

TA 2019 Financing decision - Working document after MTR (version 10 July 2019)

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Nr	Title	Initial amount FD	Amount approved after MTR	Content	Objectives and results	Geographical coverage	Implementation mode	Type of action	Co-financing rate
2019-001	SLA with DGT (translations)	280.000,00	238.000,00	Service Level Agreement with DGT for translation of documents to be disseminated notably to Member States	The action will sustain the operational effectiveness of the DG notably in its activities aimed at supporting MS' efforts to improve speed and quality of implementation. Translation of guidance documents to be disseminated to Member States is an explicit obligation resulting from the Better Regulation requirement.	All	Procurement	Translations	
2019-001bis	SLA with DGT (translations)	120.000,00	102.000,00	Service Level Agreement with DGT for translation of documents to be disseminated notably to Member States	The action will sustain the operational effectiveness of the DG notably in its activities aimed at supporting MS' efforts to improve speed and quality of implementation. Translation of guidance documents to be disseminated to Member States is an explicit obligation resulting from the Better Regulation requirement.	All	Procurement	Translations	
2019-002	Technical support to the Commission in establishing and developing the "ERDF Transnational Network (TN) on Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)"	30.000,00	50.000,00	The purpose of the contract is to provide technical support to the Commission in establishing and developing the "ERDF Transnational Network (TN) on Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)", in which will be represented national/regional authorities and networks involved in the design, implementation and control of SCOs within ERDF OPs.	The specific objectives are: i. To support the strategic orientation and coordination of the TN ii. To support the organisation and facilitation of TN meetings iii. To carry out an analysis of the relevant issues, solutions and practices related to the design and implementation of SCOs which are available within the Network iv. To support the exchange and dissemination of best and transferable practices, as well as a key recommendations and proposals, emerging from the Network. The Network will be established in order to facilitate the exchange of experiences, capacity building and networking and the capitalisation and dissemination of outcomes of transnational cooperation. Deliverables will be interim and final reports.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-003	Business process management	479.500,00	479.500,00	Maintenance of compliant and efficient processes for the 2014-2020 period and for closure of 2007-2013. Preparation for the implementation of post-2020 processes. Re-engineering of existing processes making them simpler, more efficient and reliable.	The action will support the work of the Business Process Team (BPT) and allow the extension of the process inventory, as well as the improvement of existing procedures and monitoring / reporting capabilities for management. The action will be key to the successful implementation of the BPT annual work plan and its overarching objective to design and optimise standard processes according to the criteria set by the Board. The action will serve to promote the implementation of processes by the services of the Directorate-General through the provision of specifications, review, contribution to testing, standard documents supporting the process execution, guidance documents, training material, trainings, monitoring tools, monitoring, expertise, awareness raising actions, communication with stakeholders, driving process governance in the organisation, liaising with counterparts in other Directorates-General. The budget of the action provides for the renewal of the contracts for the intramuros experts in the team, in order to ensure continuity of the team's skillset in view of the tasks related to the implementation of procedural aspects of the future Regulations of the post-2020 period.	All	Procurement	IT	
2019-003bis	Business process management	205.500,00	205.500,00	Maintenance of compliant and efficient processes for the 2014-2020 period and for closure of 2007-2013. Preparation for the implementation of post-2020 processes. Re-engineering of existing processes making them simpler, more efficient and reliable.	The action will support the work of the Business Process Team (BPT) and allow the extension of the process inventory, as well as the improvement of existing procedures and monitoring / reporting capabilities for management. The action will be key to the successful implementation of the BPT annual work plan and its overarching objective to design and optimise standard processes according to the criteria set by the Board. The action will serve to promote the implementation of processes by the services of the Directorate-General through the provision of specifications, review, contribution to testing, standard documents supporting the process execution, guidance documents, training material, trainings, monitoring tools, monitoring, expertise, awareness raising actions, communication with stakeholders, driving process governance in the organisation, liaising with counterparts in other Directorates-General. The budget of the action provides for the renewal of the contracts for the intramuros experts in the team, in order to ensure continuity of the team's skillset in view of the tasks related to the implementation of procedural aspects of the future Regulations of the post-2020 period.	All	Procurement	IT	
2019-004	AMI Expert work (unit 03)	390.000,00	300.000,00	AMI experts for - UDN workshops: 60.000 EUR - the set-up of EUI: 50.000 EUR - expert work on capitalising on the experience of urban, territorial and local strategies: 100.000 EUR - support for the working group on Evaluation and monitoring of the Union for the Mediterranean : 80 000 EUR - support in the field of inclusive growth 100.000 EUR	Support for the implementation of 2014-2020 programmes and integrated territorial strategies. Support for preparations of post-2020 programming and implementation, to feed the knowledge base of unit 03, geo units, cities and regions.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-005	Methodologies/ toolkits for localisation of Sustainable Development Goals	50.000,00	50.000,00	Workshop for cities and regions to present toolkit(s)/ methodologies that they used for localisation of SDGs	Cohesion policy is a key driver towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), both in the current programming period as well as in post 2020, and is the only EU policy that is implemented in close cooperation with local and regional authorities that play a crucial role in implementing the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs objectives, not only SDG 11, but all SDGs and targets in an integrated way. Considering the fact that about 65% of the 169 targets underlying the 17 SDGs will not be reached without proper engagement and coordination with local and regional governments, it is necessary to support the dissemination and uptake of toolkit/s-methodologies developed that can help cities to design and monitor local SDG strategies. DG REGIO is working via the multistakeholder platform established by VP Timmermans on SDGs with stakeholders of the subgroup on SDG at regional and local level to map all existing methodologies and toolkits to help cities design and monitor local SDG strategies. The aim of this action is to organise a workshop to bring together cities and regions that have used available methodologies and toolkit/s in their efforts to develop local SDG strategies and also the findings of an evaluation by JRC on the strong and weak points of them and create awareness across EU cities/regions on the importance of SDGs but also how they can design their own local strategies to target SDGs in an integrated and participatory way.	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-006	Renewal of the administrative agreement with the JRC on the URBADEV project	200.000,00	0,00	Evaluation of integrated territorial and urban strategies supported by the territorial instruments (SUD, ITI, CLLD)	Complement the already established knowledge base (REGIO-JRC STRAT-Board tool).	All	Administrative Agreement	Evaluation	
2019-007	Urban Innovative Actions - mid term evaluation	100.000,00	100.000,00	To have preliminary assessment of the initiative whose aim is to offer to EU cities an EU instrument that promote deployment of innovative solutions to urban challenge	The evaluation will look at projects selected in the first four calls of Urban innovative Actions (e.g. governance, implementation and impact at local level) in order to assess whether the initiative was able to provide the conditions for cities to test innovative solutions where knowledge acquired can be for the benefits of other EU cities.	All	Procurement	Evaluation	

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2019-008	Workshops on migration and deinstitutionalisation	180.000,00	180.000,00	3 workshops will be organised to support the implementation of EU funds programmes. 2 of them will focus on the dissemination of the "Toolkit on the use of EU funds for integration of people with a migrant background" (Italy, Germany). 1 workshop will focus on the use of EU funds for reinforcing the shift to community based services for children deprived from parental care, people with disabilities (Member State in the Central-Eastern European region)	Supporting the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes in the field of integration of people with a migrant background and shift to community based services. It is in line with the objective 1.1 of the TA strategy.	All, with particular attention to those which receive significant number of asylum seekers and/or residents with migrant background are located there. In the case of workshop on shift to community based services, primarily those Member States will be invited where the volume of allocated EU funds to this issue is significant.	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-009	Extension of Partnerships under the Urban Agenda for the EU	240.000,00	240.000,00	All Partnerships part of the Urban Agenda for the EU receive 2.5 years support through the FWC to support Partnerships. Some of the partnership contracts were signed for 2 years and need to be extended with 6 months.	Partnerships which will produce Action Plans which will lead to better regulation, better funding and better knowledge.	All. The Urban Agenda Partnerships are multi-governmental saying that all different government levels and all MS (including Norway) are involved/contributing.	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-010	10 years of Territorial Cohesion	200.000,00	0,00	Conference and publication to commemorate 10 year anniversary of Territorial Cohesion and Lisbon Treaty	Lisbon Treaty entered into force in December 2009 added next to Economic and Social Cohesion the goal of Territorial Cohesion. Cohesion Policy is one of the main policies fostering territorial cohesion of the EU a goal that is more relevant today since regions and cities argue for stronger territorial dimension in order to achieve better impacts on the development of different places around European. Via a conference and a publication we would like to signify the contribution of Cohesion Policy to this third goal added by the Lisbon Treaty 10 years after the signature of the Treaty and to link this with the discussions by MS to revitalise territorial agenda post 2020. In addition to mobilise other parts of the Commission to showcase how they have been promoting via their policies the goal of territorial cohesion. Having in mind that 2019 will be also the year that the mandate of the new Commission will start this event aspires to be a focal one to contribute also to the reflections of the new Commission about the priorities of the EU	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-011	Cities Forum 2019	300.000,00	350.000,00	Organisation of the 4th CITIES FORUM end of 2019/early 2020. In the Pact of Amsterdam the Commission (DGREGIO) committed itself to organise bi-annual CITIES FORUMS. The board as well as the CAB already committed to this 4th edition and agreed on 300.000,-. On the basis of this knowledge and the fact that DG COMM promised us to use their FWC if SCIC couldn't assist we opened an open call for cities to co-organise this with DG REGIO. We received interest from 78 cities. At the DG meeting for urban matters (mid Nov) a decision will be made on the bases of a neutral assessment done by the Commission.	At the CITIES FORUM the state of play Urban Agenda for the EU will be presented including the uptake of all the actions being implemented at the moment. In addition the assessment study of the Urban Agenda will be presented. The CITIES FORUM plays an important role towards the German Presidency and the informal ministerial related to the review of the Leipzig charter.	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-012	5th Forum of the outermost regions	300.000,00	300.000,00	Organisation of the 5th Forum of the outermost regions which will bring together the Presidents of Europe's outermost regions, representatives from their three Member States, members of civil society, external stakeholders and representatives of the EU institutions.	This Forum usually brings together the President of the Commission and the relevant Commissioner as well as the Presidents of the outermost regions (OR), in the context of the EU strategy for the OR. Usually a Declaration is expected to be endorsed (expected result). This Forum is a platform for dialogue for all the participants. It will consist on plenary sessions and thematic workshops.	Outermost regions from FR, PT and ES	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-013	Corporate Communication	3.247.000,00	3.247.000,00	Commission Decision C(2018)4063 - Corporate Communication Action in 2019-2020 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020	Procurement and Grants to serve the Commission's corporate communication	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-013bis	Corporate Communication	1.110.000,00	1.110.000,00	Commission Decision C(2018)4063 - Corporate Communication Action in 2019-2020 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020	Procurement and Grants to serve the Commission's corporate communication	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-014	CORE & recurrent Communication activities (incl. Temporary reinforcement in intra muros service providers outside KM)	4.484.200,00	4.514.481,30	EURegions WEEK including media and young media programmes, media programmes related to other REGIO events, INFORM and other events organisation, Inforegio (website and project databases, ESIF Open Data Platform, REGIOSTARS, outsourced editing and last min translation NB : the budget requested integrates : 1 IM graphic designer, 1 additional intra-muros to follow-up on the 2017 and 2018 media call, 1 additional intra muros for the Road Trip Project 2.0 as well as the continuation of the existing 2 intra muros for campaigns until end 2019 (RTP 1.0 and EU delivers in the regions)	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of cohesion policy	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-014bis	CORE & recurrent Communication activities (incl. Temporary reinforcement in intra muros service providers outside KM)	1.921.800,00	1.934.777,70	EURegions WEEK including media and young media programmes, media programmes related to other REGIO events, INFORM and other events organisation, Inforegio (website and project databases, ESIF Open Data Platform, REGIOSTARS, outsourced editing and last min translation NB : the budget requested integrates : 1 IM graphic designer, 1 additional intra-muros to follow-up on the 2017 and 2018 media call, 1 additional intra muros for the Road Trip Project 2.0 as well as the continuation of the existing 2 intra muros for campaigns until end 2019 (RTP 1.0 and EU delivers in the regions)	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of cohesion policy	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-015	Publications	400.000,00	250.000,00	Printing, on-line referencing & sale + stocking	Inform stakeholders, demonstrate and disseminate the added value of EU cohesion policy	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-016	Knowledge Management (REGIO wiki)	304.480,00	304.480,00	WIKI - Advice on KM, Identification of users needs and users' specifications to A4 for development	Develop further synergies across the DG and across services, gain time and energy across REGIO units and between REGIO services and Cabinet.	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-017	Eurobarometer Flashsurvey	350.000,00	350.000,00	2.5 yearly update measuring, with a representative sample of the EU population, the awareness and perception of the policy	Measure our effectiveness in Demonstrating and disseminating the EU added value of cohesion policy; identifying areas on which our action should concentrate	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-017bis	Eurobarometer Flashsurvey	150.000,00	150.000,00	2.5 yearly update measuring, with a representative sample of the EU population, the awareness and perception of the policy	Measure our effectiveness in Demonstrating and disseminating the EU added value of cohesion policy; identifying areas on which our action should concentrate	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-018	Grant to Euronews via Framework Convention DG CONNECT	210.000,00	506.437,40	24 "SMART REGIONS" episodes by Euronews on the model developed in 2018	Production and dissemination of monographies	a selection of 24 projects (EU 28)	Grant	Communication and publication	
2019-018bis	Grant to Euronews via Framework Convention DG CONNECT	90.000,00	217.044,60	24 "SMART REGIONS" episodes by Euronews on the model developed in 2018	Production and dissemination of monographies	a selection of 24 projects (EU 28)	Grant	Communication and publication	
2019-019	Grant to EDICs via DG COMM	560.000,00	340.830,00	Grant for EDICs to conduct local dialogs	Interact with citizens at local and regional level	All	Grant	Communication and publication	N/A (lump sums)
2019-019bis	Grant to EDICs via DG COMM	240.000,00	146.070,00	Grant for EDICs to conduct local dialogs	Interact with citizens at local and regional level	All	Grant	Communication and publication	N/A (lump sums)
2019-020	Road Trip Project 2.0	2.800.000,00	2.800.000,00	2nd edition of the Youth Road Trip Project	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of cohesion policy - Target Youth	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-020bis	Road Trip Project 2.0	1.200.000,00	1.200.000,00	2nd edition of the Youth Road Trip Project	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of cohesion policy - Target Youth	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	

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2019-021	Top-up campaign EU delivers in my Region	1.750.000,00	0,00	Launch information campaign aiming at promoting Cohesion policy. Production of information tools (including AV materials, visuals, printed publications, testimonials of beneficiaries & social media content) and dissemination through purchase of advertising space, events, EU information relays, etc. The action should cover all EU Member states with a particular attention to the net beneficiaries Member States and the Member States hit by the crisis.	In line with the DG REGIO Communication Strategy 2017-2020, these information measures relating to the Cohesion policy aim, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to help explain, implement and develop the Cohesion policy and to raise public awareness of its content, objectives and results; to raise the awareness on the contribution of cohesion policy to the development of EU's 276 regions and the well-being of its citizens, wherever they live; to inform stakeholders and citizens on the results of Cohesion policy specifically in their regions; to increase the participation to setting priorities for the Cohesion policy post-2020 and the funding under the next Multiannual Financial Framework; to raise the awareness of the win-win impact of Cohesion policy and the potential of Cohesion policy to induce political cohesion in the EU; to build trust within the EU and among all citizens. Cohesion policy is a policy for all the citizens of the EU and the benefits that it provides to them must be clearly demonstrated. The key issues and messaging should be fully consistent with the Commission's legal requirement to carry out information measures within the meaning of Article 115-117 and Annex XII of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. Expected results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased citizens' awareness and support of Cohesion policy. 	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-021bis	Top-up campaign EU delivers in my Region	750.000,00	0,00	Launch information campaign aiming at promoting Cohesion policy. Production of information tools (including AV materials, visuals, printed publications, testimonials of beneficiaries & social media content) and dissemination through purchase of advertising space, events, EU information relays, etc. The action should cover all EU Member states with a particular attention to the net beneficiaries Member States and the Member States hit by the crisis.	In line with the DG REGIO Communication Strategy 2017-2020, these information measures relating to the Cohesion policy aim, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to help explain, implement and develop the Cohesion policy and to raise public awareness of its content, objectives and results; to raise the awareness on the contribution of cohesion policy to the development of EU's 276 regions and the well-being of its citizens, wherever they live; to inform stakeholders and citizens on the results of Cohesion policy specifically in their regions; to increase the participation to setting priorities for the Cohesion policy post-2020 and the funding under the next Multiannual Financial Framework; to raise the awareness of the win-win impact of Cohesion policy and the potential of Cohesion policy to induce political cohesion in the EU; to build trust within the EU and among all citizens. Cohesion policy is a policy for all the citizens of the EU and the benefits that it provides to them must be clearly demonstrated. The key issues and messaging should be fully consistent with the Commission's legal requirement to carry out information measures within the meaning of Article 115-117 and Annex XII of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. Expected results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased citizens' awareness and support of Cohesion policy. 	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-022	Active Senior Initiative for former REGIO officials	14.000,00	14.000,00	The Active Senior Initiative launched by DG HR presents the guidelines and provides the legal framework for former officials (receiving a retirement pension) to voluntary assist in unpaid activities for the Commission.	Voluntary assist in unpaid activities for the Commission	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-022bis	Active Senior Initiative for former REGIO officials	6.000,00	6.000,00	The Active Senior Initiative launched by DG HR presents the guidelines and provides the legal framework for former officials (receiving a retirement pension) to voluntary assist in unpaid activities for the Commission.	Voluntary assist in unpaid activities for the Commission	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-023	Experts	308.000,00	308.000,00	This amount aims to cover travel expenses, daily and accommodation allowance in accordance with the Commission Decision on Rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity	Reimbursement of expert costs	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-023bis	Experts	132.000,00	132.000,00	This amount aims to cover travel expenses, daily and accommodation allowance in accordance with the Commission Decision on Rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity	Reimbursement of expert costs	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-024	Missions	171.500,00	171.500,00	credits for TA missions	credits for TA missions	All	Administrative Autonomy	Missions	
