duly substantiated in the award decision.

GR, IT, SL, HR are the MS implementing the EUSAIR strategy, endorsed by the Council. Each of the 4 EUSAIR pillars will be implemented by the countries participating in the Transnational Cooperation Programme ADRION 2014-20 and therefore, those MS are in a *de facto* monopoly.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted to the Commission by the above mentioned MS shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 800 000 which will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indicative amount
	3Q	EUR 800 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.7. Economic Magazine - Real Economy

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

DG ECFIN is coordinating an economic magazine by Euronews, in the framework of the partnership agreement signed by DG CNECT and the European TV channel in December 2015. Several DGs, among them REGIO, have been invited to provide contents to this magazine. This is a fortnightly, up to 26 minutes programme whose costs are calculated in line with the Commission Decision C(2013)7360, authorising the use of unit costs under action grant agreements signed with Euronews. The format includes reportages and interviews, and/or studio debates.

"Real Economy" has been launched in June 2013 aiming at informing a European wide TV audience about Economic and Cohesion Policy projects (inter alia).

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

DG REGIO will participate alongside other DGs in providing contents to this economic magazine, with the aim of explaining to EU citizens how regional policy has a real impact in their lives, supporting the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs and playing an important role in the EU's response to the current economic crisis.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to a body on account of its technical competence, duly substantiated in the award decision. Euronews is a body pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of information, broadcasting simultaneously in 13 different languages out of which 8 EU official languages. Therefore, a direct grant will be awarded to Euronews in the sense of Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by Euronews shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

The grant will be of an amount of EUR 100 000 of which: EUR 70 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 30 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.
The budget of EUR 100 000 will be cross-subdelegated to DG ECFIN.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	3Q	EUR 70 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95 %

3.1.8. Public Procurement capacity building programme for authorities managing & implementing ESIF programmes in key countries affected by non fulfilled EAC on public procurement

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective is to provide targeted assistance for improvements of functioning of public procurement systems in selected priority Member States affected by non-fulfilled EAC on public procurement, focusing specifically on improving administrative capacity of authorities involved in implementation of ESIF programmes. Improved quality and functioning of public procurement would reduce the number of irregularities for ESIF.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

Development of targeted capacity building strategy and measures in area of public procurement and providing support for setting up the implementation of key elements of the strategy for authorities managing & implementing ESIF programmes in selected priority Member States affected by non-fulfilled EAC on public procurement.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to OECD.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the OECD shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 246 000 of which: EUR 172 200 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 73 800 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	2-4Q	EUR 172 200

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.09. Migrants in cities: role of local authorities in integrating migrant populations

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The project aims at proposing principles for action at sub-national level to address migrants and refugees issues.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

This is a joint OECD/REGIO project looking at solutions to transform emergency responses into long-term strategies for inclusive development. The study will:

- present data about the concentration of migrants in urban areas. Data will be collected at NUTS2 and NUTS3 level;
- assess local policy for migrants and their governance through case studies in 8 to 10 cities;
- identify and diffuse good practices."

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to OECD.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the OECD shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 700 000 which will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	3Q	EUR 700 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.10. Cooperation with World Bank on implementation of ERDF/CF in Poland

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The initiative will remove in a hands on way with national and regional stakeholders bottlenecks to targeted investments in these areas. The action will come up with a number of solutions which could be implemented throughout Poland. The actions will improve implementation of ESIF.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The cooperation addresses the lagging regions initiative with actions in RD&I, SME support and their framework conditions, vocational training and financial instruments in two regions of Eastern Poland. These areas have been identified in the European Semester as being main bottlenecks for growth and job creation.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to World Bank.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the World Bank shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 1 000 000 of which: EUR 700 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 300 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indicative amount
	3Q	EUR 700 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.11. Corporate Communication

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

To provide financial support for regional or local activities organised by the Europe Direct Information Centres (grants for action) under their ongoing Framework Partnership Agreements to increase the general public's knowledge of the Commission's activities in the context of the political priorities, in particular the Investment Plan. The projects selected should contribute to forging closer links between citizens and the European Union, in particular through better knowledge of the institutions' roles and activities in the areas covered by the Political Guidelines.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded under calls for proposals

Calls for proposals will be launched on the basis of priorities identified by the Representations of the European Commission in coordination with central services. The estimated duration of the activities may not exceed 12 months.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria: Europe Direct Information Centres with ongoing Framework Partnership Agreements.

Selection criteria: Applicants will have to demonstrate that they have the financial, technical and operational capacity to complete the project, and stable and sufficient sources of funding to keep up the activity throughout the implementation and/or funding period. They must also provide evidence that their professional skills, qualifications and/or experience are relevant to the proposed project and that they operate in the specific geographical area defined in the call for proposals.

