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**PREPARATORY ACTION: URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU (BUDGET LINE 13 03 77 23)**

**1. Introduction**

*1.1. Budget line: 13 03 77 23*

*1.2. Basic Act: Not applicable*

*1.3. Policy context*

In order to realise the full potential of the European Union and deliver on its strategic objectives, the Urban Agenda for the EU strives to involve Urban Authorities in achieving Better Regulation, Better Funding and Better Knowledge (knowledge base and exchange). Political support for the development of the Urban Agenda for the EU has been provided by the ministers responsible for Urban Matters in order to contribute to balanced territorial and sustainable development and the achievement of common European goals.

The Pact of Amsterdam and its Operational Framework, establishing the Urban Agenda for the EU, describe the main features and contain information on the Partnerships, the key delivery mechanism within the Urban Agenda for the EU. The 12 different Partnerships, as identified in the Pact of Amsterdam are:

- Inclusion of migrants and refugees
- Air quality
- Urban poverty
- Housing
- Circular economy
- Jobs and skills in the local economy
- Climate adaptation (including green infrastructure solutions)
- Energy transition
- Sustainable use of land and Nature-Based solutions
- Urban mobility
- Digital transition
- Innovative and responsible public procurement

**2. Actions/ Type of financial intervention**

In 2017 the Commission will support the 12 Partnerships by providing management and administrative support, technical and thematic expertise, assistance in communication and reporting. This support will be implemented through the use of specific contracts under the framework contract.

**3. Total budget: EUR 2 500 000**

**4. Indicative calendar for procurement procedures**

The procurement procedures for the specific contracts, described in the work programme, will start during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017. All specific contracts are expected to have been signed by end 2017.