2019-024bis	Missions	73.500,00	73.500,00	credits for TA missions	credits for TA missions	All	Administrative Autonomy	Missions	
2019-025	Rencontres annuelles	38.500,00	38.500,00	Catering costs for meetings PRESTO	Catering costs for meetings PRESTO	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-025bis	Rencontres annuelles	16.500,00	16.500,00	Catering costs for meetings PRESTO	Catering costs for meetings PRESTO	All	Administrative Autonomy	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-026	Staff expenditure	3.060.000,00	3.060.000,00	Salary for contractual agents, national experts and intérimaire	Salary for contractual agents, national experts and intérimaire	All	Administrative Autonomy	Staff Expenditure	
2019-026bis	Staff expenditure	1.340.000,00	1.340.000,00	Salary for contractual agents, national experts and intérimaire	Salary for contractual agents, national experts and intérimaire	All	Administrative Autonomy	Staff Expenditure	
2019-027	IT activities (admin)	5.595.000,00	5.524.000,00	Intramuros staff (including REGIO's contribution to the common Compass Corporate IT platform for post 2020); IT Material (Laptops, mobile devices, licenses, print-shop, etc.); Intra-muros staff B1 (GIS)	Intramuros staff (including REGIO's contribution to the common Compass Corporate IT platform for post 2020); IT Material (Laptops, mobile devices, licenses, print-shop, etc.); Intra-muros staff B1 (GIS)	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-027bis	IT activities (admin)	2.572.000,00	2.563.000,00	Intramuros staff (including REGIO's contribution to the common Compass Corporate IT platform for post 2020); IT Material (Laptops, mobile devices, licenses, print-shop, etc.); Intra-muros staff B1 (GIS)	Intramuros staff (including REGIO's contribution to the common Compass Corporate IT platform for post 2020); IT Material (Laptops, mobile devices, licenses, print-shop, etc.); Intra-muros staff B1 (GIS)	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-028	IT activities (oper)	639.800,00	639.800,00	Intra-muros staff for SFC	Intra-muros staff for SFC	All	Procurement	IT	
2019-028bis	IT activities (oper)	274.200,00	274.200,00	Intra-muros staff for SFC	Intra-muros staff for SFC	All	Procurement	IT	
2019-029	Delegation to DIGIT (admin)	1.599.000,00	1.629.000,00	Hosting/ITIC/contribution to other corporate systems	Hosting/ITIC/contribution to other corporate systems	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-030	Delegation to DIGIT (oper)	398.000,00	398.000,00	Hosting for SFC	Hosting for SFC	All	Procurement	IT	
2019-031	Delegation to OIB	60.000,00	60.000,00	print-shop OIB	print-shop OIB	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-032	IT activities MAPAR	250.000,00	250.000,00	Contribution to MAPAR (EMPL)	Contribution to MAPAR (EMPL)	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-033	Sub-national doing business reports	2.930.000,00	2.930.000,00	This project will measure the ease of doing business in the last 8 Member States of more than 4 million inhabitants.	A better business environment is critical to boost entrepreneurship and allow SMEs to grow. A better business environment will allow Cohesion Policy programmes to have a bigger and more long lasting impact.	Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Finland	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-034	Public administration diagnostics	1.000.000,00	1.000.000,00	This four year project will develop diagnostics of the characteristics and productivity of public administration in five Member States	A better understanding of public administration can help MS to improve. This can be done using EU funding including Cohesion Policy. It would also strengthen the implementation of Cohesion Policy	A selection of five Member States	Grant	Study	100%
2019-035	Access to services and migration	1.100.000,00	1.100.000,00	This action will fund a number of OECD reports on access to finance and the business environment, access to services and migration	Regional development is heavily linked to the impact of access to finance, to services and migration. These reports will help to diagnose the problems and show the policies developed by different regions in the areas. Cohesion Policy implementation could benefit from these results.	All	Grant	Study	100%

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2019-036	Population and land use modeling	700.000,00	700.000,00	This grant will finance the further development of the LUISA model.	This work will produce projections of population and land use change and will model the territorial impact of various policies. This is will provide key inputs to the Cohesion Reports.	All	Administrative Agreement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-036bis	Population and land use modeling	300.000,00	300.000,00	This grant will finance the further development of the LUISA model.	This work will produce projections of population and land use change and will model the territorial impact of various policies. This is will provide key inputs to the Cohesion Reports.	All	Administrative Agreement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-037	Analysing global urbanisation	1.000.000,00	1.000.000,00	This grant will finance the production of better global population grids and built-up area detection. This will help to convince the UN Statistical Commission to approve the global definition of cities and settlements which we are developing.	This work will support the joint EU, WB, FAO, UN-Habitat commitment to develop a global definition of cities and settlements. This work will also facilitate exchanges between cities in the world.	Global	Administrative Agreement	Study	
2019-038	Regional composite indicators and econometrics	300.000,00	300.000,00	This work will analyse the determinants of migration and produce a number of regional composite indicators.	This work will be showcased in our publication series and in the Cohesion Reports.	All	Administrative Agreement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-039	GIS data	250.000,00	250.000,00	This will provide access to GIS data such as road networks.	This allows us to do accessibility analysis and other work that underpins the preparation of the negotiations and the Cohesion Report.	All	Procurement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-040	City statistics	900.000,00	900.000,00	This grant will support the production of more city level indicators.	The city level indicators will support the Urban Agenda for the EU, the city level programmes and the cohesion report.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	90%
2019-041	Poverty data	450.000,00	450.000,00	This grant will suport the production of more and better poverty data.	One of the goals of the EU and of Cohesion Polic is to reduce poverty. Better data will allow us to better target and evaluate the impact of our policy.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	90%
2019-042	Business demography	400.000,00	400.000,00	This grant will support the production of regional business demography.	This data will allow us to assess and monitor regional business dynamics.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	90%
2019-043	Quality of government, fourth edition	1.500.000,00	1.500.000,00	This will fund the fourth edition of the regional quality of government indicator.	This allows us to monitor where government quality is improving. This will be included in the next Cohesion Report.	All	Procurement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-044	Regional corruption survey	1.155.000,00	1.155.000,00	This will measure both the experience and perceptions of corruption at the regional level.	This will allow us to monitor corruption at the regional level. The results can inform the negotiations and be used in the Cohesion Report.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-044bis	Regional corruption survey	495.000,00	495.000,00	This will measure both the experience and perceptions of corruption at the regional level.	This will allow us to monitor corruption at the regional level. The results can inform the negotiations and be used in the Cohesion Report.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-045	Short papers and data purchases	70.000,00	70.000,00	This will fund short papers by researches and data purchases to respond to emergent needs.	This will help us to prepare the negotiations and develop the policies.	All	Procurement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-045bis	Short papers and data purchases	30.000,00	30.000,00	This will fund short papers by researches and data purchases to respond to emergent needs.	This will help us to prepare the negotiations and develop the policies.	All	Procurement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-046	LFS Time series	500.000,00	500.000,00	This action will fund work by national statistical institutes to maintain an uninterrupted labour force survey time series.	Cohesion Policy relies on many labour force survey indicators for the programme negotiations, monitoring and allocation of funding. A break in the time series would undermine this.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	90%
2019-047	Evaluation activities	1.960.000,00	1.505.000,00	Evaluation activities	Implementation of regulatory and strategic required evaluations on specific themes (thematic studies and evaluations, monitoring helpdesk, meetings with experts)	All	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-047bis	Evaluation activities	840.000,00	645.000,00	Evaluation activities	Implementation of regulatory and strategic required evaluations on specific themes (thematic studies and evaluations, monitoring helpdesk, meetings with experts)	All	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-048	Evaluation helpdesk	840.000,00	840.000,00	Assistance and support to all Member States and the unit for all evaluation activities	Provide specific support to improving capacity to administer and implement the funds by improving their evaluation capacity so as to enable them to comply with their evaluation obligations under the CPR and use evaluation to enhance their use of the funds	All	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-048bis	Evaluation helpdesk	360.000,00	360.000,00	Assistance and support to all Member States and the unit for all evaluation activities	Provide specific support to improving capacity to administer and implement the funds by improving their evaluation capacity so as to enable them to comply with their evaluation obligations under the CPR and use evaluation to enhance their use of the funds	All	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-049	Legal advice services under Framework contract 2014CE16BAT059	154.000,00	154.000,00	Legal analysis of OLAF reports and Article 5(2) cases	Closure of old OLAF cases and old Article 5(2) cases which will facilitate the closure of 1994-99, 2000-06 and 2007-13 programmes.	Germany and Hungry (mainly)	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-049bis	Legal advice services under Framework contract 2014CE16BAT059	66.000,00	66.000,00	Legal analysis of OLAF reports and Article 5(2) cases	Closure of old OLAF cases and old Article 5(2) cases which will facilitate the closure of 1994-99, 2000-06 and 2007-13 programmes.	Germany and Hungry (mainly)	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-050	Ad-hoc expert assistance and advice for audit issues	35.000,00	35.000,00	Advice, guidance notes, participation in meetings concerning audit issues	Better communication and working practices with the MS. Assisting the contracting party with opinion and advice, participation in meetings with Member State and EC representatives to present and clarify audit related topics, assisting in workshop sessions within the Commission and in the Member States. The action contributes by ensuring an optimal use of resources, selecting expertise when needed.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-050bis	Ad-hoc expert assistance and advice for audit issues	15.000,00	15.000,00	Advice, guidance notes, participation in meetings concerning audit issues	Better communication and working practices with the MS. Assisting the contracting party with opinion and advice, participation in meetings with Member State and EC representatives to present and clarify audit related topics, assisting in workshop sessions within the Commission and in the Member States. The action contributes by ensuring an optimal use of resources, selecting expertise when needed.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-051	ARACHNE project (Risk scoring tool)	910.000,00	910.000,00	The project ARACHNE aims at establishing a comprehensive and complete database of projects implemented under the Structural Funds in the MS and to enrich the data with publicly available information in order to identify, based on a set of risk indicators, the most risky projects.	The common provisions regulation for 2014-2020 contains an explicit legal requirement for managing authorities to put in place effective and proportionate anti-fraud measures taking into account the risks identified. To help Member States fulfil this legal requirement and to support managing authorities in monitoring the most risky projects, the European Commission has developed Arachne in cooperation with some Member States and with the help of external specialists. It provides managing authorities with an efficient tool to prevent and detect errors and irregularities and to identify risk of fraud. This action accordingly contributes to the MP objective 4. "To ensure sound financial management of the Funds" and more specifically 4.2 "To obtain reasonable assurance that the expenditure declared to the Commission is legal and regular by ensuring that the audit authorities can be relied upon (single audit approach) and by focusing DG resources on identified risks".	The aim of the action is for all Member States though not all are currently using ARACHNE	Procurement	Audit	
2019-051bis	ARACHNE project (Risk scoring tool)	390.000,00	390.000,00	The project ARACHNE aims at establishing a comprehensive and complete database of projects implemented under the Structural Funds in the MS and to enrich the data with publicly available information in order to identify, based on a set of risk indicators, the most risky projects.	The common provisions regulation for 2014-2020 contains an explicit legal requirement for managing authorities to put in place effective and proportionate anti-fraud measures taking into account the risks identified. To help Member States fulfil this legal requirement and to support managing authorities in monitoring the most risky projects, the European Commission has developed Arachne in cooperation with some Member States and with the help of external specialists. It provides managing authorities with an efficient tool to prevent and detect errors and irregularities and to identify risk of fraud. This action accordingly contributes to the MP objective 4. "To ensure sound financial management of the Funds" and more specifically 4.2 "To obtain reasonable assurance that the expenditure declared to the Commission is legal and regular by ensuring that the audit authorities can be relied upon (single audit approach) and by focusing DG resources on identified risks".	The aim of the action is for all Member States though not all are currently using ARACHNE	Procurement	Audit	
2019-052	Homologues Group Meeting	175.000,00	175.000,00	Homologues Group Meeting 2019 and Homologues Group Meeting 2020	28th annual meeting of the European financial controllers "Homologues Group" meeting to be held in 2019 with the addition of the preparation of 29th Homologues meeting to be held in 2020.	All	Grant	Meetings and Conferences	80% (Croatia) 90% (Cyprus)
2019-052bis	Homologues Group Meeting	75.000,00	75.000,00	Homologues Group Meeting 2019 and Homologues Group Meeting 2020	28th annual meeting of the European financial controllers "Homologues Group" meeting to be held in 2019 with the addition of the preparation of 29th Homologues meeting to be held in 2020.	All	Grant	Meetings and Conferences	80% (Croatia) 90% (Cyprus)
2019-053	Outsourced audits	511.000,00	511.000,00	Outsourcing of audit work will include on the spot audits and desk review tasks and will generally be covered by the REGIO audit FWC	Assistance to REGIO.C with the execution of audits, controls and related audit activities made up of desk and on-the-spot audit work. The action contributes by ensuring an optimal use of staff resources, selecting the resource and expertise when needed.	All	Procurement	Audit	

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2019-053bis	Outsourced audits	219.000,00	219.000,00	Outsourcing of audit work will include on the spot audits and desk review tasks and will generally be covered by the REGIO audit FWC	Assistance to REGIO.C with the execution of audits, controls and related audit activities made up of desk and on-the-spot audit work. The action contributes by ensuring an optimal use of staff resources, selecting the resource and expertise when needed.	All	Procurement	Audit	
2019-054	Audits of Direct grants	35.000,00	35.000,00	The outsourcing by EMPL of ex-post controls of expenditure by grant beneficiaries under the direct management of REGIO	Assistance to REGIO to support the implementation of programmes and to improve efficiency and quality of key internal processes. To contract out audits by EMPL of REGIO direct grants, as there are no internal staff resources available to carry out these audits	All	Procurement	Audit	
2019-054bis	Audits of Direct grants	15.000,00	15.000,00	The outsourcing by EMPL of ex-post controls of expenditure by grant beneficiaries under the direct management of REGIO	Assistance to REGIO to support the implementation of programmes and to improve efficiency and quality of key internal processes. To contract out audits by EMPL of REGIO direct grants, as there are no internal staff resources available to carry out these audits	All	Procurement	Audit	
2019-055	Revision of the Danube Action Plan	30.000,00	30.000,00	The EUSDR addresses a wide range of issues which are divided among four pillars. The EUSDR Actions are pre-defined in the EUSDR Action Plan aiming at moving "from words to action", by identifying the concrete priorities for the macro-region and responsibilities for the implementation and follow-up of the priorities. The Action Plan includes Actions and Projects, which are to be subject to progress review and update. The first revision process was kicked off by the Bulgarian Presidency in 2018 and will be continued in 2019. External expertise and support is needed.	Support DG REGIO D1 in order to collect, harmonise and compile the technical inputs coming from the priority areas; help DG REGIO D1 prioritising actions and projects in order to streamline the Action Plan. The action will significantly contribute to the development of the Danube Strategy	Danube Region (nine EU Member States and five non-EU countries)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-056	Revision of the Baltic Sea Action Plan	30.000,00	15.000,00	Within its overall responsibility for strategic coordination of the EUSBSR, REGIO.D1 is in the lead for any revision of the EUSBSR and its Action Plan (which is formally a COM SWD, annexed to the Communication on the EUSBSR). Since 2009, the Action Plan has been revised several times. The current version of the Action Plan is dated 20.03.2017. At the National Coordinators Group meeting on 9th February 2018, it was agreed on the need to have an up-to-date EUSBSR Action Plan ready before the programming process for the new financial period starts.	The action contributes to objective 4.2 The objective of the action is to obtain an up-to-date EUSBSR Action Plan ready before the programming process for the new financial period starts. This requires the support of external expertise in the coordination of the process and the revision of the document.	Baltic Sea Region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-057	Euro Access	100.000,00	100.000,00	One of the main challenges for a successful implementation of macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies is to make most efficient use of the existing funding instruments. One main obstacle is the complexity of the EU funding world. This is why EuroAccess MacroRegions was put in place. It shall now be extended to sea-basin strategies and outermost regions.	To facilitate implementation of policies and strategies and to translate objectives into concrete actions by providing concrete help on accessing funds.	All	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	85%
2019-058	EUSALP Annual Forum	250.000,00	250.000,00	The Region of Lombardia will take over the Rotating Presidency of the European Strategy for the Alpine Region officially in January 2019. The Lombardian government is therefore entrusted with the organization of the 2019 EUSALP Annual Forum. Furthermore, this decision was taken in the framework of the EUSALP General Assembly.	The Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region is a yearly event that provides the necessary high level political and economic platform that is a prerequisite for a successful implementation of the Strategy. During the days of the Annual Forum the key representatives and actors of the region exchange on current events and also get the opportunity to discuss possible common solutions to the key challenges facing the Strategy.	Alpine Region	Grant	Meetings and Conferences	85%
2019-059	Study on environmental topics in the Danube Region and policy coordination with DG ENV/NEAR	300.000,00	294.114,05	Study on environmental and ecological thematic in the framework of MRS and policy coordination with DG NEAR/ENV: close cooperation with ICPDR, Romania and Serbia to maintain water quality and to preserve bio-diversity in the Danube River, to increase administrative capacity of Romanian and Serbian authorities in close cooperation with other Danube countries; implementation of follow-up measures of phase 1;	Contribution in concrete terms of the implementation of Action Plan of the EUSDR and to its objectives 4) to restore and maintain the quality of waters and to 6) to preserve diversity; due to its strong European added value; cross-border cooperation project it directly involves one EU-Member State (RO) and one non-EU Member State (RS) making it relevant for implementation of the Enlargement Negotiations policy. In addition to its cross-border character, this project has basin-wide relevance and thus is also of important contribution to the Eastern Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); contribution of accession process of Serbia in the field of environment	Danube Region	Grant	Study	85%
