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ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 763, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 2610 is amended as follows:

1. In point 3, the table is replaced by the following:

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- for **grants** (implemented under direct management) (3.1): **EUR 61 785 382**,  
*as follows:*
    - EUR 44 986 768 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
    - EUR 16 798 614 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 33 659 631**,  
*as follows:*
    - EUR 26 362 215 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
    - EUR 7 297 416 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 3 380 400**,  
*as follows:*
    - EUR 2 838 644 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
    - EUR 541 756 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01.*
- TOTAL: EUR 98 825 413**,  
*as follows:*
  - EUR 74 187 627 financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;*
  - EUR 24 637 786 financed on CF budget line 13 04 61 01.*

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2. Point 3.1. "Grants" is amended as follows:

2.1. In point 3.1.1 JASPERS 2018 – Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions, the table "Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs" is replaced by the following:

"80% - Financing through unit costs for technical assistance actions implemented by the EIB is established by a separate Commission Decision."

2.2. In point 3.1.2 *Homologues Group Meeting 2018* the last sentence of the third paragraph of the table "*Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*" is replaced by the following: "For 2018 the designated body is the Audit of EU Funds Executive Agency (AEUFEA), a public body under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria. Therefore a de facto monopoly has been established."

2.3. point 3.1.3 Economic Magazine – Real Economy is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraph is added in the table "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": "Under the same partnership agreement signed by DG CNECT and the European TV channel, a series of six videos on what the Cohesion Policy has achieved over the past 30 years and how the European Union can respond to current and future challenges, will be produced and disseminated, as foreseen in the Communication Strategy of DG REGIO 2017-2020. These videos will examine how cohesion policy should be developed in the future to enable the Union to cope with globalisation, promote prosperous economies and societies and sustainable growth."

(b) the table "*Implementation*" is replaced by the following:

"Implementation

The grant will amount to EUR 264 517 of which EUR 185 162 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 79 355 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

This Action will be partially implemented by DG ECFIN following a co-delegation given by DG REGIO for the amount of EUR 100 000 (EUR 70 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 30 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01). The other part of the action for the amount of EUR 164 517 will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

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(c) in the table "Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals", the amount is replaced by the following: "264,517.00";

2.4. point 3.1.5 *Regional enterprise survey in 11 EU MS* is amended as follows:

(a) the title is replaced by the following: “

3.1.5 Regional enterprise survey in 10 EU MS”,

(b) the table "*Implementation*" is replaced by the following:

"Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will amount to EUR 3 830 865 of which EUR 2 681 606 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 1 149 259 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

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(c) in the table "Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals", the amount is replaced by the following: "3,830,865.00";

2.5. point 3.1.12 *Lagging regions III in Poland* is amended as follows:

(a) in the table *Priorities of the year, objective pursued and expected results*, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

"The project will select 7 to 8 vulnerable medium sized cities and projects will be identified to remove bottlenecks for development. These projects will be implemented by Regional or National Operational Programmes.";

(b) the table "*Implementation*" is replaced by the following: "Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will amount to EUR 1 750 000 of which: EUR 1 225 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 525 000 will be financed under 13 04 61 01 budget line.

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(c) in the table "*Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded without a call for proposals*", the amount is replaced by the following: "1,750,000.00".

2.6. The following points 3.1.18 to 3.1.24 are added:

### **“3.1.18 Pilot action for regions in industrial transition**

#### **BUDGET LINE**

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

#### *Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results*

The pilot action aims to implement actions announced in the Commission Communication on Smart Specialisation COM(2017)376. The Commission will put in place a pilot action involving a limited number of test regions expressing their interest to work on the basis of their respective smart specialisation strategies in order to promote broad-based innovation to address the challenges of the industrial transition.

The aim of the action is to facilitate the combined use of existing Union instruments and programmes managed by the Commission together with the resources available from cohesion policy, with the aim of accelerating the innovation uptake, removing investment barriers and facilitating reskilling and preparing for industrial and societal change.