Criteria for awarding grants:

- The relevance of the project and its expected results to the objectives of the call;
- The effectiveness and rationality of the proposed methodology and organisation (including the timetable and monitoring);
- The impact and dissemination of the results envisaged as well as the extent to which the EU involvement in the project or activity will be publicised;
- The proposed budget and cost-effectiveness of the project paying due consideration to the quality of the project.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG COMM co-delegation type II. The grant will be an amount of EUR 800 000 of which: EUR 560 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 240 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	1-4Q	EUR 560 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95 %

3.1.12. Organisation of seminars: “Designing better economic development policies for regions and cities”

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The pupose of the action is to support the policy development by bringing together experts and practitioners to discuss new theoretical concepts and good practices in key areas of regional and urban economic development policies in the EU and OECD countries.

The topics for the seminars have been selected as part of supporting work for the impact assessment to be prepared for cohesion policy post 2020 in relation to improving the overall performance of the policy. In line with the political orientations we have received, they are closely aligned with different work strands of the EU Budget Focused on Results initiative. In this context, OECD has a unique expertise in relation to public and territorial governance and benchmarking of the public sector evidenced by a broad range of publications on these themes. In addition, working with OECD offers a particularly cost effective approach since it can bring experience from various relevant developed countries, which includes EU and non-EU countries (like US, Canada, Japan, South Korea, etc.) and build on its existing research. In particular, it is the only organisation which can provide knowledge and expertise from both a "public governance" and a "territorial development" perspective.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The series of seminars aims to cover the following main issues:

- 1) Performance and incentives: How to best assess and monitor results of public investment programmes? How to build incentives into them?
- 2) Flexibility/adaptability: How to reconcile the need for a long-term investment framework with the need to respond to short term economic and social challenges?
- 3) Conditionalities: How to use conditionalities to improve the effectiveness of policy action? How to address potential trade-offs between benefits and increased administrative burden resulting from their use?
- 4) Financial instruments vs. grants: For which types of investments is the use of financial investment particularly effective and could be further expanded, and how? What are the limits of their use?
- 5) 5) Behavioural insights: How and to what extent can we use behavioural insights to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of economic development programmes?

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to OECD.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the OECD shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 450 000 of which: EUR 315 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 135 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indicative amount
	3Q	EUR 315 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.13. Regional doing business indicators – Croatia

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The purpose of the action is to increase effectiveness of Cohesion policy in business environment by collecting regional ease of doing business indicators following the World Bank methodology. This unique methodology benchmarks business regulation in 189 countries worldwide and aggregates information from 10 areas of business regulation.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The activities covered by this action will be:

- establishment of a database with the regional ease of doing business indicators
- providing reports analysing and summarising the results

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to World Bank.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the World Bank shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 405 000 of which: EUR 283 500 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 121 500 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	3Q	EUR 283 500

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.1.14. Promotion of Cultural routes through Macro-regional approach in order to support SMEs activity and create growth and jobs in the countries concerned, in co-operation with the Council of Europe.

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

As of 2016, there are 32 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, covering over 50 countries across the European continent and beyond. The certification and evaluation of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe is regulated by Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Resolution CM/Res (2013)67.

Since 2010, the Council of Europe and the European Commission have joined forces to raise the visibility of the Cultural Routes programme, increase capacity of the associative networks managing the Cultural Routes at European, national and local level, while supporting key actions to reinforce the routes' branding, visibility and communication.

A specific objective to develop new and support existing Cultural Routes relevant in the Danube Region has been agreed within the EU macro regional strategy for the Danube Region (within Priority Area 3 "Culture and tourism"). The promotion of tourism related to Cultural Routes is also relevant for the EU Strategies for the Baltic Sea Region, the Adriatic-Ionian Region and the Alpine Region.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

Tourism and cultural heritage have been identified in different macro regional strategies as drivers for the creation of growth and jobs, in particular in countries having strong assets in these fields.

The development of new and support of existing transnational Cultural Routes in the areas covered by the EU macro regional strategies will improve cultural heritage awareness and management, promoting employment and job opportunities through the creation of cultural/educational products and services, and the development of an SMEs network, linked to the Cultural Routes certified by the Council of Europe.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly, duly substantiated in the award decision.