2019-060	Preparation of the post 2020 period for cooperation with Outermost Regions	30.000,00	0,00	With regard to the start of the new funding period in 2021 and the adoption of the new regulatory framework, the support of an external expert is required to help with the necessary tasks for the preparation of the post-2020 period for cooperation with Outermost Regions, including the drafting of respective position papers.	The action contributes to objective 2.1 With regard to the start of the new funding period in 2021 and the adoption of the new regulatory framework, the support of an external expert is required to help with the necessary tasks for the preparation of the post-2020 period for cooperation with Outermost Regions, including the drafting of respective position papers. The outcome will be a position paper for cooperation on Outermost regions for each of the respective programmes.	Amazonia, Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Macaronesia	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-061	Preparation of the post 2020 period for MRS and transnational/maritime/interregional cooperation	30.000,00	0,00	In regards of the start of the new funding period in 2021 and the adoption of the new regulatory framework, the support of an external expert is required to help with the necessary tasks for the preparation of the post2020 period for cooperation MRS and transnational/maritime/interregional cooperation, including the preparation work for respective position papers.	In regards of the start of the new funding period in 2021 and the adoption of the new regulatory framework, the support of an external expert is required to help with the necessary tasks for the preparation of the post2020 period for cooperation MRS and transnational/maritime/interregional cooperation, including the preparation work for respective position papers.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-062	Input to the preparation of strategic documents for IPA and ENI CBC programmes post 2020	30.000,00	30.000,00	The action aims at getting support and input to the strategic/position document to be used during the negotiations of IPA CBC and ENI CBC programmes post 2020.	Objectives of the action: - to get theoretical input/analysis of the areas of IPA and ENI CBC cooperation, on the socio-economic situation, experience/lessons learnt from the cooperation in the past, recommendation in terms of best potentials for cooperation under the post 2020 thematic priorities for ERDF/cooperation of EU external borders, how to best embed the strategic priorities of the enlargement and neighbourhood policy, macro-regional strategies and other strategic frameworks to the Interreg IPA programmes etc. Milestones of the action will be the inception report for the study covering the elements mentioned above. Through the action, REGIO will have a strong mandate to negotiate the content of the IPA CBC programmes as well as to interact with other key partners such as DG NEAR or EEAS. The ultimate result will be the final version of the study.	South-East Europe, namely MS neighbouring EU enlargement countries (Hungary, Romania, Greece, Croatia, Bulgaria and Italy) the - Western Balkans and Turkey.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-063	Interreg Annual Meeting 2020	300.000,00	0,00	This action should cover organisation of the Annual event for Interreg programmes, which will take place in 2020 (exact date and place tbc.).	Sharing most acute implementation issues (and related guidance) as well as good practices with the 88 programmes concerned: networking activities, strategic steering of processes, political commitment (according to Article 51 of regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-064	Eurobarometer-public survey	300.000,00	550.000,00	At the occasion of Interreg's 25th birthday, a eurobarometer survey was organised specifically towards citizens living in EU border regions. The focus was entirely on border questions : travel to the other side, cross-border activities, levels of trust, perception of certain obstacles, awareness of Interreg, etc. Five years on, the time has come to renew the exercise in order to check whether there has been an evolution and if so, in which direction.	The eurobarometer is organised along the architecture of Cross-Border Cooperation programmes and serves as an indication towards perceived levels of trust and cooperation among border citizens and organisations. A number of Interreg CBC programmes use the results of the 2015 barometer to plan certain types of activities: people-to-people actions, cultural cooperation, awareness-raising events, etc. Some have even used them as baselines in their performance framework.	All	Procurement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-065	Conference - Study on missing rail links	300.000,00	300.000,00	In 2018, DG REGIO conducted a Study on cross-border missing rail links. In order to promote the results of the Study and to enhance discussion among stakeholders and relevant authorities, DG REGIO in cooperation with DG MOVE would like to organise a conference outside Brussels.	Main objective is to promote the results of the Study on cross-border missing rail links and to enhance a discussion in the field of cross-border transport. This is one of the actions proposed in the 2017 Communication on Boosting Border Regions.	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-066	Workshops: Data evidence and Cross-border mechanism	200.000,00	0,00	Two workshops to be organised with border stakeholders, one workshop will focus on the newly proposed European Cross-border Mechanism, its main features, use and implementation. Second workshop will focus on cross-border data and evidence.	Fulfil the actions/recommendations outlined in the Communication on Boosting Border Regions.	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	

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2019-067	Follow up analysis on the Territorial Impact Assessment	60.000,00	0,00	The aim of this action is to analyse the outcomes of the previously conducted work focusing on refining the methodology for territorial impact assessment. The aim is also to identify existing practices in Member States and to explore the possibility of setting up a helpdesk.	The aim is to identify existing practices in Member States and to explore the possibility of setting up a helpdesk. The objective is also to identify a pool of practitioners of TIA to be made available to the Member States.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-068	Compendium of typical cases addressed in SOLVIT on CBC specific issues	60.000,00	0,00	The aim of this action is to analyse the data on cases and questions presented by citizens to SOLVIT, in order to assess what are the most recurrent types of cross-border specific problems. This will result in a compendium of typical cases and frequent answers.	With the Communication on border regions (Com(2017)534), the Commission committed itself to "further reinforce SOLVIT with the Member States so that more individuals and businesses have their cross-border issues addressed". The knowledge gained from this action would serve that purpose by giving the SOLVIT network a typical knowledge on cross-border related problems, increasing the effectiveness in addressing them. On the other hand, it would give REGIO a more specific knowledge on how are cross-border obstacles clearly perceived by citizens.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-069	Study on existing cross-border public transport services	300.000,00	300.000,00	The aim of this action is to conduct a study on existing cross-border public transport services. The action would allow obtaining a detailed overview of existing cross-border public transport systems, including their governance and financing models.	The aim of this action is to conduct a study on existing cross-border public transport services. The Communication on border regions (Com(2017)534), invites MS and regions to "step up their efforts to provide individuals with better quality, more integrated public transport services". In order to support that goal, this action aims at producing an overview of existing cross-border public transport systems, including their governance and financing models. This would serve the purpose of facilitating the appearance of other similar systems.	All	Procurement	Study	
2019-070	Interreg Volunteers Youth	800.000,00	800.000,00	The Interreg Volunteer Youth initiative (IVY) is a part of the broader European Solidarity Corps Initiative launched by the European Commission. This initiative offers the possibility to young Europeans aged 18-30 to serve as volunteers in Interreg programmes and projects. The aim is to promote concrete achievements of Interreg programmes and projects.	To ensure the continuation of IVY in 2020. To achieve better results in terms of more matches between volunteers and host organisations. So far, the initiative has been successful and the number of volunteer applications as well as interested host organisations have increased over time. With an additional budget, more volunteers can be selected and contribute to promoting Interreg.	All	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	95%
2019-071	AMI list expert support for the preparation of 2021-2027 programming period in France, Belgium and Luxembourg	120.000,00	0,00	expert advice and analysis of available sources on the economic background SWAT and S3 strategies for France Belgium and Luxembourg.	report and map existing sources regarding S3 strategies and provide a status quo of the level of maturity and pertinence.	France, Belgium, Luxembourg (all regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-072	AMI list expert support for the preparation of the 2021-2027 programming period in Sweden, Denmark and Ireland (SWOT and S3 strategies)	42.000,00	12.320,00	Expert advice and analysis of available sources on the economic background, SWOT and S3 strategies for Sweden, Denmark and Ireland and, where applicable, its regions	Report and map existing sources regarding the S3 strategies in the Member States and its regions and provide a status quo of the level of maturity and pertinence. Analysis and mapping of existing national sources. MP 2. Develop cohesion policy and establish close links to other EU policies, 2.1 Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020	Sweden (all regions); Denmark (all regions); Ireland (all regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-072bis	AMI list expert support for the preparation of the 2021-2027 programming period in Sweden, Denmark and Ireland (SWOT and S3 strategies)	18.000,00	5.280,00	Expert advice and analysis of available sources on the economic background, SWOT and S3 strategies for Sweden, Denmark and Ireland and, where applicable, its regions	Report and map existing sources regarding the S3 strategies in the Member States and its regions and provide a status quo of the level of maturity and pertinence. Analysis and mapping of existing national sources. MP 2. Develop cohesion policy and establish close links to other EU policies, 2.1 Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020	Sweden (all regions); Denmark (all regions); Ireland (all regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-073	Preparation of the post-2020 negotiations- AMI experts on EE, LV and LT	42.000,00	28.560,00	The purpose of the action is to hire three AMI experts in order to prepare negotiations on the post-2020 period. Experts will look into respective countries namely - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (B3) regarding investments under the Policy Objective 1- SMART and its four sub-components - research and innovation; digitalisation; SMEs and skills. One of the experts will also have a coordination function with the aim to coordinate with other two experts on work regarding areas of cooperation in the Baltic region i.e. B3 cooperation.	The objective of the action is to prepare negotiations with the 3B countries. The experts will 1) revise analysis of the challenges and needs of the each of 3B countries as identified by Unit D5 in the input papers and provide their comments and recommendations; 2) will provide detailed and prescriptive recommendations about the necessary investments to reply to the identified challenges and 3) they will provide recommendations regarding areas of cooperation.	Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-073bis	Preparation of the post-2020 negotiations- AMI experts on EE, LV and LT	18.000,00	12.240,00	The purpose of the action is to hire three AMI experts in order to prepare negotiations on the post-2020 period. Experts will look into respective countries namely - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (B3) regarding investments under the Policy Objective 1- SMART and its four sub-components - research and innovation; digitalisation; SMEs and skills. One of the experts will also have a coordination function with the aim to coordinate with other two experts on work regarding areas of cooperation in the Baltic region i.e. B3 cooperation.	The objective of the action is to prepare negotiations with the 3B countries. The experts will 1) revise analysis of the challenges and needs of the each of 3B countries as identified by Unit D5 in the input papers and provide their comments and recommendations; 2) will provide detailed and prescriptive recommendations about the necessary investments to reply to the identified challenges and 3) they will provide recommendations regarding areas of cooperation.	Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-074	Preparation for post 2020: guidance for administrative capacity building linked to results and conditions	35.000,00	0,00	Administrative capacity building post 2020 will be financed mainly on the basis of results and conditions. Member States are encouraged to develop roadmaps for administrative capacity building. This requires new approaches and knowledge. GEO units and Member States will ask for guidance and good examples. Assistance from experts under this action will offer this guidance and interpretation.	Promote how administrative capacity building not linked to costs can be promoted and implemented (for example roadmaps, Art 32 of CPR). Guidance on defining actions and overall amount to be covered, conditions to be fulfilled/results to be achieved plus timeline, intermediate deliverables to be achieved triggering payments, measurement units, schedule for reimbursement linked to progress, arrangements for verification, adjustment of amounts, where applicable. Output should be practical guidance and interpretation to use the provisions in the new CPR. Existing expertise (e.g. from the WB and OECD) will be taken into account and built in. It also contributes to 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020".	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-074bis	Preparation for post 2020: guidance for administrative capacity building linked to results and conditions	15.000,00	0,00	Administrative capacity building post 2020 will be financed mainly on the basis of results and conditions. Member States are encouraged to develop roadmaps for administrative capacity building. This requires new approaches and knowledge. GEO units and Member States will ask for guidance and good examples. Assistance from experts under this action will offer this guidance and interpretation.	Promote how administrative capacity building not linked to costs can be promoted and implemented (for example roadmaps, Art 32 of CPR). Guidance on defining actions and overall amount to be covered, conditions to be fulfilled/results to be achieved plus timeline, intermediate deliverables to be achieved triggering payments, measurement units, schedule for reimbursement linked to progress, arrangements for verification, adjustment of amounts, where applicable. Output should be practical guidance and interpretation to use the provisions in the new CPR. Existing expertise (e.g. from the WB and OECD) will be taken into account and built in. It also contributes to 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020".	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-075	Analysis and good practices of administrative capacity building for beneficiaries	105.000,00	0,00	The new Regulations for post 2020 will offer new opportunities for administrative capacity building for beneficiaries; this can be linked for example to the new Article 2.3 (a) of the new ERDF/CF Regulation which formulates that within each of the specific objectives improving "the capacity of programme authorities, and bodies linked to the implementation of the Funds" can be supported. Special attention should be given to local authorities in this context.	Promote how administrative capacity building for beneficiaries can be promoted and implemented (with a particular focus on Art 2.3 (a) of ERDF/CF Regulation). What measures work best for what type of beneficiaries? Which good practices can be identified and what lessons can be drawn from this? Output should be practical guidance on how to design and best use the opportunities offered under the new Regulation. It contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020".	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-075bis	Analysis and good practices of administrative capacity building for beneficiaries	45.000,00	0,00	The new Regulations for post 2020 will offer new opportunities for administrative capacity building for beneficiaries; this can be linked for example to the new Article 2.3 (a) of the new ERDF/CF Regulation which formulates that within each of the specific objectives improving "the capacity of programme authorities, and bodies linked to the implementation of the Funds" can be supported. Special attention should be given to local authorities in this context.	Promote how administrative capacity building for beneficiaries can be promoted and implemented (with a particular focus on Art 2.3 (a) of ERDF/CF Regulation). What measures work best for what type of beneficiaries? Which good practices can be identified and what lessons can be drawn from this? Output should be practical guidance on how to design and best use the opportunities offered under the new Regulation. It contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020".	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	

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2019-076	Workshops and/or studies/analysis on selection of operations and information to beneficiaries	175.000,00	0,00	Selection of operations and management verifications are two of the tasks which create the heaviest workload for managing authorities and intermediate bodies in their daily work. They are also key tasks which contribute to the successful strategic orientation and progress in implementation of a programme. The new Regulations for post 2020 specify under Article 67 the specific responsibilities of a managing authority for selection of operations. This action should help via a series of workshops with managing authorities, exchange of information and analysis of good practices identify good selection criteria and procedures applied by Member States in line with the specifications of Article 67 of the new Regulation. How to achieve simplification for beneficiaries would also be included in the scope.	Analyse and promote good selection criteria and procedures, which are clear, transparent and supportive of the beneficiaries, taking into account proportionality and simplification, efficient for managing authorities/intermediate bodies and strategic and effective in line with the objectives of the programme. The action should apply new and innovative ways of disseminating information (e.g. communities of practitioners, networking, workshops) which are clearly targeting the needs of managing authorities/intermediate bodies in MS. The output should be practical and hands on support for the target group. The action will be coordinated with the geographic units concerned and the Unit Better Implementation. It contributes to MP objectives 1.3 and 2.1.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-076bis	Workshops and/or studies/analysis on selection of operations and information to beneficiaries	75.000,00	0,00	Selection of operations and management verifications are two of the tasks which create the heaviest workload for managing authorities and intermediate bodies in their daily work. They are also key tasks which contribute to the successful strategic orientation and progress in implementation of a programme. The new Regulations for post 2020 specify under Article 67 the specific responsibilities of a managing authority for selection of operations. This action should help via a series of workshops with managing authorities, exchange of information and analysis of good practices identify good selection criteria and procedures applied by Member States in line with the specifications of Article 67 of the new Regulation. How to achieve simplification for beneficiaries would also be included in the scope.	Analyse and promote good selection criteria and procedures, which are clear, transparent and supportive of the beneficiaries, taking into account proportionality and simplification, efficient for managing authorities/intermediate bodies and strategic and effective in line with the objectives of the programme. The action should apply new and innovative ways of disseminating information (e.g. communities of practitioners, networking, workshops) which are clearly targeting the needs of managing authorities/intermediate bodies in MS. The output should be practical and hands on support for the target group. The action will be coordinated with the geographic units concerned and the Unit Better Implementation. It contributes to MP objectives 1.3 and 2.1.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-077	Technical Helpdesk for Competency Framework for management and implementation of the ERDF/CF and its self-assessment tool	70.000,00	70.000,00	The Competency Framework for management and implementation of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund is accompanied by a web-based self-assessment tool. In order to support Member States using the tool, a technical helpdesk is needed. In addition to providing technical support and guidance this function will provide access to the tool to interested administrations, provide necessary updates/improvements of the tool on the basis of feedback from users and the Commission, and if necessary develop additional language versions of the tool.	The objective is to deliver technical support and practical guidance to Member State administrations using the Competency Framework and its web-based self-assessment tool, and to ensure that the tool is user-friendly, available in an adequate number of EU languages and updated/improved as necessary. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-077bis	Technical Helpdesk for Competency Framework for management and implementation of the ERDF/CF and its self-assessment tool	30.000,00	30.000,00	The Competency Framework for management and implementation of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund is accompanied by a web-based self-assessment tool. In order to support Member States using the tool, a technical helpdesk is needed. In addition to providing technical support and guidance this function will provide access to the tool to interested administrations, provide necessary updates/improvements of the tool on the basis of feedback from users and the Commission, and if necessary develop additional language versions of the tool.	The objective is to deliver technical support and practical guidance to Member State administrations using the Competency Framework and its web-based self-assessment tool, and to ensure that the tool is user-friendly, available in an adequate number of EU languages and updated/improved as necessary. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-078	Pilot action on frontloading administrative capacity building - Phase 2: Implementation of roadmaps	1.050.000,00	770.000,00	This is a follow-up action to Phase 1 of the Pilot action on frontloading administrative capacity building that aimed to support 5 pilot managing authorities to develop roadmaps for administrative capacity building. Phase 2 will support the pilot managing authorities to implement certain key actions of the roadmaps. Experiences and lessons learned from Phases 1 and 2 will feed into development of practical guidance for MS on administrative capacity building for the next programming period.	The objective is to gain practical experience on development and implementation of roadmaps for administrative capacity building, a novelty in the proposed Common provisions regulation 2021-2027. The experience gained will feed into practical guidance for Member States. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds as well as to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020"	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-078bis	Pilot action on frontloading administrative capacity building - Phase 2: Implementation of roadmaps	450.000,00	330.000,00	This is a follow-up action to Phase 1 of the Pilot action on frontloading administrative capacity building that aimed to support 5 pilot managing authorities to develop roadmaps for administrative capacity building. Phase 2 will support the pilot managing authorities to implement certain key actions of the roadmaps. Experiences and lessons learned from Phases 1 and 2 will feed into development of practical guidance for MS on administrative capacity building for the next programming period.	The objective is to gain practical experience on development and implementation of roadmaps for administrative capacity building, a novelty in the proposed Common provisions regulation 2021-2027. The experience gained will feed into practical guidance for Member States. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds as well as to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020"	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-079	Feasibility/Preparatory study on REGIO-PeerAct, building on the REGIO Communities of Practitioners	105.000,00	105.000,00	Based on experiences of the INTERACT programme and of piloting of the REGIO Communities of Practitioners, the feasibility of launching a support function (REGIO-PeerAct) for managing authorities of regional and national programmes will be explored. REGIO PeerAct would help managing authorities and intermediate bodies to make the best use of ESI Funds and ensure better spending by capturing and building on experience and expertise of practitioners and promoting peer support. It could also provide an arena for dialogue/exchange between programme practitioners and REGIO staff. This action also includes maintaining and supporting the REGIO Communities of Practitioners that provides opportunities for managing authorities and intermediate bodies to exchange knowledge and find/develop joint solutions to joint problems.	The objective is to analyse the feasibility of setting up a support function (REGIO-PeerAct) for managing authorities of regional and national programmes. Different options on the functioning and operational modes of such a support function (excluding direct management by the Commission) should be explored and analysed. The aim is also to maintain and build on the communities of practitioners that are currently active and working on addressing bottlenecks linked to management and implementation of ESIF, and develop new communities on new topics. Co-design with representatives of managing authorities of proposals/solutions to address challenges by using a policy lab approach will be used on topics like state aid evaluation, support to beneficiaries, simplification at national/programme level etc. If viable and implemented, the action will contribute to increased professionalization of management of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-079bis	Feasibility/Preparatory study on REGIO-PeerAct, building on the REGIO Communities of Practitioners	45.000,00	45.000,00	Based on experiences of the INTERACT programme and of piloting of the REGIO Communities of Practitioners, the feasibility of launching a support function (REGIO-PeerAct) for managing authorities of regional and national programmes will be explored. REGIO PeerAct would help managing authorities and intermediate bodies to make the best use of ESI Funds and ensure better spending by capturing and building on experience and expertise of practitioners and promoting peer support. It could also provide an arena for dialogue/exchange between programme practitioners and REGIO staff. This action also includes maintaining and supporting the REGIO Communities of Practitioners that provides opportunities for managing authorities and intermediate bodies to exchange knowledge and find/develop joint solutions to joint problems.	The objective is to analyse the feasibility of setting up a support function (REGIO-PeerAct) for managing authorities of regional and national programmes. Different options on the functioning and operational modes of such a support function (excluding direct management by the Commission) should be explored and analysed. The aim is also to maintain and build on the communities of practitioners that are currently active and working on addressing bottlenecks linked to management and implementation of ESIF, and develop new communities on new topics. Co-design with representatives of managing authorities of proposals/solutions to address challenges by using a policy lab approach will be used on topics like state aid evaluation, support to beneficiaries, simplification at national/programme level etc. If viable and implemented, the action will contribute to increased professionalization of management of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-080	Training for ESIF practitioners	227.500,00	87.500,00	Trainings on topics with high relevance for ESIF. Trainings to take place in Brussels. Topics: 1) State aid; 2) Public procurement; 3) Prevention of fraud and corruption; and 4) Other relevant topics. The action will also include an evaluation of the impact.	The objective is to enhance administrative capacities of key MS bodies (e.g. MAs, IBs, CAs and AAs) on topics with high relevance for the management and implementation of ESIF. Topics to be covered are e.g.: 1) EU State aid rules; 2) EU public procurement rules; 3) prevention of fraud and corruption in EU funded projects and 4) other relevant topics. Attending the trainings should help ESIF practitioners to better understand and apply relevant EU rules. Under this heading, trainings for specific target groups, such as state aid for auditors, can also be organised; as well as networking of ESIF managers for exchange of experience and good practice. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	Procurement	Trainings	

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2019-080bis	Training for ESIF practitioners	97.500,00	37.500,00	Trainings on topics with high relevance for ESIF. Trainings to take place in Brussels. Topics: 1) State aid; 2) Public procurement, 3) Prevention of fraud and corruption, and 4) Other relevant topics. The action will also include an evaluation of the impact.	The objective is to enhance administrative capacities of key MS bodies (e.g. MAs, IBs, CAs and AAs) on topics with high relevance for the management and implementation of ESIF. Topics to be covered are e.g.: 1) EU State aid rules; 2) EU public procurement rules; 3) prevention of fraud and corruption in EU funded projects and 4) other relevant topics. Attending the trainings should help ESIF practitioners to better understand and apply relevant EU rules. Under this heading, trainings for specific target groups, such as state aid for auditors, can also be organised; as well as networking of ESIF managers for exchange of experience and good practice. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	Procurement	Trainings	
2019-081	State aid thematic expert seminars	42.000,00	21.000,00	Continued action: One-day seminar on a specific State Aid topic with high relevance for cohesion policy. Two seminars in Brussels, at non-Commission premises.	The objective of the thematic expert seminars is to disseminate specialised State aid knowledge on particular topics/issues. The topics should be relevant for the implementation of ESIF and address specific State aid questions. The action will include an evaluation of the impact of the actions. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-081bis	State aid thematic expert seminars	18.000,00	9.000,00	Continued action: One-day seminar on a specific State Aid topic with high relevance for cohesion policy. Two seminars in Brussels, at non-Commission premises.	The objective of the thematic expert seminars is to disseminate specialised State aid knowledge on particular topics/issues. The topics should be relevant for the implementation of ESIF and address specific State aid questions. The action will include an evaluation of the impact of the actions. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-082	State aid roundtables for good practices for ESIF practitioners	14.000,00	0,00	Expert level discussion on specific State aid issues. One day meeting in Brussels.	Expert level discussion of State aid issues with high relevance to ESIF. The objective is to exchange experience and best practices between authorities and experts involved in the implementation of ESIF operations. Selected topics could be new developments (e.g. Commission decisions, judgment by European courts) or issues of practical relevance to all/most Member States (e.g. infrastructure projects, simplified cost option). The outcome of the round tables should provide good practice guidance within the existing State aid framework. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-082bis	State aid roundtables for good practices for ESIF practitioners	6.000,00	0,00	Expert level discussion on specific State aid issues. One day meeting in Brussels.	Expert level discussion of State aid issues with high relevance to ESIF. The objective is to exchange experience and best practices between authorities and experts involved in the implementation of ESIF operations. Selected topics could be new developments (e.g. Commission decisions, judgment by European courts) or issues of practical relevance to all/most Member States (e.g. infrastructure projects, simplified cost option). The outcome of the round tables should provide good practice guidance within the existing State aid framework. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-083	Support for Administrative Capacity building, through pool of experts in the areas of state aid, public procurement, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption	105.000,00	35.000,00	To give assistance and ad hoc advice to national bodies or European Commission in order to increase performance in areas of state aid, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption and public procurement of ESIF in targeted Member States in cooperation and on request of / with DG REGIO Geographical units and the authorities in the Member State. This could be e.g. offer direct assistance to national bodies in designing and implementing state aid schemes or individual aid co-financed by ESIF, development of e-procurement strategy for ESIF bodies, developing and implementing preventive anti fraud measures for ESIF.	To improve performance in areas of state aid, public procurement, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption of the authorities involved in ESIF implementation and PP authorities or beneficiaries in targeted Member State. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-083bis	Support for Administrative Capacity building, through pool of experts in the areas of state aid, public procurement, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption	45.000,00	15.000,00	To give assistance and ad hoc advice to national bodies or European Commission in order to increase performance in areas of state aid, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption and public procurement of ESIF in targeted Member States in cooperation and on request of / with DG REGIO Geographical units and the authorities in the Member State. This could be e.g. offer direct assistance to national bodies in designing and implementing state aid schemes or individual aid co-financed by ESIF, development of e-procurement strategy for ESIF bodies, developing and implementing preventive anti fraud measures for ESIF.	To improve performance in areas of state aid, public procurement, transparency, anti-fraud and anti-corruption of the authorities involved in ESIF implementation and PP authorities or beneficiaries in targeted Member State. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds.	All Member States and regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-084	Amendment of the Integrity Pact project	525.000,00	980.000,00	Amendment of the on-going Integrity Pact project (Grant Agreement no. 2015CE16BAT098) in order to facilitate better implementation and monitoring of several Integrity Pacts in selected EU Member States	To explore and promote the use of an Integrity Pact (IP) as civil society control mechanism for safeguarding EU funds against fraud and corruption, and as a tool to increase transparency and accountability. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds and to 5. Ensure sound financial management of the funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-084bis	Amendment of the Integrity Pact project	225.000,00	420.000,00	Amendment of the on-going Integrity Pact project (Grant Agreement no. 2015CE16BAT098) in order to facilitate better implementation and monitoring of several Integrity Pacts in selected EU Member States	To explore and promote the use of an Integrity Pact (IP) as civil society control mechanism for safeguarding EU funds against fraud and corruption, and as a tool to increase transparency and accountability. The action contributes to the 2018 MP priority objective 1.3 Provide specific support to improving MS's capacity to administer and implement the Funds and to 5. Ensure sound financial management of the funds.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-085	Capacity building for ESIF authorities, in preparation for post-2020, in the area of open data and enabling conditions for public procurement (pilots in selected MSs)	315.000,00	315.000,00	Action will provide tailored operational and technical support to respective authorities in a few MS (pilots in selected MSs) to comply with post-2020 requirements for ESIF in the area of open data and enabling conditions for public procurement (PP). This will include assistance to put in place effective PP monitoring mechanisms by using the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) - open source TED-compliant global transparency standard; arrangements to make the data and indicators as well as the result of the analysis available to the public through user friendly open data.	Increased capacity of respective authorities in selected Ms to comply with post-2020 requirements for ESIF on effective monitoring mechanisms of the public procurement market (enabling conditions for public procurement). The action contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020"	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-085bis	Capacity building for ESIF authorities, in preparation for post-2020, in the area of open data and enabling conditions for public procurement (pilots in selected MSs)	135.000,00	135.000,00	Action will provide tailored operational and technical support to respective authorities in a few MS (pilots in selected MSs) to comply with post-2020 requirements for ESIF in the area of open data and enabling conditions for public procurement (PP). This will include assistance to put in place effective PP monitoring mechanisms by using the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) - open source TED-compliant global transparency standard; arrangements to make the data and indicators as well as the result of the analysis available to the public through user friendly open data.	Increased capacity of respective authorities in selected Ms to comply with post-2020 requirements for ESIF on effective monitoring mechanisms of the public procurement market (enabling conditions for public procurement). The action contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020"	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%

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2019-086	Strategic procurement pilot projects: phase 2	210.000,00	210.000,00	In line with the adoption of the EU public procurement package (autumn 2017), it is important to translate the priorities of this package to cohesion policy and management of ESIF. Strategic procurement (innovative, green, inclusive) is very relevant for the management of ESIF and can generate better value for money. This project aims to demonstrate how key elements of strategic procurement can easily be integrated in ESIF management. Follow up of the five pilots on strategic procurement that have been implemented by OECD. After finalising the first pilots (summer 2019), we wish to expand to other countries/projects to draw further experience on best practices.	The main objective would be to continue and expand the implementation after the first pilot phase with support to five projects. This would help us draw further lessons on how to implement strategic procurement and what support Member States need, to give us a more solid knowledge base and best practices/tools to share with other Member States. It contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-086bis	Strategic procurement pilot projects: phase 2	90.000,00	90.000,00	In line with the adoption of the EU public procurement package (autumn 2017), it is important to translate the priorities of this package to cohesion policy and management of ESIF. Strategic procurement (innovative, green, inclusive) is very relevant for the management of ESIF and can generate better value for money. This project aims to demonstrate how key elements of strategic procurement can easily be integrated in ESIF management. Follow up of the five pilots on strategic procurement that have been implemented by OECD. After finalising the first pilots (summer 2019), we wish to expand to other countries/projects to draw further experience on best practices.	The main objective would be to continue and expand the implementation after the first pilot phase with support to five projects. This would help us draw further lessons on how to implement strategic procurement and what support Member States need, to give us a more solid knowledge base and best practices/tools to share with other Member States. It contributes to objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-087	Follow up of the conference "Good Governance for Cohesion Policy", held on 24 May 2018	87.500,00	262.500,00	Organisation of workshops and a high-level conference to discuss with academics and practitioners (active MA's) the key ACB challenges post 2020 and how we can address them, with a special focus on enhancing citizen engagement. Additionally, in view of the new Regulation's specifications under Article 67 on the responsibilities of managing authorities for the selection of operations, this action could help via a series of workshops with MA's identify good selection criteria and procedures applied by Member States.	The main objective would be to gather input on relevant and needed ACB support post 2020. This will help us provide necessary support to MS for the implementation of our funds and the TO's/PO's of cohesion policy.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-087bis	Follow up of the conference "Good Governance for Cohesion Policy", held on 24 May 2018	37.500,00	112.500,00	Organisation of workshops and a high-level conference to discuss with academics and practitioners (active MA's) the key ACB challenges post 2020 and how we can address them, with a special focus on enhancing citizen engagement. Additionally, in view of the new Regulation's specifications under Article 67 on the responsibilities of managing authorities for the selection of operations, this action could help via a series of workshops with MA's identify good selection criteria and procedures applied by Member States.	The main objective would be to gather input on relevant and needed ACB support post 2020. This will help us provide necessary support to MS for the implementation of our funds and the TO's/PO's of cohesion policy.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-088	Evaluation of TAIEX-REGIO Peer-to-Peer	52.500,00	70.000,00	The TAIEX-REGIO PEER2PEER exchange instrument has been running since March 2015 and will continue until the end of 2020. An evaluation of the instrument is needed before a decision can be taken on its continuation and potential modification in view of the post 2020 programming period.	The main objective would be to evaluate the implementation and the impact of the PEER2PEER exchange instrument. The findings will be used for decision making on a potential continuation and/or modification of the instrument for the post 2020 programming period.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-088bis	Evaluation of TAIEX-REGIO Peer-to-Peer	22.500,00	30.000,00	The TAIEX-REGIO PEER2PEER exchange instrument has been running since March 2015 and will continue until the end of 2020. An evaluation of the instrument is needed before a decision can be taken on its continuation and potential modification in view of the post 2020 programming period.	The main objective would be to evaluate the implementation and the impact of the PEER2PEER exchange instrument. The findings will be used for decision making on a potential continuation and/or modification of the instrument for the post 2020 programming period.	All, with focus on Member States and regions with weaker administrative capacity	Procurement	Evaluation	
2019-089	Analysis of potential new types of governance at Functional Urban Areas level in Romania	500.000,00	500.000,00	The action will identify new models of urban interventions, including the appropriate territorial definition and forms of governance. The action will take as one of its starting points the conclusion of the WB's Magnet Cities Report (2018).	The proposals for new models may be tested in pilot exercises in a couple of selected urban areas, with a view to serve as a model for a more full scale roll out. For this to work, the action must be completed by autumn 2019. Taking as a starting point the WB's report on magnet cities, the action is a pilot project in order to explore the possibilities of the new forms of governance and the associated investment needs at functional urban areas level. The action will be part of the preparation for post-2020 with specific focus on the implementation of integrated territorial investments.	Romania, urban level	Grant	Study	100%