#### *Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded through a call for proposals*

Each test region will define a set of actions in the form of a comprehensive strategy, building on their smart specialisation strategy, clusters and digitisation of industry plans, to foster comprehensive regional economic transformation, identifying where possible collaboration and funding opportunities at European, national and regional level. This includes also linking with other regions in regional and cluster partnerships.

In a second phase, a capitalisation and evaluation exercise will synthesise the lessons learnt on addressing the challenges of industrial transition for other regions as well as for the development of European policies. A particular focus shall be placed on drawing conclusions concerning how to better support the implementation of smart specialisation post 2020 to address industrial transition to a low-carbon energy and circular economy for example through cluster partnerships and to improved collaboration between the European Commission and the regions.

#### *Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*

Eligibility criteria – Beneficiaries can be statutory regional authorities, national authorities on behalf of a region in a Member State or in the case of small Member States (composed of a single NUTS 2 region), a

national authority. The regional authority or region shall be constituted at, at least, NUTS 2 level.

Selection criteria - Applicants will demonstrate a strong political commitment and appointment of a dedicated institutional interlocutor that demonstrates willingness to establish a broad partnership for industrial transition with regional actors (research, business, social partners and civil society), the Member State and the European Commission and to strengthen the design and implementation of their smart specialisation strategy, cluster policy and digitisation of industry plans. The applicant will identify and clearly present a range of challenges related to industrial transition, including investment barriers and will describe the progress of the implementation of its smart specialisation strategy.

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.

Award criteria - (1) The level of political commitment and dedicated administrative resources to work closely with the European Commission. (2) Relevance: extent to which region is faced with the challenges of globalisation as highlighted in the "Reflection paper on harnessing globalisation". (3) Linkage with smart specialisation strategy: the extent to which services offered by technical assistance can be used to make smart specialisation work better in industrial transition of the region. (4) Identification of investment barriers.

#### *Implementation*

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO. The grant will amount to EUR 3 600 000 to be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line.

#### *Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the grant awarded through a call for proposals*

Reference	Date	Amount
[...]	Q4 2018	3,600,000.00

#### *Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

100%

### **3.1.19 UN Statistical expert meeting on city definition**

#### **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*

In the context of the U.N. Habitat III conference, the global 'New Urban Agenda' was adopted. At this conference, Commissioner Crețu presented three voluntary commitments of the European Union to meet the New Urban Agenda's global objectives: (1) delivering the New Urban Agenda in Europe through the Urban Agenda for the EU. (2) developing a global and harmonised definition of cities which should be used by cities to compare data, to benchmark and to ensure better monitoring. (3) fostering cooperation between cities in the field of sustainable urban development by encouraging the European cities to link up with one or more partner cities to develop and implement local action plans and projects on common priorities – such as on mobility, climate change, health or housing.

To accomplish the second commitment, the EU, FAO, OECD and World Bank are working together to develop a global city and settlement definition. The goal is to test two existing definitions globally: the degree of urbanisation and the EU-OECD functional urban area definition.

*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 UN Statistical Division will convene a statistical expert meeting to evaluate the global city definition proposed by the EU, OECD, FAO and WB. This action represents the EU contribution to the organisation of this meeting.

*Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*

Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated 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, duly substantiated in the award decision. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to UN Statistical Division.

The UN Statistical Division convenes the UN Statistical Commission once a year. Every national statistical office is a member of this Commission. It is this group that will discuss whether to approve the proposed global definition.

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted to the Commission by UN Statistical Division 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 amount to EUR 50 000 of which EUR 35 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 15 000 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
[...]	Q3 2018	50,000.00

*Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

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

### **3.1.20 Regional meetings on city definition**

#### **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*

In the context of the U.N. Habitat III conference, the global 'New Urban Agenda' was adopted. At this conference, Commissioner Crețu presented three voluntary commitments of the European Union to meet the New Urban Agenda's global objectives: (1) delivering the New Urban Agenda in Europe through the Urban Agenda for the EU. (2) developing a global and harmonised definition of cities which should be used by cities to compare data, to benchmark and to ensure better monitoring. (3) fostering cooperation between cities in the field of sustainable urban development by encouraging the European cities to link up with one or more partner cities to develop and implement local action plans and projects on common priorities – such as on mobility, climate change, health or housing.

