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ANNEX

1. LEGAL BASIS- WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017

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 LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) — Operational technical assistance
13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF) — 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 2017 as follows:

- for **grants** (implemented under direct management) (3.1): **EUR 46 912 915**,
as follows:
 - EUR 34 537 915 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
 - EUR 12 375 000 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01 ;*
 - for **prizes** (implemented under direct management) (3.2) N/A
 - for **procurement** (implemented under direct management) (3.3): **EUR 31 899 285**,
as follows:
 - EUR 23 636 599 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
 - EUR 8 262 686 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01 ;*
 - for actions implemented under indirect management mode (3.4): N/A
 - for **Financial instruments** (3.5): N/A
 - for **other actions** (3.6): **EUR 5 504 750**,
as follows:
 - EUR 4 532 750 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
 - EUR 972 000 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;*
- TOTAL: EUR 84 316 950**,
as follows:
 - EUR 62 707 264 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
 - EUR 21 609 686 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01.*

3.1. Grants

3.1.1. Eurostat sub-national data collection

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to increase data availability for cities and functional urban areas in the EU. The expected result is to update the Eurostat cities database covering key domains including demography, economy, social issues and transport and to develop new GIS-layers with updated labour market area definitions and methodological reports explaining the data and parameters used.

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 grant will increase data availability for cities and functional urban areas in the EU. In addition, the grant will support the creation of a harmonised definition of labour market areas.

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 proposals 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 following a cross-subdelegation. The grant will be of an amount of EUR 900 000 of which: EUR 630 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 270 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	1Q 2017	900 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

90%

3.1.2. Study on development and implementation of framework for Monitoring and Evaluation of Smart Specialisation

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to strengthen the Smart Specialisation strategies by carrying a study, which would support the development of a framework for monitoring and evaluation.

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 to gather data on successes and failures to implement Regional Research and Innovation strategies for Smart specialisation (RIS3 strategies) in Member States that would allow prompt detection of problems in design and execution of projects as a management tool. Based on the results of this study a monitoring and evaluation framework for Smart Specialisation can be developed.

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 and the priorities for the year, b) added value of the proposed outputs and c) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be of an amount of EUR 300 000 of which: EUR 210 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 90 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	3Q 2017	300 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100% in line with on Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

3.1.3. Cross border (CB)-review associated task : Pilot solutions

BUDGET LINE

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective of this action is to better communicate and implement the conclusions from the research and consultation work on border obstacles through developing pilot solutions focussed on a number of topics selected for their reproductibility character.

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 grant will encourage cross border regions to develop and share pilot solutions to reduce border obstacles in various areas such as mobility, taxation, employment etc. (e.g. exportation of goods and cross-border provision of commercial service including e-Commerce, mobility of cross-border workers (commuter flows), mobility of trainees, students and teachers, recognition of diploma or professional qualification certificates, access to social insurance system (e.g. pensions, disability insurance), differences in social security, pension, and taxation systems, access to health care services (i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary care), compatibility of health systems (e-health), scope and quality of regional/local and cross-border transport infrastructures and of related maintenance services (e.g. snow removal on roads and rail tracks, etc), emergency and rescue services, public security and crime prevention (police cooperation).

The activities to be funded by this grant have specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its reputation, independence, accountability, technical competence, its high degree of specialisation and its administrative power.

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.

The Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) is a registered association with the exclusive and direct purpose to promote the cross-border cooperation with focus in Europe. AEBR is a civil society body capable of conducting and promoting projects in the intended shape and scope. Its members are European border and cross-border regions in member states of the European Union or the Council of Europe. Since its inception in the early 1970s, AEBR has been establishing and refining a general network of border and cross-border regions, which is not limited to the members of AEBR or the European Union with significant expertise and experience. The AEBR Secretariat's reputation, knowledge, quality control and administrative capacity to coordinate and manage cross-border cooperation pilot projects coupled with the cross-border specific knowledge can ensure successful implementation of this project. The actions proposed by this project have specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its reputation, independence, accountability, technical competence, its high degree of specialisation and its administrative power thus AEBR is the only civil society body capable of conducting the actions of the project in the intended shape and scope. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to the AEBR. The grant agreement shall contain the rules and procedures for the implementation of the activities in line with the principles of the Regulation (EU/Euratom) No 966/2012, the Financial Regulation (FR).