2019-090	Assessment of investment needs of Romania, in preparation for the next programming period 2021-2027	210.000,00	0,00	In line with the Board's instruction to put forward actions to prepare the implementation of the post 2020 period, specific support will be to prepare for the next programming cycle. This action will consist of series of expert contracts to provide the GU with analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Romania. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting with a special focus on regional disparities. Such analysis will inform the process of negotiation and preparation of the new programmes for the investment period 2021-2027, especially under PO1, PO2 and PO3. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Romania	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-090bis	Assessment of investment needs of Romania, in preparation for the next programming period 2021-2027	90.000,00	0,00	In line with the Board's instruction to put forward actions to prepare the implementation of the post 2020 period, specific support will be to prepare for the next programming cycle. This action will consist of series of expert contracts to provide the GU with analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Romania. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting with a special focus on regional disparities. Such analysis will inform the process of negotiation and preparation of the new programmes for the investment period 2021-2027, especially under PO1, PO2 and PO3. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Romania	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-091	Expert support with regard to the development of environmental projects in the Danube Delta region	17.500,00	0,00	The ESIF integrated territorial investments in the Danube Delta (DD) are underpinned by the Danube Delta integrated sustainable development strategy. This action should analyse how to improve the project pipeline and preparation in the field of biodiversity and Natura 2000. It should as well analyse the role played by the relevant environmental authorities in the preparation of projects and the potential among beneficiaries willing and having the capacity to implement environmental projects.	The objective of the action is to identify obstacles and present proposals in view of improving the project pipeline and preparation of investments in the field of biodiversity and Natura 2000. The expert is expected to deliver an analyses of the reasons of lack of environmental projects and propose solutions. The role played by the relevant environmental authorities in the preparation of projects should be analysed, more specifically the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve administration. The expert will accompany the staff responsible for project preparation in view of accelerating investments and to ensure their quality. Potential beneficiaries willing and having the capacity to implement environmental projects will be identified.	Romania, the Danube Delta region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-091bis	Expert support with regard to the development of environmental projects in the Danube Delta region	7.500,00	0,00	The ESIF integrated territorial investments in the Danube Delta (DD) are underpinned by the Danube Delta integrated sustainable development strategy. This action should analyse how to improve the project pipeline and preparation in the field of biodiversity and Natura 2000. It should as well analyse the role played by the relevant environmental authorities in the preparation of projects and the potential among beneficiaries willing and having the capacity to implement environmental projects.	The objective of the action is to identify obstacles and present proposals in view of improving the project pipeline and preparation of investments in the field of biodiversity and Natura 2000. The expert is expected to deliver an analyses of the reasons of lack of environmental projects and propose solutions. The role played by the relevant environmental authorities in the preparation of projects should be analysed, more specifically the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve administration. The expert will accompany the staff responsible for project preparation in view of accelerating investments and to ensure their quality. Potential beneficiaries willing and having the capacity to implement environmental projects will be identified.	Romania, the Danube Delta region	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-092	Expert support with regard to the development of a comprehensive tourism strategy	42.000,00	0,00	The ESIF integrated territorial investments in the Danube Delta (DD) are underpinned by the Danube Delta integrated sustainable development strategy. This already existing strategy needs to be completed by a comprehensive tourism strategy that will build on the environmental and multicultural uniqueness of the DD area. The expert should identify the actors that can develop a coherent and comprehensive tourism strategy for the DD and northern Dobrogea and accompany the actors in developing it.	The expert will identify the actors that can develop and implement a comprehensive tourism strategy for the DD region. He/she will accompany the actors in the DD region in developing/writing the strategy and identifying sources of financing. He/she will work with the actors developing the national tourism strategy in order to assure complementarity. The result of the action will be a report presenting a comprehensive tourism strategy, the actors that have the capacity to implement it and the sources of financing.	Romania, the Danube Delta and Northern Dobrogea region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-092bis	Expert support with regard to the development of a comprehensive tourism strategy	18.000,00	0,00	The ESIF integrated territorial investments in the Danube Delta (DD) are underpinned by the Danube Delta integrated sustainable development strategy. This already existing strategy needs to be completed by a comprehensive tourism strategy that will build on the environmental and multicultural uniqueness of the DD area. The expert should identify the actors that can develop a coherent and comprehensive tourism strategy for the DD and northern Dobrogea and accompany the actors in developing it.	The expert will identify the actors that can develop and implement a comprehensive tourism strategy for the DD region. He/she will accompany the actors in the DD region in developing/writing the strategy and identifying sources of financing. He/she will work with the actors developing the national tourism strategy in order to assure complementarity. The result of the action will be a report presenting a comprehensive tourism strategy, the actors that have the capacity to implement it and the sources of financing.	Romania, the Danube Delta and Northern Dobrogea region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-093	Support to the desk officers in the informal negotiations process with Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia for the post-2020 Cohesion Policy programming	168.000,00	56.000,00	This action will consist of a series of expert contracts. Experts will accompany country desks in their analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting. A better analytical base will help to negotiate more result-oriented programmes, targeting directly the investment needs of Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia. This action will contribute to achieving the following policy objectives for Cohesion policy post-2020: 1. Smarter Europe-innovative and smart industrial transformation; 2. Low carbon and greener Europe - clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investments, circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention; 3. More connected Europe- mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 5. Europe closer to citizens-sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas through local initiatives. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia (also NUTS II and NUTS III level can be concerned with the action)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-093bis	Support to the desk officers in the informal negotiations process with Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia for the post-2020 Cohesion Policy programming	72.000,00	24.000,00	This action will consist of a series of expert contracts. Experts will accompany country desks in their analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting. A better analytical base will help to negotiate more result-oriented programmes, targeting directly the investment needs of Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia. This action will contribute to achieving the following policy objectives for Cohesion policy post-2020: 1. Smarter Europe-innovative and smart industrial transformation; 2. Low carbon and greener Europe - clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investments, circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention; 3. More connected Europe- mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 5. Europe closer to citizens-sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas through local initiatives. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia (also NUTS II and NUTS III level can be concerned with the action)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-094	Support to the desk officers in the informal negotiations process with Hungary for the post-2020 Cohesion Policy programming	98.000,00	49.000,00	This action will consist of a series of expert contracts. Experts will accompany country desks in their analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Hungary. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting. A better analytical base will help to negotiate more result-oriented programmes targeting directly the investment needs of Hungary. This action will contribute to achieving following policy objectives for Cohesion policy post-2020: 1.Smarter Europe-innovative and smart industrial transformation; 2.Low carbon and greener Europe - clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investments, circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention; 3.More connected Europe- mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 5.Europe closer to citizens-sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas through local initiatives. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Hungary (also NUTS II and NUTS III level can be concerned with the action)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-094bis	Support to the desk officers in the informal negotiations process with Hungary for the post-2020 Cohesion Policy programming	42.000,00	21.000,00	This action will consist of a series of expert contracts. Experts will accompany country desks in their analysis and critical assessment of investment needs in Hungary. Fact-checking, benchmarking, comparative analysis and other types of analytical work may be requested from the expert in order to support the negotiations process.	This action should contribute indirectly to the MP objectives by extending the knowledge based on results, in particular through more effective data collection and dissemination, evaluations and reporting. A better analytical base will help to negotiate more result-oriented programmes targeting directly the investment needs of Hungary. This action will contribute to achieving following policy objectives for Cohesion policy post-2020: 1.Smarter Europe-innovative and smart industrial transformation; 2.Low carbon and greener Europe - clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investments, circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention; 3.More connected Europe- mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 5.Europe closer to citizens-sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas through local initiatives. This action will also contribute to MP objective 2.1 "Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020" .	Hungary (also NUTS II and NUTS III level can be concerned with the action)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-095	JASPERS 2019 (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) 2014 – 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework	25.200.000,00	23.800.000,00	JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions).	JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) is a technical assistance facility, developed as a partnership between the EC, the EIB and the EBRD (phasing out this year). The EU budget and the EIB provide the bulk of JASPERS resources (80% and 20% respectively), with EBRD phasing out by the end of 2017. JASPERS provides independent advice to beneficiary countries in order to prepare high quality major projects, which will be co-financed by EU funds. JASPERS focuses its support mainly during the preparation phase of projects - from identification to submission of the request for EU grant assistance. This support typically covers cost-benefit analysis, engineering, financial, environmental and procurement issues, review of documentation (such as feasibility studies or grant applications) and advice on compliance with EU regulations. In some cases, advice can be provided up to the start of the construction phase. JASPERS operates to a large extent from the EIB external offices of Bucharest, Vienna, Warsaw and Sofia.	All MS, especially those with major projects - currently 21 MS	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	80%

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2019-095bis	JASPERS 2019 (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) 2014 – 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework	10.800.000,00	10.200.000,00	JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions).	JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) is a technical assistance facility, developed as a partnership between the EC, the EIB and the EBRD (phasing out this year). The EU budget and the EIB provide the bulk of JASPERS resources (80% and 20% respectively), with EBRD phasing out by the end of 2017. JASPERS provides independent advice to beneficiary countries in order to prepare high quality major projects, which will be co-financed by EU funds. JASPERS focuses its support mainly during the preparation phase of projects - from identification to submission of the request for EU grant assistance. This support typically covers cost-benefit analysis, engineering, financial, environmental and procurement issues, review of documentation (such as feasibility studies or grant applications) and advice on compliance with EU regulations. In some cases, advice can be provided up to the start of the construction phase. JASPERS operates to a large extent from the EIB external offices of Bucharest, Vienna, Warsaw and Sofia.	All MS, especially those with major projects - currently 21 MS	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	80%
2019-096	Visuals, infographics and memes	7.000,00	7.000,00	Infographics have been gaining popularity and become widely used amongst businesses and organisations. They are a clear, effective and artistic way of presenting information without losing the attention of the viewer. Infographics are used as a powerful tool to allow people to easily digest information through the use of visual data, charts, and statistics. That is why the F3 Unit would like to ask for 100 visuals (infographics, visuals or memes) for 2019. These visuals would be published on the F3 social media channels and they would accompany press releases, news or they would be part of various presentations. We estimate that we need 100 visuals in 2019, they will be mostly in Polish, but also in English and they will target Polish citizens.	Main objectives: to reach attention of the citizens; to communicate in innovative and efficient way; to allow citizens to easily digest information concerning the regional policy; to involve citizens in the discussion on regional policy. This communication activity will support jobs, growth and investment which are the Commission's main political priorities. By informing on regional policy in innovative way, the communication activity could mobilise the potential beneficiaries to use funds so the action will help stimulating investment and creating jobs. One of the main priorities of DG REGIO is to increase the visibility and demonstrating the added-value of cohesion policy across Europe.	This communication activity will focus on Poland (national and regional level).	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-096bis	Visuals, infographics and memes	3.000,00	3.000,00	Infographics have been gaining popularity and become widely used amongst businesses and organisations. They are a clear, effective and artistic way of presenting information without losing the attention of the viewer. Infographics are used as a powerful tool to allow people to easily digest information through the use of visual data, charts, and statistics. That is why the F3 Unit would like to ask for 100 visuals (infographics, visuals or memes) for 2019. These visuals would be published on the F3 social media channels and they would accompany press releases, news or they would be part of various presentations. We estimate that we need 100 visuals in 2019, they will be mostly in Polish, but also in English and they will target Polish citizens.	Main objectives: to reach attention of the citizens; to communicate in innovative and efficient way; to allow citizens to easily digest information concerning the regional policy; to involve citizens in the discussion on regional policy. This communication activity will support jobs, growth and investment which are the Commission's main political priorities. By informing on regional policy in innovative way, the communication activity could mobilise the potential beneficiaries to use funds so the action will help stimulating investment and creating jobs. One of the main priorities of DG REGIO is to increase the visibility and demonstrating the added-value of cohesion policy across Europe.	This communication activity will focus on Poland (national and regional level).	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-097	Social media and Internet monitoring tool	7.280,00	0,00	Unit F3 has is managing accounts on social media - Twitter and Facebook. Those media channels are used in order to increase the visibility of DG REGIO activities on the ground and bring results of Cohesion Policy closer to citizens. The important role of our presence in Internet is monitoring of activities and communication of our stakeholders (institutions, key beneficiaries, as well as political figures). That monitoring allows us to react instantly in case of fake news, or omission of a role of EU support in key investments in Poland. Therefore we would like to reinforce the monitoring role our social media channels and improve their visibility with a help of a media monitoring tool, customised to our needs. We propose a tool called Brand24 (www.brand24.pl). The tool will allow us to: - Spotting problematic areas, which need immediate attention before they escalate & maximize the potential of positive publicity - Identify influential social media profiles and publishers, - Search through "the noise" of media to find the posts that matter the most, - Analyse hashtag performance for Twitter, Facebook and other platforms. - Receive reports presenting mentions across the web of pre-defined mentions (such as: EU funds, EC, Cohesion Policy, EUinMyRegion, names of programmes etc.), performance of a hashtag, identification of influencers etc.	Main objectives: to improve performance of our social media accounts and to identify problematic discussions, opinions in media about Cohesion Policy performance, by an innovative approach. The general objective is to reach attention of the citizens and ensure that role of EU support in public investments is known by citizens. This action is in line with one of the main priorities of DG REGIO is to increase the visibility and demonstrating the effectiveness and added-value of cohesion policy across Europe (priority 3 of the TA action plan).	This communication activity will focus on Poland (national and regional level).	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-097bis	Social media and Internet monitoring tool	3.120,00	0,00	Unit F3 has is managing accounts on social media - Twitter and Facebook. Those media channels are used in order to increase the visibility of DG REGIO activities on the ground and bring results of Cohesion Policy closer to citizens. The important role of our presence in Internet is monitoring of activities and communication of our stakeholders (institutions, key beneficiaries, as well as political figures). That monitoring allows us to react instantly in case of fake news, or omission of a role of EU support in key investments in Poland. Therefore we would like to reinforce the monitoring role our social media channels and improve their visibility with a help of a media monitoring tool, customised to our needs. We propose a tool called Brand24 (www.brand24.pl). The tool will allow us to: - Spotting problematic areas, which need immediate attention before they escalate & maximize the potential of positive publicity - Identify influential social media profiles and publishers, - Search through "the noise" of media to find the posts that matter the most, - Analyse hashtag performance for Twitter, Facebook and other platforms. - Receive reports presenting mentions across the web of pre-defined mentions (such as: EU funds, EC, Cohesion Policy, EUinMyRegion, names of programmes etc.), performance of a hashtag, identification of influencers etc.	Main objectives: to improve performance of our social media accounts and to identify problematic discussions, opinions in media about Cohesion Policy performance, by an innovative approach. The general objective is to reach attention of the citizens and ensure that role of EU support in public investments is known by citizens. This action is in line with one of the main priorities of DG REGIO is to increase the visibility and demonstrating the effectiveness and added-value of cohesion policy across Europe (priority 3 of the TA action plan).	This communication activity will focus on Poland (national and regional level).	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-098	Comprehensive analysis: assessment, planning and verification of info-promo activities in relation to EU cofinanced project in Poland.	47.250,00	16.450,00	F.3. is planning a comprehensive analysis on communication activities of managing authorities and beneficiaries in Poland. The study foresees 3 actions: 1) assessment 2) planning and 3) verification which require engagement of three types of experts.	Recent experiences of the F3 Unit revealed some weaknesses in the information and promotion activities of the EERF/CF beneficiaries. Therefore we plan to verify the activities which have been developed in the past and from that experience effectively prepare the negotiations of post 2020 and if turns out feasible to implement some improvements into the current system. For that we plan a coherent approach by working with AMI experts which will: assess if the current info-promo activities are in line with the established strategy; check if the ongoing and past activities are/were adequate to the financial resources allocated + advice on future planning; verify if the 'awareness raising' effect of the investments of Cohesion Policy have been attained by the actions implemented.	Focus on Poland (national and regional level).	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-098bis	Comprehensive analysis: assessment, planning and verification of info-promo activities in relation to EU cofinanced project in Poland.	20.250,00	7.050,00	F.3. is planning a comprehensive analysis on communication activities of managing authorities and beneficiaries in Poland. The study foresees 2 actions: 1) assessment and 2) planning, which require engagement of two types of specific expertise.	Recent experiences of the F3 Unit revealed some weaknesses in the information and promotion activities of the EERF/CF beneficiaries. Therefore we plan to verify the activities which have been developed in the past and from that experience effectively prepare the negotiations of post 2020 and if turns out feasible to implement some improvements into the current system. For that we plan a coherent approach by working with AMI experts which will: assess if the current info-promo activities are in line with the established strategy and check if the ongoing and past activities are/were adequate to the financial resources allocated, as well as advice on future planning.	