To accomplish the second commitment, the EU, FAO, OECD and World Bank are working together to develop a global city and settlement definition. The goal is to test two existing definitions globally: the degree of urbanisation and the EU-OECD functional urban area definition.

*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*

UN-Habitat will organise seven meetings in Asia, Africa and Latin-America to present the global definition of cities and settlements, provide hands-on training and discuss the results.

*Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*

Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated 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, duly substantiated in the award decision. On this basis a direct grant will be awarded to UN Habitat - United Nations programme for human settlements.

UN Habitat is a key partner in the Urban Agenda of the European Union that is the key delivery mechanism of the New Urban Agenda within the EU as established by both Council conclusions on "Habitat III, the EU and its member states objectives and priorities for the 3rd UN conference on housing and sustainable urban development" and "Urban Agenda for the EU".

The award criteria for the evaluation of the proposal submitted to the Commission by UN Habitat 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 amount to EUR 540 000 of which EUR 378 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 162 000 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
[...]	Q3 2018	540,000.00

*Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

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

**3.1.21 City definition in Russia and central Asia**

**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*

In the context of the U.N. Habitat III conference, the global 'New Urban Agenda' was adopted. At this conference, Commissioner Crețu presented three voluntary commitments of the European Union to meet the New Urban Agenda's global objectives: (1) delivering the New Urban Agenda in Europe through the Urban Agenda for the EU. (2) developing a global and harmonised definition of cities which should be used by cities to compare data, to benchmark and to ensure better monitoring. (3) fostering cooperation between cities in the field of sustainable urban development by encouraging the European cities to link up with one or more partner cities to develop and implement local action plans and projects on common priorities – such as on mobility, climate change, health or housing.

To accomplish the second commitment, the EU, FAO, OECD and World Bank are working together to

develop a global city and settlement definition. The goal is to test two existing definitions globally: the degree of urbanisation and the EU-OECD functional urban area definition.

*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 OECD will carry out three pilot projects in Russia and central Asia to present the global definition of cities and settlements and gather feedback.

*Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*

Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated 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, duly substantiated in the award decision. 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 amount to EUR 150 000 of which EUR 105 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 45 000 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
[...]	Q3 2018	150,000.00

*Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

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

### **3.1.22 Sub-national doing business indicators**

#### **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 quality of the business environment can limit growth and the impact of cohesion policy. The regional ease of doing business indicators help analysing these limits in order to enhance the impact of cohesion policy to the fullest.

*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 action will collect regional ease of doing business indicators following the World Bank methodology and will produce sub-national doing business reports for Italy, Greece and Ireland or three EU Member States of a similar size.

*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 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 amount to EUR 1 870 000 of which EUR 1 309 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 561 000 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
[...]	Q3 2018	1,870,000.00

*Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

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

**3.1.23 Expert support with regard to simplify the government processes and increase the absorption capacity of the EU funds**

**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*

In line with the Commission's actions to streamline and simplify cohesion policy rules, specific support will be provided in order to conduct a functional review of the implementation procedures and propose solutions for increasing absorption. The work will also contribute to the identification of possible actions for simplification under the current programming period, while preparing the ground for an implementation beyond 2020.

*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 will lead to a thoroughly prepared analysis of the policy implementation bottlenecks in specific sectors, based on the collection of available and new data. On this basis, the work will then serve as a basis for identification of the concrete actions/deliverables such as: (i) the setting-up of a functional review of the challenges and constraints in the ESI Funds implementation in a number of sectors/sub-sectors; (ii) the design of support instruments that could address the bottlenecks and weaknesses in the ESI Funds implementation in these identified sectors; and (iii) the conception of an alternative implementation system of incentives better embedded in the political economy of the country and its institutional structures.