On this basis, a direct grant will be awarded to Council of Europe.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted to the Commission by the Council of Europe shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 1 000 000 and will be financed under 13 03 65 01.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	3Q	EUR 1 000 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

90 %

3.1.15. Accessibility's impact on regional and urban economic development

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The results will include an analysis of changes in accessibility, economic growth and traffic safety over the past decades and an assessment of the policies accompanying these changes.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012

The work will focus on the impact of changes in accessibility on economic growth of cities and regions. The goal is to identify what other policies and framework conditions should be in place to maximise the impact on growth and how to avoid overinvestment in transport infrastructure. In addition, it will explore how better measure and improve traffic safety.

The OECD and the International Transport Forum (ITF) have the necessary expertise and a unique network of national contact points to obtain the necessary data and to validate the results of the work.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Under Article 190(1) (f) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to OECD.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the OECD shall be a) relevance with the objectives of the action and b) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be an amount of EUR 800 000 of which: EUR 560 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 240 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable of grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Indicative date	Indivative amount
	4Q	EUR 560 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100 %

3.2. Prizes

N/A

3.3. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2016 amounts to EUR 34 745 460.

Audit	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 805 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	2 Specific Contracts
Timeframe	1-4 Q 2016
Implementation	EUR 700.000 will be cross-subdelegated to DG EMPL to contribute to ARACHNE project that is developing, testing and implementing a risk scoring tool. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
Communication and publication	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 8.835 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	60 Specific Contracts under FWC, 5 direct contracts
Timeframe	1-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 4 007 500 is co-delegated (type II) to DG COMM for the Corporate Communication to address the EU contribution to growth and jobs. The indicative number of direct contracts and specific contracts under FWC is 5. The indicative timeframe for contract signature is 1-2 Q 2016. EUR 365 000 will be co-delegated to OP. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO
Evaluation	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 1 715 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	3 Specific Contracts under FWC, 6 direct contracts
Timeframe	1-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Directly by DG REGIO
Meetings and conferences	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 1 292 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contract

Indicative number of contracts	20 Specific Contracts under FWC, 3 direct contracts
Timeframe	1-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 155 000 is co-delegated to DG SCIC. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
Study	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 4 350 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	21 Specific Contracts under FWC, 7 direct contracts
Timeframe	2-4 Q 2016
Implementation	The budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
Technical and other administrative assistance	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 16 001 100
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	26 Specific Contracts under FWC, 5 direct contracts
Timeframe	2-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 350 000 is cross-subdelegated to DG NEAR for TAIEX, EUR 233 100 to DG AGRI and EUR 175 000 is budgeted to ESTAT. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
Informatics	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 1 310 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	8
Timeframe	2-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 400 000 will be implemented by DIGIT and OIB (co-delegation). The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
Translation (externalised)	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 280 000
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	4
Timeframe	2-4 Q 2016

Implementation	The budget will be co-delegated to DGT for externalised translations
Trainings (externalised)	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 157 360
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	1
Timeframe	2-4 Q 2016
Implementation	Trainings to be held with the involvement of the Managing Authorities

3.4. *Actions implemented in indirect management*

N/A

3.5. *Financial instruments implemented in direct or indirect management*

N/A

3.6. *Other Actions or expenditures*

3.6.1. *Expert Contracts – AMI List*

This action covers expenses for technical assistance provided by experts through simplified experts contracts, implemented under Article 204 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

The indicative amount earmarked for this action is EUR 2 382 300.

3.6.2. *Administrative Agreements with JRC*

3.6.2.1. Urban data platform

The objective of the agreement is to set up an interactive data platform on European Cities allowing people to visualise data incorporated in the platform, compare cities and download information. The aim of the platform is also to facilitate benchmarking of cities.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 1 000 000 out of which: EUR 700 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 300 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

3.6.2.2. System of Regional Models for Impact Assessment of EU Cohesion Policy

This action aims at developing a Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model incorporating the main features borrowed from endogenous growth and economic geography. The expected results are the finalisation of the model by JRC and a set of simulations of cohesion policy programmes post 2013 as well as of various policy options related to the content of the programmes.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 1 400 000 out of which: EUR 980 000 will be

financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 420 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

3.6.2.3. Defining cities and human settlements

The results will include a list of cities and settlements and their main attributes, and a website with data analytics, download and visualisation functions. The objective is to test, discuss and agree on a method to identify cities and settlements in Europe and the world. It will also update the high-resolution map of built-up areas in Europe.

This work will support the implementation of the urban agenda by investigating a global definition of cities and human settlements using the degree of urbanisation method.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 1 000 000 out of which: EUR 700 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 300 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

4. REUSE OF DATA

Data (indicators, statistics, etc.) obtained within the actions described in this annex will be published in open formats, in accordance with the provisions of Commission Decision 2011/833/EU on the reuse of Commission documents, in particular via the EU Open Data Portal.