Focus on Poland (national and regional level).	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-099	Follow-up of Catching up Regions III – implementation of a scalable financial instrument for energy efficiency, territorial instruments for small and medium-sized cities and communication activities	595.000,00	350.000,00	The action is a continuation of the co-operation with Polish authorities and the World Bank to address structural bottlenecks to development identified in the previous phase of the Catching up Regions Initiative (CRI). It will include three follow-up components: (1) further work on establishing scalable financial instruments for investments in single family buildings. This action gathers international expertise to assist the Polish government to develop further and implement a nation-wide programme for replacement of boilers and thermo-modernisation starting this year. In case of strong demand, the programme may be designed with the engagement of ESIF-EFSI funds. (2) further implementation of innovative territorial instruments in the areas of public transport and healthcare and effective transposition of findings into the post 2020 programmes in Poland (3) production of a short promotional movie about the results of the Catching-up Regions Initiative	The first action implements financial instruments to lever investments of 40-60 bn EUR over 15 years. to address air pollution and energy poverty .The instruments include funding from Structural Funds, national funding, EFSI, EIB, EBRD and World Bank. The investments address air pollution. Poland cities are among the most polluted in Europe and low stack emissions are the main source of pollution. The action is in line with the MP objectives in particular general objectives 1.1, 1.2 and 3.1. The second component continues to implement new territorial instruments in the areas of transport and health care, namely: - new regional transport model for cross-municipality and cross-country routes aiming to ensure shorter transport journeys, rationalization of cost borne by public transport companies, and ultimately higher quality of service; - support for healthcare providers in the implementation of health and social care for the elderly. Both activities aims at development of rules for better cross-sectoral or cross-county coordination between stakeholders. The successful implementation of this component is important in view of new policy objective 5, which puts a stronger focus on territorial tools and gives more flexibility in the design of individual ESIF programmes to better tailor them to specific regional and local needs. This action is in line with the MP objectives, in particular general objectives 2.1 and 4.1. The implementation of the third component will result in a short promotional movie to highlight the results of the Catching-up Regions Initiative at the final conference and citizens' dialogues. The initiative led to some concrete and catchy results that could be shared with a broader public according to general objectives 3.2 Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities	Poland	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-099bis	Follow-up of Catching up Regions III – implementation of a scalable financial instrument for energy efficiency, territorial instruments for small and medium-sized cities and communication activities	255.000,00	150.000,00	The action is a continuation of the co-operation with Polish authorities and the World Bank to address structural bottlenecks to development identified in the previous phase of the Catching up Regions Initiative (CRI). It will include three follow-up components: (1) further work on establishing scalable financial instruments for investments in single family buildings. This action gathers international expertise to assist the Polish government to develop further and implement a nation-wide programme for replacement of boilers and thermo-modernisation starting this year. In case of strong demand, the programme may be designed with the engagement of ESIF-EFSI funds. (2) further implementation of innovative territorial instruments in the areas of public transport and healthcare and effective transposition of findings into the post 2020 programmes in Poland (3) production of a short promotional movie about the results of the Catching-up Regions Initiative	The first action implements financial instruments to lever investments of 40-60 bn EUR over 15 years. to address air pollution and energy poverty .The instruments include funding from Structural Funds, national funding, EFSI, EIB, EBRD and World Bank. The investments address air pollution. Poland cities are among the most polluted in Europe and low stack emissions are the main source of pollution. The action is in line with the MP objectives in particular general objectives 1.1, 1.2 and 3.1. The second component continues to implement new territorial instruments in the areas of transport and health care, namely: - new regional transport model for cross-municipality and cross-country routes aiming to ensure shorter transport journeys, rationalization of cost borne by public transport companies, and ultimately higher quality of service; - support for healthcare providers in the implementation of health and social care for the elderly. Both activities aims at development of rules for better cross-sectoral or cross-county coordination between stakeholders. The successful implementation of this component is important in view of new policy objective 5, which puts a stronger focus on territorial tools and gives more flexibility in the design of individual ESIF programmes to better tailor them to specific regional and local needs. This action is in line with the MP objectives, in particular general objectives 2.1 and 4.1. The implementation of the third component will result in a short promotional movie to highlight the results of the Catching-up Regions Initiative at the final conference and citizens' dialogues. The initiative led to some concrete and catchy results that could be shared with a broader public according to general objectives 3.2 Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities	Poland	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-100	Catching-up regions Initiative Slovakia - 1) Roll out and 2) Phase 2	1.400.000,00	1.400.000,00	This initiative is focused on enhancing the efficiency and prioritisation of investments to be made from the European Structural and Investment Funds already allocated to the Member States and from the national budget, as well as from other funding sources, in order to obtain an accelerated development in the less developed regions.	The project aims to promote growth and investment in regions that have either experienced several years of negative GDP growth or that despite the efforts made are still at a low level of economic development. This project was already successfully undertaken by two regions in Poland (Swietokrzyskie and Podkarpackie) in 2016 and has proven to be very efficient tool to tackle the bottlenecks of the potential growth of the regions, which gave way to further roll out of the initiative to other regions and countries. The strong asset of the initiative is that it is led by the regions themselves, the local stakeholders, the Member State authorities on both central and regional level, with the expertise and continuous support of the Commission as well as other international stakeholders. Currently (since January 2018), phase 1 of the CUR Initiative is under development in the Presov self-governing region in Slovakia. This is one of the least developed regions in Slovak Republic and the initiative is focused on providing additional support and targeted technical assistance to the competent authorities in implementing their investment strategies/projects in the 2014-2020 programming period with a view to ensure that Cohesion Policy investments achieve their full impact in terms of growth and job creation.For the time being, the pilot phase in Slovakia, Presov region, is in progress and showing some promising developments. Further continuation of the projects and involvement of other least developed regions of Slovakia could help to keep the momentum and to multiply the positive effects obtained in the first phase.	Slovak Republic: 2nd phase = self-governing region of Presov, roll-out = potential candidate could be self-governing region of Banska Bystrica (tbc)	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%
2019-100bis	Catching-up regions Initiative Slovakia - 1) Roll out and 2) Phase 2	600.000,00	600.000,00	This initiative is focused on enhancing the efficiency and prioritisation of investments to be made from the European Structural and Investment Funds already allocated to the Member States and from the national budget, as well as from other funding sources, in order to obtain an accelerated development in the less developed regions.	The project aims to promote growth and investment in regions that have either experienced several years of negative GDP growth or that despite the efforts made are still at a low level of economic development. This project was already successfully undertaken by two regions in Poland (Swietokrzyskie and Podkarpackie) in 2016 and has proven to be very efficient tool to tackle the bottlenecks of the potential growth of the regions, which gave way to further roll out of the initiative to other regions and countries. The strong asset of the initiative is that it is led by the regions themselves, the local stakeholders, the Member State authorities on both central and regional level, with the expertise and continuous support of the Commission as well as other international stakeholders. Currently (since January 2018), phase 1 of the CUR Initiative is under development in the Presov self-governing region in Slovakia. This is one of the least developed regions in Slovak Republic and the initiative is focused on providing additional support and targeted technical assistance to the competent authorities in implementing their investment strategies/projects in the 2014-2020 programming period with a view to ensure that Cohesion Policy investments achieve their full impact in terms of growth and job creation.For the time being, the pilot phase in Slovakia, Presov region, is in progress and showing some promising developments. Further continuation of the projects and involvement of other least developed regions of Slovakia could help to keep the momentum and to multiply the positive effects obtained in the first phase.	Slovak Republic: 2nd phase = self-governing region of Presov, roll-out = potential candidate could be self-governing region of Banska Bystrica (tbc)	Grant	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	100%

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2019-101	Study on the development and implementation of framework for monitoring and evaluation of Smart Specialisation	280.000,00	840.000,00	The aim of this action would be a development of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework which transparently record successes and failures to implement regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation in MS regions and allow prompt detection of problems in design and execution of projects as a management tool. The World Bank will support the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework by carrying out this study. The action will now include also a third phase to pilot randomised control trials on specific issues related to implementation of RIS3 in collaboration with several Member States/regions.	Linked to the thematic smart specialisation enabling condition applicable to ERDF - Art 11(1) with a criteria to have monitoring and evaluation tools to measure performance toward the objective of the strategy. Development of a "monitoring/evaluation/knowledge management" for Smart Specialisation will be helpful in this regard.	All	Grant	Study	100%
2019-101bis	Study on the development and implementation of framework for monitoring and evaluation of Smart Specialisation	120.000,00	360.000,00	The aim of this action would be a development of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework which transparently record successes and failures to implement regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation in MS regions and allow prompt detection of problems in design and execution of projects as a management tool. The World Bank will support the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework by carrying out this study. The action will now include also a third phase to pilot randomised control trials on specific issues related to implementation of RIS3 in collaboration with several Member States/regions.	Linked to the thematic smart specialisation enabling condition applicable to ERDF - Art 11(1) with a criteria to have monitoring and evaluation tools to measure performance toward the objective of the strategy. Development of a "monitoring/evaluation/knowledge management" for Smart Specialisation will be helpful in this regard.	All	Grant	Study	100%
2019-102	Study on the embedding and development of Global Value Chains in CESEE	1.400.000,00	700.000,00	In all CESEE economies real GDP per capita improved over the period 2000-16. Among many factors, high FDI inflows was important increasing participation in global value chains attracted by lower labour costs and proximity to more advanced EU economies. However, since 2009, economic growth has slowed down in most of the countries in the region. Looking ahead, accelerating and sustaining convergence in the region will require further efforts to shift from labour-intensive production towards more innovative and technologically advanced production. Further integration into global value chains is crucial for further convergence.	Participation in global value chains (GVCs), the international fragmentation of production, can lead to increased job creation and economic growth. CESEE countries still face challenges in aligning GVCs with their national development strategies. The action should help CESEE member states maximise their participation in GVCs with the objective to generate growth by moving to higher-value-added tasks and by embedding more technology and know-how in all their agriculture, manufacturing, and services. Integrated solutions tailored to country needs will be developed.	CESEE	Grant	Study	100%
2019-102bis	Study on the embedding and development of Global Value Chains in CESEE	600.000,00	300.000,00	In all CESEE economies real GDP per capita improved over the period 2000-16. Among many factors, high FDI inflows was important increasing participation in global value chains attracted by lower labour costs and proximity to more advanced EU economies. However, since 2009, economic growth has slowed down in most of the countries in the region. Looking ahead, accelerating and sustaining convergence in the region will require further efforts to shift from labour-intensive production towards more innovative and technologically advanced production. Further integration into global value chains is crucial for further convergence.	Participation in global value chains (GVCs), the international fragmentation of production, can lead to increased job creation and economic growth. CESEE countries still face challenges in aligning GVCs with their national development strategies. The action should help CESEE member states maximise their participation in GVCs with the objective to generate growth by moving to higher-value-added tasks and by embedding more technology and know-how in all their agriculture, manufacturing, and services. Integrated solutions tailored to country needs will be developed.	CESEE	Grant	Study	100%
2019-103	Technology Adoption Survey	700.000,00	0,00	While the rapid and wide diffusion on new disruptive technologies that characterizes an industrial revolution is becoming a common phenomenon, adoption, especially on those countries further from the technological frontier, is poorly understood. Without understanding the real extent of technology adoption and the main sources that constrain or unable adoption, it is difficult to design the policies that could lead to new opportunities for less developed member states.	The diffusion of new technologies across firms and between countries play a key role. Less developed member states can harness innovation and technology adoption to boost economic development. However the absorptive capacity needed to use the new technologies raises the bar for the required enabling environment in terms of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, connectivity, skills, regulatory framework for the data ecosystem, and intellectual property rights. The project will collect data to analyze absorptive capacity and barriers to adoption of new technologies at the firm-level as well as inform on key channels of technology adoption in less developed regions.	Less developed member states	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-103bis	Technology Adoption Survey	300.000,00	0,00	While the rapid and wide diffusion on new disruptive technologies that characterizes an industrial revolution is becoming a common phenomenon, adoption, especially on those countries further from the technological frontier, is poorly understood. Without understanding the real extent of technology adoption and the main sources that constrain or unable adoption, it is difficult to design the policies that could lead to new opportunities for less developed member states.	The diffusion of new technologies across firms and between countries play a key role. Less developed member states can harness innovation and technology adoption to boost economic development. However the absorptive capacity needed to use the new technologies raises the bar for the required enabling environment in terms of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, connectivity, skills, regulatory framework for the data ecosystem, and intellectual property rights. The project will collect data to analyze absorptive capacity and barriers to adoption of new technologies at the firm-level as well as inform on key channels of technology adoption in less developed regions.	Less developed member states	Grant	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-104	Providing support for environmental and energy transitions for regions and cities	1.400.000,00	1.050.000,00	Support to desk officers and regions in the preparation of PO2 for the new programming period.	Support programming in regional transition processes in environment and energy through peerlearning, reviews and support. The results will feed into the preparations of the Cohesion Policy programmes post-2020.	All	Indirect Management	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-104bis	Providing support for environmental and energy transitions for regions and cities	600.000,00	450.000,00	Support to desk officers and regions in the preparation of PO2 for the new programming period.	Support programming in regional transition processes in environment and energy through peerlearning, reviews and support. The results will feed into the preparations of the Cohesion Policy programmes post-2020.	All	Indirect Management	Statistics and Data Collection	100%
2019-105	Strengthening innovation diffusion	700.000,00	700.000,00	Despite rapide advance of technology in many areas, the translation of new technologies, new management processes into progress in firms remains slow across the EU. Furthermore, Member States and regions continue showing relative disparities in their innovative capacity. Given that innovation diffusion accounts for growing inequality in terms of productivity and convergence of EU regions, it is critical to address this issue.	The objective of the grant is to gain better understanding of main blocks/barriers of innovatoin diffusion at the EU level and in consequence, provide to Managing Authorities a range of tools identifying different innovation diffusion channels related to their smart specialisation strategies.	All	Grant	Study	100%
2019-105bis	Strengthening innovation diffusion	300.000,00	300.000,00	Despite rapide advance of technology in many areas, the translation of new technologies, new management processes into progress in firms remains slow across the EU. Furthermore, Member States and regions continue showing relative disparities in their innovative capacity. Given that innovation diffusion accounts for growing inequality in terms of productivity and convergence of EU regions, it is critical to address this issue.	The objective of the grant is to gain better understanding of main blocks/barriers of innovatoin diffusion at the EU level and in consequence, provide to Managing Authorities a range of tools identifying different innovation diffusion channels related to their smart specialisation strategies.	All	Grant	Study	100%
2019-106	Designing productivity policies for regions and cities	500.000,00	500.000,00	New title of the action: Designing productivity policies for regions and cities Content of the action: Organisation of 5 seminars with the OECD on the basis of expert papers on a range of issues linked to productivity.	Feed into the development of the Commission's approach to regional productivity processes, drawing on lessons from academic literature and other OECD member states. The results will be fed into the preparations of the Cohesion Policy programmes post-2020.	All	Grant	Study	100%
2019-107	Interregional partnerships	1.000.000,00	500.000,00	It is the continuation of the actions announced in the Commission Communication on Smart Specialisation COM(2017)376, to work in close collaboration with thematic partnerships representing policy-makers, researchers, businesses and other innovation actors, in particular to help partnerships of researchers and businesses to develop strategic inter-regional common projects to complement the work of the thematic smart specialisation platforms. This action is the continuation of the support for partnerships selected in pilots for interregional innovation investments.	The aim is to test approaches to commercialise and scale-up inter-regional innovation projects that have the potential to encourage the development of European value chains. These partnerships have been selected in the framework of the pilot for interregional innovation investments. This work will build on the action plans developed by the partnerships and concrete expertise needed for partnerships to realise portfolio of innovation projects. This will complement the support provided by the S3Platform (financed under administrative agreements from TA and EP pilot actions).	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-108	Smart Regions 2.0 Conference on designing better innovation policies	500.000,00	600.000,00	The new financial perspective is an opportunity to design comprehensive economic transformation strategies based on smart specialisation strategies. The conference will bring regional innovation stakeholders from the EU and beyond to discuss good practices in designing and implementing smart specialisation strategies and get in touch with regions of related smart specialisation areas.	This High-Level Event will highlight the key role of regions in economic development through innovation. Regions are crucial to boost Europe's competitiveness, build a stronger innovation capacity and more effective and faster innovation diffusion across the Union.	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	