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the AEBR shall be a) relevance with the objectives and the priorities for the year, b) added value of the proposed outputs and c) cost-effectiveness

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be of an amount of EUR 600 000 financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	1Q 2017	600 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

3.1.4. JASPERS 2017

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

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. The expected result is a 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). On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to the EIB.

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 of an amount of EUR 36 000 000 of which: EUR 25 200 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 10 800 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	3Q 2017	36.000.000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100% in line with on 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. Support the design and implementation of MRS EUSALP

BUDGET LINE

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to ensure the coordination of the European strategy for the Alpine Region (MRS EUSALP) and to facilitate and strengthen the effective implementation of EUSALP.

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 EUSALP in, e.g. governance, management, implementation, organisation of thematic meetings, communication tools, etc.

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

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.

Article 2 point 31 CPR introduces the definition of the macroregional strategies (MRS).

Since the European Council endorsed the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) in 2009, three further MRS have been developed: the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in 2011, the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in 2014 and the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) in 2016 (see Conclusions of Council, 27 November 2015 and the European Council, 28 June 2016). The General Assembly of the EUSALP has assigned the EUSALP presidency for the year 2017 to the Bayerische Staatskanzlei. The task of the presidency includes the organisation of several events and meetings, in particular the EUSALP Annual Forum. Therefore a de facto monopoly has been established

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted to the Commission by the Bayerische Staatskanzlei shall be of a) relevance with the objectives and the priorities for the year, b) added value of the proposed outputs and c) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	2Q 2017	250 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

75%

3.1.6. Homologues Group meeting

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

26th 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. According to Article 128§3 CPR, the Commission, the audit authorities and any coordination body (the Homologues Group) shall meet on a regular basis and, as a general rule, at least once a year to examine the annual control report, the audit opinion and the audit strategy, and to exchange views on issues relating to improvement of the management and control. Because of the treatment and exchange of confidential and sensitive information during the meeting of the Homologues 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 2017 the designated body is the

Financial control department of the Ministry of Finance of Estonia. Therefore a de facto monopoly has been established.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the Ministry of Finance of Estonia 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 of 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 and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	4Q 2017	250 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

3.1.7. Regional enterprise survey in EU MS

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to better understand the different dimensions of the business environment in the Member States. The expected results are a report on regional indicators on the quality of the business environment in 11 Member States.

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 WB conducts an enterprise survey in eastern EU MS every four years at the national level. This grant will finance a larger and regionally representative sample in those Member States with multiple NUTS-2 regions and finance a regional data collection in four southern EU-15 MS.

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 World Bank shall be a) relevance with the objectives and the priorities for the year, b) added value of the proposed outputs and c) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will be of an amount of EUR 3 000 000 of which: EUR 2 100 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 900 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	3Q 2017	3 000 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100% in line with on Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

3.1.8. FI-Compass Multi-Region Assistance

BUDGET LINE

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective is to improve the knowledge of the Managing Authorities on the set-up and implementation of financial instruments 2014-2020 with regard to issues common to at least two Member States/regions to ensure a wider and smoother uptake of these instruments. As a result the participating Managing Authorities will have gained expertise necessary to take an informed decision about the implementation of a given financial instrument and the results will be disseminated and possibly used in other cases. This expertise can be generated and take in the form of e.g. workshops, trainings, a study. This is expected to lead to an increased used of financial instruments to achieve the objectives of regional policy, in particular in new, nonstandard (innovative) 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 action aims at provision of advisory services and guidance that is applicable to at least two regions in at least two Member States aiming at the development of financial instruments targeting development objectives that are shared by participating regions (e.g. the financing of energy efficiency interventions in large housing estates in Central and Eastern Europe, support to cross-border initiatives aimed at reaching economies of scale). The involvement in the project of at least one International Financial Institution (IFI) or at least two relevant National Financial Institutions (NFIs) (from each MS) will be compulsory.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria – Beneficiaries will be managing authorities. Legal entities having a legal or capital link with applicant(s), which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation, may take part in the action as affiliated entities.

Selection criteria - applicants will demonstrate their financial capacity by proving that they have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity during the period of the grant. Operational capacity will be assessed, based on the proven experience in managing EU funds and thematic experience in the policy field linked to the action.

In accordance with Article 131 (3) FR, verification of financial capacity shall not apply for applicants that are public bodies. Operational capacity may be waived for public bodies, depending on a risk assessment.