*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 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 amount to EUR 200 000 of which EUR 140 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 60 000 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
[...]	Q3 2018	200,000.00

#### *Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs*

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

### **3.1.24 Study on Rural Broadband**

#### **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 Commission has joined forces with Member States to help extend broadband in rural areas. The action is one of a new set of six actions that aims to roll out high-speed broadband connections to 18 million rural citizens by 2020. A simple "standard" framework for remote and rural broadband projects will be made available and communicated to Managing Authorities, the European Network for Rural Development and Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) and will be used to assist policy makers (e.g. mayors), local authorities, project managers, local action groups, and other concerned parties that implement broadband investment projects in rural 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 study will help define a simple framework with the key elements that any remote and rural broadband project should address with regards to - among other things - procurement, State aid, and cost structure.

#### *Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria*

Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated 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, duly substantiated in the award decision. 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 amount to EUR 40 000 of which EUR 28 000 will be financed under 13 03 65 01 budget line and EUR 12 000 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
[...]	Q4 2018	40,000.00

*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. Point 3.3 is replaced by the following:

"3.3. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2018 amounts to **EUR 33 659 631**.

#### **Audit**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount:	<b>EUR 2 230 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 1 561 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 669 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	1 framework contract; 6 Specific Contracts under FWC
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	<b>EUR 1 360 000</b> ( <i>EUR 952 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 408 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i> ) will be co-delegated to DG EMPL to contribute to ARACHNE project (EUR 1 300 000) that is developing, testing and implementing a risk scoring tool and to contribute to audits for direct management (EUR 60 000). The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.

#### **Communication and publication**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 15 125 483</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 10 572 838 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 4 552 645 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	65 Specific Contracts under FWC, 10 direct contracts
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: <b>EUR 400 000</b> ( <i>on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01</i> ) will be co-delegated to OP; <b>EUR 5 812 590</b> ( <i>EUR 4 068 813 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 1 743 777 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). The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.

### **Evaluation**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 2 550 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 1 785 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 765 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	6 Specific Contracts under FWC, 8 direct contracts
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Directly by DG REGIO

### **Informatics**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 1 485 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 1 138 473 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 346 527 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	8 Specific Contracts under FWC
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: <b>EUR 323 518</b> ( <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.

### **Meetings and conferences**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 1 240 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 1 222 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 18 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contract
Indicative number of contracts	15 Specific Contracts under FWC, 2 direct contracts
Timeframe	1 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: <b>EUR 30 000</b> ( <i>on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01</i> ) will be co-delegated to DG COMM for the organisation of a workshop on Cross-Border Cooperation during the WebSummit 2018. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.

### **Study, statistics and data collection**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 1 734 148</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 1 251 404 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 482 744 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	15 Specific Contracts under FWC, 3 direct contracts
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: <b>EUR 250 000</b> ( <i>EUR 175 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 75 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i> ) will be cross-subdelegated to DG ESTAT for the collection of geospatial data. The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.

### **Technical and other administrative assistance**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 8 795 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 8 481 500 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 313 500 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC, direct contracts
Indicative number of contracts	25 Specific Contracts under FWC, 5 direct contracts
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Out of the overall amount: <b>EUR 300 000</b> ( <i>EUR 210 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01; EUR 90 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01</i> ) is co-delegated to DG AGRI for Brussel's based Facility Broadband Competence Offices (BCO). The rest of the budget will be managed directly by DG REGIO.

### **Translation (externalised)**

Type of procurement	Service
Total Indicative amount	<b>EUR 300 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 210 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 90 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	4
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	The budget will be co-delegated to DGT for externalised translations.

### **Trainings (externalised)**

Type of procurement	Service
Indicative amount	<b>EUR 200 000</b> , as follows: <i>EUR 140 000 on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01;</i> <i>EUR 60 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01;</i>
Type of Contract	Specific Contracts under FWC
Indicative number of contracts	3
Timeframe	2 – 4 Q 2018
Implementation	Trainings to be held with the involvement of the Managing Authorities.