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2019-109	Smart & sustainable growth: external expertise	500.000,00	500.000,00	Expert's contracts in thematic fields	Support in thematic fields where specific expertise is required to support the programme preparation, implementation, performance audits, review existing strategies and plans, pilot actions, etc. focusing primarily on priorities and actions bringing the greatest added value in relation to smart and sustainable growth (incl. transport).	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-110	Small studies for policy development	70.000,00	70.000,00	The action is intended to provide the possibility to undertake small studies to support policy development in the area of smart and sustainable growth.	The aim of the action is to provide a thematic evidence basis in relation to innovation, ICT, SMEs, energy efficiency, adaptation, environment and transport.	All	Procurement	Study	
2019-110bis	Small studies for policy development	30.000,00	30.000,00	The action is intended to provide the possibility to undertake small studies to support policy development in the area of smart and sustainable growth.	The aim of the action is to provide a thematic evidence basis in relation to innovation, ICT, SMEs, energy efficiency, adaptation, environment and transport.	All	Procurement	Study	
2019-111	Brussel's based Facility for Broadband Competence Offices (BCO)	210.000,00	210.000,00	Running of the Brussel's based Facility for Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) from 2017 until end of 2020.	DG AGRI, DG REGIO and DG CNECT jointly run the Brussel's based Facility for supporting the network of Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) from 2017-2020. This structure was established in Brussels in early 2017 and coordinates and supports a network of national and/or regional BCOs in order to promote the introduction of fast and ultra-fast broadband all over the EU territory, including in rural areas. The aforementioned structure is in line with the priorities of the 2014-2020 ESIF programming, Financial Instruments priorities, Digital Single Market (DSM) priorities and the overall priorities of Juncker Commission.	All	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-111bis	Brussel's based Facility for Broadband Competence Offices (BCO)	90.000,00	90.000,00	Running of the Brussel's based Facility for Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) from 2017 until end of 2020.	DG AGRI, DG REGIO and DG CNECT jointly run the Brussel's based Facility for supporting the network of Broadband Competence Offices (BCO) from 2017-2020. This structure was established in Brussels in early 2017 and coordinates and supports a network of national and/or regional BCOs in order to promote the introduction of fast and ultra-fast broadband all over the EU territory, including in rural areas. The aforementioned structure is in line with the priorities of the 2014-2020 ESIF programming, Financial Instruments priorities, Digital Single Market (DSM) priorities and the overall priorities of Juncker Commission.	All	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-112	Preparation for post 2020 - thematic input and analytical support	301.400,00	437.000,00	Different AMI experts will be hired to provide expertise to support the preparation of strategic documents to be better prepared for the next programming period. They would either give thematic input (related to a TO or about specific subjects) or analytical support, in particular on the following topics: Urban (ES): analysis of main bottlenecks in 2014-2020 and proposals to improve programming and implementation in 2020 Climate change adaptation (ES/PT): support the Commission in the context of the future negotiations with the Spanish national and regional authorities for the elaboration and adoption of a Partnership Agreement and national and/or regional programmes for the period post 2020 Energy Transition (ES/PT): analysis of the capabilities and needs of Spanish and Portuguese regions in the field of energy transition ITIs (ES): assess the appropriateness of the use of the ITIs in Spain as delivering instruments for and their contribution to achieve the objectives of the PA, assess the governance mechanisms and identify the dysfunctions RIS 3 : ES (2 experts): mapping of the current implementation of the RIS3 strategy in 4 Spanish regions; identify the alignment of the actions carried out up to date with the main features of the strategy. The results and lessons learned shall be used as well to identify how far/close are the selected regions to fulfil the future enabling condition on smart specialization PT: Mapping and description of the current regional and national governance structures managing the implementation of the RIS3; identification of governance success stories; establish guidelines for the governance structures to improve the effectiveness of their work and of the delivery of the RIS3	To be better prepared for the next programming period the experts will provide thematic input and analytical support for negotiations.	Spain & Portugal	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-113	Communication event on the results achieved by cohesion policy and presentation of best practices	105.000,00	0,00	Present the results achieved by cohesion policy in Spain before the EU elections. Content and format to be agreed with DG COMM and COM representation in ES	Objective: improve communication to the citizens on the results achieved by cohesion policy in Spain also in view of the EU elections This contributes to the MP objectives (section E: external communication activities) 3.2 Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities	Spain : 1 day event in Madrid	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-113bis	Communication event on the results achieved by cohesion policy and presentation of best practices	45.000,00	0,00	Present the results achieved by cohesion policy in Spain before the EU elections. Content and format to be agreed with DG COMM and COM representation in ES	Objective: improve communication to the citizens on the results achieved by cohesion policy in Spain also in view of the EU elections This contributes to the MP objectives (section E: external communication activities) 3.2 Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities	Spain : 1 day event in Madrid	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-114	Expertise on solid waste in Greece	56.000,00	56.000,00	The action will evaluate & assess the implementation and delivery of the regional PESDA as well as the national master plan. It will depict through a mapping and a GIS system the existing infrastructures, define gaps and financing needs, identify bottlenecks, make proposals to ensure conformity and speed up project implementation.	The objective is to ensure the efficient use of ESI funds and ensure compliance of Greece with the solid waste directive and avoid further penalties for non-compliance. There should also be a mapping of the existing infrastructure and needs per region. In addition, the circular economy objectives and scope should be addressed and analysed against the implementation on the ground.	Regions in Greece	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-114bis	Expertise on solid waste in Greece	24.000,00	24.000,00	The action will evaluate & assess the implementation and delivery of the regional PESDA as well as the national master plan. It will depict through a mapping and a GIS system the existing infrastructures, define gaps and financing needs, identify bottlenecks, make proposals to ensure conformity and speed up project implementation.	The objective is to ensure the efficient use of ESI funds and ensure compliance of Greece with the solid waste directive and avoid further penalties for non-compliance. There should also be a mapping of the existing infrastructure and needs per region. In addition, the circular economy objectives and scope should be addressed and analysed against the implementation on the ground.	Regions in Greece	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-115	Expertise on waste water in Greece	115.500,00	115.500,00	a) Develop an inventory of networks of constructed and co-financed collecting systems under the Structural Funds for projects under the urban waste water directive and b) study on sludge management With the 2018 TA, thirteen (13) regional master plans on waste water have been developed and adopted as the national master plan. In addition, a methodology to define the so called "C" agglomerations has been produced. Furthermore, the study on the 13 master plans proposes a list of measures to address in a holistic way the compliance of Greece to the requirements of the urban waste water directive. The proposed action aims a) to implement a number of measures indicated in the study as approved by the Greek Ministry of Environment through the Steering Committee set up to this end. In particular, the action in a pilot basis if appropriate will record and depict in a geospatial data base the networks constructed so as to develop an inventory of networks of constructed and co financed collecting systems; this will allow private connections to be connected to the tertiary and secondary networks b) to conduct in a pilot regional basis a study to explore the most efficient way to handle the wastewater sludge in the country including.	The objective is to set up a) an inventory with a data base accompanied by GIS on the constructed networks co financed by the structural funds b) deliver a study with concrete proposals to manage the sludge produced.	Regions in Greece	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-115bis	Expertise on waste water in Greece	49.500,00	49.500,00	a) Develop an inventory of networks of constructed and co-financed collecting systems under the Structural Funds for projects under the urban waste water directive and b) study on sludge management With the 2018 TA, thirteen (13) regional master plans on waste water have been developed and adopted as the national master plan. In addition, a methodology to define the so called "C" agglomerations has been produced. Furthermore, the study on the 13 master plans proposes a list of measures to address in a holistic way the compliance of Greece to the requirements of the urban waste water directive. The proposed action aims a) to implement a number of measures indicated in the study as approved by the Greek Ministry of Environment through the Steering Committee set up to this end. In particular, the action in a pilot basis if appropriate will record and depict in a geospatial data base the networks constructed so as to develop an inventory of networks of constructed and co-financed collecting systems; this will allow private connections to be connected to the tertiary and secondary networks b) to conduct in a pilot regional basis a study to explore the most efficient way to handle the wastewater sludge in the country including.	The objective is to set up a) an inventory with a data base accompanied by GIS on the constructed networks co-financed by the structural funds b) deliver a study with concrete proposals to manage the sludge produced.	Regions in Greece	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-116	Expert assessment of RIS3 implementation and innovation dissemination in Greece and Cyprus	140.000,00	140.000,00	Hire three AMI list experts for Greece and two for Cyprus in order to advise the Commission's services in the field of the optimal implementation of RIS3 and innovation dissemination in Greece and Cyprus	Greece and Cyprus are struggling in implementing their approved RIS3s and disseminating innovation. The AMI-list experts will be called to provide assistance to the Commission's services in assessing the published or planned to be published calls in these fields in order to make the best use of the available resources and achieving the planned results. Their work will involve as well assessment of the adequate use of research infrastructures, interaction with relevant policies such as the Digital Growth Strategy and delivery methods (financial instruments, grants, etc) Recommendations should be formulated with regard the new period of 2021-2027, in order to better focus the implementation of the RIS3 strategies and digitalisation enabling measures	Greece (national and 13 regions) and Cyprus	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-116bis	Expert assessment of RIS3 implementation and innovation dissemination in Greece and Cyprus	60.000,00	60.000,00	Hire three AMI list experts for Greece and two for Cyprus in order to advise the Commission's services in the field of the optimal implementation of RIS3 and innovation dissemination in Greece and Cyprus	Greece and Cyprus are struggling in implementing their approved RIS3s and disseminating innovation. The AMI-list experts will be called to provide assistance to the Commission's services in assessing the published or planned to be published calls in these fields in order to make the best use of the available resources and achieving the planned results. Their work will involve as well assessment of the adequate use of research infrastructures, interaction with relevant policies such as the Digital Growth Strategy and delivery methods (financial instruments, grants, etc) Recommendations should be formulated with regard the new period of 2021-2027, in order to better focus the implementation of the RIS3 strategies and digitalisation enabling measures	Greece (national and 13 regions) and Cyprus	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-117	Broadband needs in Italy	17.045,00	0,00	The analysis will aim at identification of investment needs into broadband in Italy, focusing on gaps and real achievements of the 2014-2020 programming period. In particular, an analysis of white and grey zones, last mile connections and the overall market situation, with special focus on industrial areas and remote areas.	The action will identify a list of needs per region as far as thematic objective 2 is concerned to better structure the programming proposals for 2021-2027 programming period. The expert will identify shortcomings, gaps and weaknesses, both at infrastructural level and market situation. The overall aim will be financial concentration, also with a view at the best fitting investment strategy (e.g. national or regional programmes).	Italy - all regions	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-117bis	Broadband needs in Italy	7.305,00	0,00	The analysis will aim at identification of investment needs into broadband in Italy, focusing on gaps and real achievements of the 2014-2020 programming period. In particular, an analysis of white and grey zones, last mile connections and the overall market situation, with special focus on industrial areas and remote areas.	The action will identify a list of needs per region as far as thematic objective 2 is concerned to better structure the programming proposals for 2021-2027 programming period. The expert will identify shortcomings, gaps and weaknesses, both at infrastructural level and market situation. The overall aim will be financial concentration, also with a view at the best fitting investment strategy (e.g. national or regional programmes).	Italy - all regions	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-118	Reception of migrants in southern Italy	17.045,00	0,00	The analysis will collect good practice examples about migration management: from reception to hospitality and administrative issues. The aim of this action is both understanding effective impacts of 2014-2020 ERDF actions and to identify and suggest synergies between European and national funding instruments, at all levels, for a focused investment strategy in post-2020, with relevant impacts.	The expert will assess the results of actions carried out in the 2014-2020 period concerning migration, analysing all financial sources activated in the field, both at the national and EU level (ERDF, ESF, AMIF). The result of the assessment will be a proposal for effective, value-added and focused actions to undertake within a strong strategic approach, including a better coordination between all instruments and the national and regional level, avoiding thus waste of resources and allowing for impact. The expert will be chosen also according to her/his knowledge of the field in other member states	Italy (Mezzogiorno regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-118bis	Reception of migrants in southern Italy	7.305,00	0,00	The analysis will collect good practice examples about migration management: from reception to hospitality and administrative issues. The aim of this action is both understanding effective impacts of 2014-2020 ERDF actions and to identify and suggest synergies between European and national funding instruments, at all levels, for a focused investment strategy in post-2020, with relevant impacts.	The expert will assess the results of actions carried out in the 2014-2020 period concerning migration, analysing all financial sources activated in the field, both at the national and EU level (ERDF, ESF, AMIF). The result of the assessment will be a proposal for effective, value-added and focused actions to undertake within a strong strategic approach, including a better coordination between all instruments and the national and regional level, avoiding thus waste of resources and allowing for impact. The expert will be chosen also according to her/his knowledge of the field in other member states	Italy (Mezzogiorno regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-119	Implementation of RIS3 strategies in Italy: good practices and main difficulties	41.265,00	41.265,00	Assessment of impacts of regional and national RIS3 strategies during 2014-2018 timelapse, with special focus on revisions and preparation of post-2020 ex-ante conditionality for PO1	The contract would consist of a study focusing on major difficulties and best practice examples during the 2014-2020 programming period, as far as ex-ante conditionality 1.1 is concerned. In particular, the work of experts will continue the monitoring of Italian RIS3 strategies carried out during years 2017 and 2018, with a special focus on the revision to be undertaken in 2019 and with a view towards post-2020, enlarging their scope to present TO2 and 3, to suit the requirements of post-2020 rules. The result will be a study including best practice examples to suggest to Italian authorities, as well as an overview of main difficulties during 2014-2020 negotiations to avoid for 2021-2027	Italy: national RIS3 as well as regional documents	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-119bis	Implementation of RIS3 strategies in Italy: good practices and main difficulties	17.685,00	17.685,00	Assessment of impacts of regional and national RIS3 strategies during 2014-2018 timelapse, with special focus on revisions and preparation of post-2020 ex-ante conditionality for PO1	The contract would consist of a study focusing on major difficulties and best practice examples during the 2014-2020 programming period, as far as ex-ante conditionality 1.1 is concerned. In particular, the work of experts will continue the monitoring of Italian RIS3 strategies carried out during years 2017 and 2018, with a special focus on the revision to be undertaken in 2019 and with a view towards post-2020, enlarging their scope to present TO2 and 3, to suit the requirements of post-2020 rules. The result will be a study including best practice examples to suggest to Italian authorities, as well as an overview of main difficulties during 2014-2020 negotiations to avoid for 2021-2027	Italy: national RIS3 as well as regional documents	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-120	Assessment of risk prevention needs in Italy for 2021-2027 investment strategy	44.835,00	0,00	The analysis will identify the main weaknesses and best practices achieved during implementation of 2014-2020 programming period in Italy, as far as risk prevention and management and adaptation to climate change are concerned.	The aim of the analysis will be a list of concrete proposals for action for each and every regions, focusing on their specific geophysical aspects, hydrogeological challenges and major shortcomings connected with climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management. The experts will carry out the assessment both through desk analysis and meetings with relevant actors, at both regional and national level. Proposals for the best suitable investment strategies, best administrative level for implementation and coordination between different financial instruments at national and EU level.	Italy - all regions	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-120bis	Assessment of risk prevention needs in Italy for 2021-2027 investment strategy	19.215,00	0,00	The analysis will identify the main weaknesses and best practices achieved during implementation of 2014-2020 programming period in Italy, as far as risk prevention and management and adaptation to climate change are concerned.	The aim of the analysis will be a list of concrete proposals for action for each and every regions, focusing on their specific geophysical aspects, hydrogeological challenges and major shortcomings connected with climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management. The experts will carry out the assessment both through desk analysis and meetings with relevant actors, at both regional and national level. Proposals for the best suitable investment strategies, best administrative level for implementation and coordination between different financial instruments at national and EU level.	Italy - all regions	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-121	Banners to disseminate a project co-financed by the EU	1.059,00	116.629,00	Two Banners on a very visible project co-financed by the ERDF in ES and PT. After identifying 1 best practice for each Country, the aim is to produce a banner to be put in a strategic area where several citizens can see it (airport, railway station or metro station). The banner should be produced with the support of the COM representations in Madrid and Lisbon.	The aim is to improve visibility of cohesion policy in Spain and Portugal. The banner should be designed in such a way to be easy to understand (big photo and short sentences) to show what the ERDF is doing for the citizens. The target should be all citizens and for this reason each banner (one in Madrid and one in Lisbon) should be put in a place where many people pass on a daily basis (ideally railway station or metro station). The support of COM representations is important for the necessary licenses.	Spain (Madrid) and Portugal (Lisbon)	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-121bis	Banners to disseminate a project co-financed by the EU	38.867,00	88.397,00	Two Banners on a very visible project co-financed by the ERDF in ES and PT. After identifying 1 best practice for each Country, the aim is to produce a banner to be put in a strategic area where several citizens can see it (airport, railway station or metro station). The banner should be produced with the support of the COM representations in Madrid and Lisbon.	The aim is to improve visibility of cohesion policy in Spain and Portugal. The banner should be designed in such a way to be easy to understand (big photo and short sentences) to show what the ERDF is doing for the citizens. The target should be all citizens and for this reason each banner (one in Madrid and one in Lisbon) should be put in a place where many people pass on a daily basis (ideally railway station or metro station). The support of COM representations is important for the necessary licenses.	Spain (Madrid) and Portugal (Lisbon)	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-122	Delegation to BUDG	64.000,00	84.000,00	Contribution to ABAC2 (64.000) and DB link (20.000)	Contribution to ABAC2 (64.000) and DB link (20.000)	All	Administrative Autonomy	IT	