Essential award criteria: – Relevance of the actions proposed in view of the objectives established in the call; – Effectiveness and rationality of the proposed methodology and organisation (including the timetable and monitoring); – Relevance of the means of implementation and the resources deployed in relation to the objectives established in the call (in particular in terms of cost-effectiveness); – The resulting geographical coverage; – impact and the dissemination of the expected results; – The transferability of the expected results.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO through a call for proposals. The Indicative amount of the call will be of EUR 3 812 915, which will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	1Q 2017	3 812 915

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

3.1.9. Interreg Volunteer(s) initiative

BUDGET LINE

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective of this action is to bring youth closer to Cohesion Policy by offering young people to possibility to volunteer as 'Interreg collaborator' (helping on Interreg cross-border projects) or 'Interreg promoters' (publicising on-going or closed Interreg corss-border projects).

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 grant will contribute to setting up of a scheme encouraging young people to participate actively, on a voluntary basis, to Interreg projects or their promotion.

The activities to be funded by this grant have specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its reputation, independence, accountability, technical competence, its high degree of specialisation and its administrative power.

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.

The Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) is a registered association with the exclusive and direct purpose to promote the cross-border cooperation with focus in Europe. AEBR is a civil society body capable of conducting and promoting projects in the intended shape and scope. Its members are European border and cross-border regions in member states of the European Union or the Council of Europe. Since its inception in the early 1970s, AEBR has been establishing and refining a general network of border and cross-border regions, which is not limited to the members of AEBR or the European Union with significant expertise and experience. The AEBR Secretariat's reputation, knowledge, quality control and administrative capacity to coordinate and manage cross-border cooperation pilot projects coupled with the cross-border specific knowledge can ensure successful implementation of this project. The actions proposed by this project have specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its reputation, independence, accountability, technical competence, its high degree of specialisation and its administrative power thus AEBR is the only civil society body capable of conducting the actions of the project in the intended shape and scope.

On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to the Association of European Border Regions. The grant agreement shall contain the rules and procedures for the implementation of the activities in line with the principles of the FR.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the Association of European Border Regions shall be a) relevance with the objectives and priorities of the year, b) added value of the expected outputs and c) cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	1Q 2017	1 000 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

3.1.10. Improving implementation of ESIF in Poland in the area of smart growth

BUDGET LINES

13 03 65 01 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
13 04 61 01 - Cohesion Fund (CF)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The overall objective of the grant is to improve the implementation of ESIFs in the area of smart growth by strengthening the cooperation of the World Bank, regional and national authorities 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 activities covered by this action will be to identify pilot solutions in application of research and innovation strategies (RIS), assessment of the coordination system for healthcare investments, blending of grants and loans in energy investments, streamlining non tax inspections of SMEs, streamlining building permit procedures, simplifying selection criteria and processes for SME support etc. The pilots will have the potential to be rolled out in Poland.

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 and priorities of the year, b) added value of the expected outputs and c) 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 and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	2Q 2017	800 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

100% in line with on Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

3.2. Prizes

N/A

3.3. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2017 amounts to **EUR 31 899 285**.

Audit

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount:	EUR 2 436 865 , as follows: <i>EUR 1 705 805 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 731 060 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC)
Indicative number of contracts	1 framework contract; 6 Specific Contracts under FWC
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	EUR 1 346 865 (<i>EUR 942 805 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 404 060 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) 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
Total Indicative amount	EUR 13 700 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 9 749 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 3 951 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC), direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	65 Specific Contracts under FWC, 6 direct contracts
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 400 000 (<i>on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01</i>) will be co-delegated to OP; EUR 6 673 500 (<i>EUR 4 671 450 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 2 002 050 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) will be co-delegated to DG COMM for the Corporate Communication (indicative number of contracts is 3 direct and specific service contracts implementing mainly DG COMM framework contracts e.g. FWC PO/2015-16/A2). EUR 100 000 (<i>EUR 70 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 30 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) will be cross-subdelegated to DG ECFIN. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO

Evaluation

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 2 054 420 , as follows: <i>EUR 1 438 094 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 616 326 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC), direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	4 Specific Contracts under FWC, 6 direct contracts
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	Directly by DG REGIO