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4. Point 3.6 *Other Actions or expenditures* is amended as follows:

4.1. The second paragraph of point 3.6.1 *Expert Contracts – AMI List* is replaced by the following: "The indicative amount earmarked for this action is EUR 2 353 400, of which EUR 2 044 744 will be financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 308 656 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01."

4.2. Point 3.6.2 is replaced by the following:

"3.6.2.1 Technical Support for REGIO work on monitoring and reporting of the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda

At Union level, DG REGIO, for the Commission, is leading the implementation of the urban dimension of 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

The action aims to support REGIO work on the monitoring and reporting of the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the New Urban Agenda. It will contribute to ensure coherence between the Union action and the Global action on sustainable urban development, including by facilitating the coordination with Member States.

Concretely, it will support REGIO work in harmonising and developing tools for monitoring and reporting the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda and in particular SDG 11, as required by the Council Conclusions on EU response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Work will build on the existing collaboration between REGIO and JRC in the field of urban policy, such as: LUISA territorial development model and its adaptation to Africa and other continents, the Territorial Strategies Identification database (URBADEV project), the Urban Data Platform, and the Territorial Dashboard, as well other JRC projects that serve as input for these platforms. The work will focus on the harmonisation of the existing relevant urban indicators in the context of ESIF and the indicators of the 2030 Agenda: relevant links between the Urban Data Platform and SDG indicators have been identified and additional ones should be created. This work will be complemented by the further development of the Urban Data Platform, the Global Human Settlement Layer as well as the Harmonised definition of cities, which is one of the Voluntary commitments that the EU, represented by Commissioner Cretu, did at the 3rd UN conference on housing and sustainable urban development in Quito, Ecuador.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is **EUR 250 000** to be financed under 13 03 65 01 ERDF budget line. The indicative timing for the administrative agreement is Q3 2018.

### 3.6.2.2 Smart specialisation in the Eastern Partnership countries

The action comprises support through JRC for enhancing the regional focus of ongoing smart specialisation work principally in Ukraine and Moldova. For Ukraine the main focus would be the development of a regional strategy in one of the four regions which are participating in the macro-regional strategy for the Danube Region. The concrete tasks are likely to be

- 1) organisation of a workshop involving local stakeholders and
- 2) assistance to the Ukrainian authorities by experts to be contracted by JRC.

For Moldova, where the entire country participates in the Danube Strategy, the main task is likely to be the organisation of regional workshops (maximum 3).

For Georgia the tasks will be limited to an awareness raising event in line with CPR Article 58(1)(f).

The objectives of this action are:

- a) contribution to implementation of Priority Area 7 "Knowledge society" of the Danube Strategy, including cooperation of the regions in Ukraine and Moldova with EU regions participating in the strategy
- b) contribute to necessary strategic basis for developing the national project pipeline for regional competitiveness projects in Ukraine and Moldova, as part of the development of their national regional development systems
- c) the regional strategy to be developed in Ukraine will serve as a pilot which can be replicated elsewhere
- d) in the case of Georgia the objective is limited to awareness-raising of the topic for which no work as yet has been undertaken.

The action will contribute to implementation of the regional policy dialogues which REGIO has concluded with each of these countries and to the regional policy chapter of the Association Agreements, as well as to Commission SWD of 15-12-16 which includes smart specialisation among key priorities and deliverables for the Eastern Partnership by 2020. It will contribute to the 2018 MP general objective 4 (supporting implementation of macro-regional strategies).

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is **EUR 177 000** of which EUR 123 900 will be financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 53 100 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01. The indicative timing for the administrative agreement is Q3 2018.

### 3.6.2.3 Transport analysis

Improving accessibility is expected to improve development. However, an overprovision of transport infrastructure may actually hinder development. It is important for cohesion policy to get this balance right.

This action will analyse road and rail accessibility at the regional and local level. This will provide better insights where accessibility is sufficient and where it could be improved.

This action will be implemented through an administrative agreement with JRC. The indicative budget of the agreement is **EUR 600 000** of which EUR 420 000 will be financed on ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 180 000 on CF budget line 13 04 61 01." The indicative timing for the administrative agreement is Q3 2018."