Meetings and conferences

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 3 085 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 2 809 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 276 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC), direct contract
Indicative number of contracts	25 Specific Contracts under FWC, 5 direct contracts

Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 300 000 (<i>on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01</i>) will be co-delegated to DG SCIC. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
<u>Study, statistics and data collection</u>	
Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 4 500 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 3 345 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 1 155 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC), direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	23 Specific Contracts under FWC, 6 direct contracts
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 250 000 (<i>EUR 175 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 75 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) is cross-subdelegated to ESTAT for data acquisition support. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO
<u>Technical and other administrative assistance</u>	
Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 3 673 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 2 664 100 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 1 008 900 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC), direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	25 Specific Contracts under FWC, 5 direct contracts
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 333 000 (<i>EUR 233 100 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 99 900 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) is cross-subdelegated to DG AGRI for Brussel's based Facility Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) and EUR 1 500 000 (<i>EUR 1 050 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 450,000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i>) is budgeted for to DG NEAR for TAIEX. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
<u>Informatics</u>	
Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 1 550 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 1 295 600 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 254 400 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC)
Indicative number of contracts	10 Specific Contracts under FWC
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2017

Implementation	Out of the overall amount: EUR 402 000 (<i>on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01</i>) will be implemented by DIGIT (co-delegation). The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.
<u>Translation (externalised)</u>	
Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	EUR 400 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 280 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 120 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC)
Indicative number of contracts	4
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2017
Implementation	The budget will be co-delegated to DGT for externalised translations
<u>Trainings (externalised)</u>	
Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	EUR 500 000 , as follows: <i>EUR 350 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 150 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under Framework contract (FWC)
Indicative number of contracts	3
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2017
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 2 504 750**, as follows:

EUR 2 312 750 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;
EUR 192 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01

3.6.2. Administrative Agreements with JRC

3.6.2.1. Smart Specialisation Platform (Phase IV - 2017/2018)

The Smart Specialisation Platform (S3Platform) provides since 2011 Member States and regions with hands on support, data material and guidance for the development of their research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3) and supports Commission services as regards analysis and conceptual developments. The S3 Platform brings together expertise from research centres, national and regional authorities, businesses and Commission services. It functions as a hub for policy-makers and implementing bodies in charge of regional innovation policy.

The objective of the agreement is to continue supporting the implementation, monitoring and evolution of the RIS3 strategies in Member States by: (1) RIS3 Implementation support, including data collection, analysis, good practice examples and their dissemination, guidance material, trainings, monitoring of the implementation RIS3s and in particular the production of an RIS3 handbook with recommendations for actions on the basis of lessons learned and cases/examples; (2) Thematic smart specialisation platforms to foster cooperation around related RIS3 priorities (energy, industrial modernisation, agri-food and possible additional themes) among relevant policy-makers, research and cluster bodies, enterprises, etc. along value chains; (3) RIS3 Concept development, including regarding monitoring, evaluation, Support to RIS3 action plan completion, support to RIS3 revisions.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 2 000 000 out of which: EUR 1 400 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 600 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

3.6.2.2. Support to the EU Urban Policy and Urban Development Strategies

The objective of this agreement is to support the activities of the Urban Development Network-UDN of the European Commission managed by DG REGIO, and to inform future EU policy with an impact on cities and urban areas in relation to the concept of integrated sustainable urban development.

The results will include developing a robust methodology for integrated sustainable urban strategies, building on the pilot peer review workshop and on existing knowledge (e.g. URBACT) and consider different ways to present this knowledge (e.g. guidance, FAQ, good practice etc.), including a benchmarking tool and develop and maintain the urban platform.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 400 000 out of which: EUR 400 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

3.6.2.3. Regional and urban indicators and modelling

This action aims at developing new urban and regional indicators, completing time series, translating data from one NUTS version to the next and developing demographic, economic and land use projections. This will require the use of modelling, projections, estimations, gap filling and correcting for differences in methodology. The expected result is to have a database with long time series for demographic, economic and land use indicators going back in time and including projections. The LUISA model updated with the most recent information, including a new baseline scenario. The results of this model using different policy scenarios.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 500 000 out of which: EUR 350 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 150 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

3.6.2.4. Supporting the Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies

This action aims at bringing together reports, knowledge and data together by producing interactive data visualisation, data downloads etc. in a single entry point portal to territorial knowledge.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is EUR 100 000 out 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.

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.