2019-123	Preparation of 8th Cohesion Report	0,00	800.000,00	This will cover the lay-out and translation of the Cohesion Report.	The cohesion report is published every three years and is a treaty mandated report.	All	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-124	Learning and Development	0,00	21.000,00	Organisation of Learning and Development actions, in line with the priorities set out in the annual Strategic Learning and Development Plan	Developing skills and knowledge of DG REGIO staff	All	Procurement	Trainings	
2019-124bis	Learning and Development	0,00	9.000,00	Organisation of Learning and Development actions, in line with the priorities set out in the annual Strategic Learning and Development Plan	Developing skills and knowledge of DG REGIO staff	All	Procurement	Trainings	
2019-125	Back-to-back events annex D	0,00	7.349,00	back-to-back events annex D	Provide logistical support for the European Semester mission, which is organised back to back with the launch events for Cohesion policy programming (i.e. presentation of Annex D).	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-125bis	Back-to-back events annex D	0,00	3.149,40	back-to-back events annex D	Provide logistical support for the European Semester mission, which is organised back to back with the launch events for Cohesion policy programming (i.e. presentation of Annex D).	All	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-126	Coal regions in transition – analysis of the SME sector and identification of its development potential in the Upper Nitra Region, Slovakia	0,00	31.500,00	To provide the Commission with an analysis of the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region including the current state of play of the use of assistance from the ESI Funds, the identification of their development, innovation and job creation potential as a response to the envisaged economic restructuring of the Upper Nitra region. This action should be to review and analyse the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region. This action should not duplicate the work of the JRC study nor of the ongoing SRSS support, but be complementary.	Task 1: Assumption report Task 2: Quantitative and qualitative survey and analysis of the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region Task 3: Identification of key SME sectors and segments with the potential of SMEs for creation of sustainable jobs and provide a set of recommendations for the development of the SME's sector in the Upper Nitra region (final report) Task 2 and Task 3 also include the presentation of the Final report to the main stakeholders and the Commission in a dedicated meeting organised by the consultant (location to be decided).	Slovakia, Upper Nitra region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-126bis	Coal regions in transition – analysis of the SME sector and identification of its development potential in the Upper Nitra Region, Slovakia	0,00	13.500,00	To provide the Commission with an analysis of the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region including the current state of play of the use of assistance from the ESI Funds, the identification of their development, innovation and job creation potential as a response to the envisaged economic restructuring of the Upper Nitra region. This action should be to review and analyse the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region. This action should not duplicate the work of the JRC study nor of the ongoing SRSS support, but be complementary.	Task 1: Assumption report Task 2: Quantitative and qualitative survey and analysis of the SME sector in the Upper Nitra region Task 3: Identification of key SME sectors and segments with the potential of SMEs for creation of sustainable jobs and provide a set of recommendations for the development of the SME's sector in the Upper Nitra region (final report) Task 2 and Task 3 also include the presentation of the Final report to the main stakeholders and the Commission in a dedicated meeting organised by the consultant (location to be decided).	Slovakia, Upper Nitra region	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-127	Supplementary payment 2015CE16BAT050 REGIOTRANS (JRC)	0,00	10.194,00	To pay supplementary amount for JRC file 2015CE16BAT050	To pay supplementary amount for JRC file 2015CE16BAT050	All	Administrative Agreement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-127bis	Supplementary payment 2015CE16BAT050 REGIOTRANS (JRC)	0,00	4.369,00	To pay supplementary amount for JRC file 2015CE16BAT050	To pay supplementary amount for JRC file 2015CE16BAT050	All	Administrative Agreement	Statistics and Data Collection	
2019-128	Transition to circular economy in the waste management sector – the needs for cohesion policy support in 2021-2027 in Poland	0,00	10.500,00	Cohesion policy, as the biggest investment policy of the EU, plays an increasingly important role in supporting the ongoing transition to circular economy, through different investment priorities. The expert is requested to support the EC (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit F.3. Poland) in the negotiations with Poland on the scope of the support for waste management projects under the specific objective of cohesion policy: promoting transition to circular economy, (policy objective 02).	The expert should support the EC in defining target group of beneficiaries and types of investments that deliver the biggest change and added value in the transition to circular economy objectives through investments in the waste management sector in Poland.	Poland	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-128bis	Transition to circular economy in the waste management sector – the needs for cohesion policy support in 2021-2027 in Poland	0,00	4.500,00	Cohesion policy, as the biggest investment policy of the EU, plays an increasingly important role in supporting the ongoing transition to circular economy, through different investment priorities. The expert is requested to support the EC (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit F.3. Poland) in the negotiations with Poland on the scope of the support for waste management projects under the specific objective of cohesion policy: promoting transition to circular economy, (policy objective 02).	The expert should support the EC in defining target group of beneficiaries and types of investments that deliver the biggest change and added value in the transition to circular economy objectives through investments in the waste management sector in Poland.	Poland	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-129	Border Orientation Papers Maritime	0,00	50.000,00	The action will consist in assisting REGIO D2/D1 in applying a template for cross border cooperation orientation papers (maritime borders). This will include applying specific data collected from various sources.	Applying relevant cross border specific data for maritime border orientation papers in order to open the dialogue with the MS and identify priorities for the next generation of border programmes. Deliverables: draft border orientation papers per border.	All Member States/regions with maritime borders	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-130	Additional support for 14 specific Partnerships	0,00	100.000,00	The action is meant to finance additional activities under the existing specific contract for horizontal support. For some of these tasks we need additional budget: (I) Monitoring table (40k): The UAEU has 109 actions so far which are listed in a monitoring table (excel). Collecting the data takes more time than expected and transferring the excel in to a user-friendlier overview allowing stakeholders to search per topic, per action, per stakeholder, which level the action is targeting, which objective, which SDGs and which Policy (Specific Objective(s) requests more budget. Especially the Policy (Specific Objective(s) and the SDGs are of importance for REGIO as we have the commitment to contribute to Cohesion Policy and implementing the SDGs through the UAEU. We need additional support related to inserting the data on SDGs (II) Publication on State of Play UAEU (10k): we want to include maps and more detailed information about some actions to ensure that these actions contribute to citizens daily life's (Europe closer to citizens) which requests more budget. (III) ad hoc services: EWRC (10k) to assist partnership members and be available at the Workshops/Agora for 3 days, CITIES FORUM (40k): coordinate the input from UAEU - including creating communication material of UAEU and partnerships + staff to be available to man and moderate stands. ECORYS is best equipped to do this as they have the content and contacts.	Objectives remain the same. Expected results are increased especially as through the revised contract the UAEU will be better linked with SDGs, Cohesion Policy and national/local urban policies. It will as well include communication on actions that influence citizens daily lives (Europe closer to citizens).	All	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	

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2019-131	Additional horizontal support for 14 specific Partnerships: travel and accomodation	0,00	37.250,00	Adding budget to an already existing Specific Contract under the FWC Urban Agenda for the EU: reimbursement of travel and accomodation. The Partnership members have the possibility to be reimbursed for travel and accomodation to Partnership meetings. This is up to 3.000 per PS. The budget of 37.275,00 is almost being fully used and as new Partnerships have been set-up this budget needs to be re-filled. We as well expect to increase the budget due to the fact REGIO coordinates meetings around horizontal issues (like indicators) for which some Partnership partners/action leaders will need to be reimbursed as well.	Objective and results stays the same (allow as well smaller cities and NGO's/agencies, organisations from less developed areas) to be a partner in the UAEU Partnerships	All	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-132	Modification of AA with JRC	0,00	80.000,00	The budget is needed in order to include the data of strategies implemented through CLLD in the database in WP1 of the AA. The data set is not of the expected quality and extra resources are needed in order to include it in the database. Including CLLD in the Strat-board tool is essential in order to have a complete overview of ERDF supported territorial strategies where CLLD is particularly important in terms of its direct impact on local communities. Additionally, the validation method for the building blocks of WP2 of the AA has been reinforced and, therefore, extra resources are needed to complete the new actions. A robust validation and reviewing procedure for the manual for urban development is necessary in order to adapt the product to the target audience (managing and local authorities). This is specially relevant at this point of the programming cycle when the development, update and selection of strategies will take place.	The objectives remain the same. The expected results are to increase the quality and coverage of the deliverables and it will help to achieve a better alignment with the objectives of the administrative agreement and with the future programming period. Having a complete overview of article 7 strategies and a handbook for integrated urban development is crucial to support the work of Geographic units in the upcoming programming exercise.	All	Administrative Agreement	Evaluation	
	Printing of factsheets/info material for conferences or Citizens Dialogues	0,00	0,00	Printing existing/new factsheets/information material on the outermost regions in the language of the audience of a Citizens Dialogue or conference	Inform outermost regions citizens about EU and EU actions/opportunities for the outermost regions	Spain, Portugal and France	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-133	Media Call 3.0	0,00	3.360.000,00	New edition of the successful call for media production and dissemination (Grants)	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of Cohesion Policy	All	Grant	Communication and publication	80%
2019-133bis	Media Call 3.0	0,00	1.440.000,00	New edition of the successful call for media production and dissemination (Grants)	Demonstrate and disseminate the EU added value of Cohesion Policy	All	Grant	Communication and publication	80%
2019-134	Support to smart specialisation in Georgia	0,00	65.800,00	At the last regional policy dialogue between the EC and Georgia on April 3rd, there was a strong demand on the Georgian side to access the technical assistance already provided to Ukraine and Moldova to support smart specialisation. This activity will thus build on the existing work with Ukraine and Moldova and provide Georgia with assistance to develop a smart specialisation strategy, including through capacity building, diagnosis, dialogue, and implementation.	The main objectives of the activity are the following: - prepare the "innovation map" of the country - raise awareness on the smart specialisation approach in one pilot region - provide expert support for entrepreneurial discovery process (3 workshops) - and provide guidance on designing, monitoring, financing and implementing the strategy In so doing, the activity will complement and operationalise the policy dialogue fixed in the joint declaration between the EC and Georgia of February 2011.	Georgia	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-134bis	Support to smart specialisation in Georgia	0,00	28.200,00	At the last regional policy dialogue between the EC and Georgia on April 3rd, there was a strong demand on the Georgian side to access the technical assistance already provided to Ukraine and Moldova to support smart specialisation. This activity will thus build on the existing work with Ukraine and Moldova and provide Georgia with assistance to develop a smart specialisation strategy, including through capacity building, diagnosis, dialogue, and implementation.	The main objectives of the activity are the following: - prepare the "innovation map" of the country - raise awareness on the smart specialisation approach in one pilot region - provide expert support for entrepreneurial discovery process (3 workshops) - and provide guidance on designing, monitoring, financing and implementing the strategy In so doing, the activity will complement and operationalise the policy dialogue fixed in the joint declaration between the EC and Georgia of February 2011.	Georgia	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-135	Support to SME initiative evaluation in MS	0,00	10.500,00	Support in the drafting of a common methodology for the mid-term evaluations of SME initiative undertaken by Member States	After the changes introduced with Reg. 2018/1046, whereby the evaluation of SME initiatives follows the same rules applicable to other operational programmes, most Member States running the SME initiative are planning to undertake a mid-term evaluation. This action provides advice to MS through the design of a common evaluation methodology to be used across MS, for the comparability of evaluation findings of SME initiatives across MS. In addition, the results mid-term evaluations obtained using a common methodology will constitute a better feed for the ex post evaluation.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-135bis	Support to SME initiative evaluation in MS	0,00	4.500,00	Support in the drafting of a common methodology for the mid-term evaluations of SME initiative undertaken by Member States	After the changes introduced with Reg. 2018/1046, whereby the evaluation of SME initiatives follows the same rules applicable to other operational programmes, most Member States running the SME initiative are planning to undertake a mid-term evaluation. This action provides advice to MS through the design of a common evaluation methodology to be used across MS, for the comparability of evaluation findings of SME initiatives across MS. In addition, the results mid-term evaluations obtained using a common methodology will constitute a better feed for the ex post evaluation.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-136	Support to examine methods for measuring direct result indicators for GHG emission reductions	0,00	16.800,00	Support in the development of methodologies for estimating GHG emission reductions values by programmes in the period 2021-2027	A range of methodologies to estimate GHG emission reductions are used across the different Member States during 2014-2020 that are influenced by different assumptions on the impact of the investment actions on climate relevant emissions and differences in the composition of national energy consumption. In the context of the proposals for the introduction of direct result indicators for relevant ERDF / Cohesion Fund specific objectives in the period 2021-2027, this action will identify the key variables to be taken into account when reporting ex post at project level on estimated emission reductions for the typical actions financed (i.e. energy efficiency in housing, public buildings and enterprises, new renewable energy capacity, low carbon transport). The support should provide a summary of existing examples of national or regional methods for measuring at project level, emission reductions (in tonnes equivalent of GHG).	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-136bis	Support to examine methods for measuring direct result indicators for GHG emission reductions	0,00	7.200,00	Support in the development of methodologies for estimating GHG emission reductions values by programmes in the period 2021-2027	A range of methodologies to estimate GHG emission reductions are used across the different Member States during 2014-2020 that are influenced by different assumptions on the impact of the investment actions on climate relevant emissions and differences in the composition of national energy consumption. In the context of the proposals for the introduction of direct result indicators for relevant ERDF / Cohesion Fund specific objectives in the period 2021-2027, this action will identify the key variables to be taken into account when reporting ex post at project level on estimated emission reductions for the typical actions financed (i.e. energy efficiency in housing, public buildings and enterprises, new renewable energy capacity, low carbon transport). The support should provide a summary of existing examples of national or regional methods for measuring at project level, emission reductions (in tonnes equivalent of GHG).	All	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-137	Support to examine methods for measuring direct result indicators for road and rail investment actions	0,00	16.800,00	Support in the development of methodologies for the measurement of direct result indicators for road and rail transport interventions by programme managing authorities for the period 2021-2027	In the context of preparing significant transport investments Member states identify ex ante in cost benefit analyses (using EU or national CBA guidance) key expected benefits of transport investment projects (i.e. linked to expected capacity usage and reduced congestion/improved journey time). In the context of the proposals for the introduction of direct result indicators for ERDF/Coheison Fund transport investments, this action will identify the different methods available for providing ex post measurement at project level of proposed transport direct results indicators for typical road and rail investment actions.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-137bis	Support to examine methods for measuring direct result indicators for road and rail investment actions	0,00	7.200,00	Support in the development of methodologies for the measurement of direct result indicators for road and rail transport interventions by programme managing authorities for the period 2021-2027	In the context of preparing significant transport investments Member states identify ex ante in cost benefit analyses (using EU or national CBA guidance) key expected benefits of transport investment projects (i.e. linked to expected capacity usage and reduced congestion/improved journey time). In the context of the proposals for the introduction of direct result indicators for ERDF/Coheison Fund transport investments, this action will identify the different methods available for providing ex post measurement at project level of proposed transport direct results indicators for typical road and rail investment actions.	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-138	Fi-Compass	0,00	1.000.000,00	fi-compass is the EC-EIB platform for advisory services on ESIF financial instruments mainly supporting managing authorities. EMPL, AGRI and MARE are also involved in fi-compass. The indicative budget spanning July 2018 to December 2020 currently foresees EUR 6 million as REGIOs contribution to fi-compass. An expansion of the activities of fi-compass until the end of 2020 to assist with the launch of the 2021-2027 programming period is envisaged. An increase of the budget to EUR 8 million, i.e. an increase of EUR 2 million for the remainder of the programming period is therefore requested.	The activities foreseen under the proposed modification contribute to the REGIO 2019 Management Plan (in particular to the targeted actions "Encourage a wider uptake of financial instruments and promote complementarity with EFSI" and "Provide specific support to improving Member States capacity to administer and implement the Funds"). Firstly, fi-compass is adapting to the needs of its stakeholders by redirecting its focus to more practical activities faced on the ground by devoting more resources to enhanced capacity building services. Therefore, there is an alignment of the envisaged activities with the demands of stakeholders. Secondly through cooperation with the EIB, REGIO B3 is being able to exploit synergies between its own work streams, which have been recently enhanced toward increased client orientation, and fi-compass deliverables. The requested expansion of the activities of fi-compass would enable REGIO to: a) organise the annual flagship event "FI Campus" in 2019; b) launch two studies on how to increase the uptake of financial instruments for energy efficiency and SME support in 2021-2027; c) organise up to two ERDF-specific events in 2019; and d) produce further case studies showcasing good practice in financial instrument implementation.	All	Procurement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-139	Assistance for Futurium	0,00	0,00	Assistance on the futurium to have help from a communications expert on how we can in an easy way attract people to the page. The statistics show that at events were we promote and the launch of the call there is more interest to our page. It would be interesting if someone could also check if there is a correlation between tweets and events that lead to more visits to our page.	To improve the use of the 'Boosting EU border regions' platform on Futurium as one of the ten actions proposed in the communication 'Boosting growth and cohesion in European border regions'	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
	Re-print health brochure VC	0,00	0,00	reprint brochures for dissemination purpose: " European Cross-Border Cooperation on Health: Theory and Practice" and "Enhancing healthcare cooperation in cross-border regions"	reprint brochures for dissemination purpose: " European Cross-Border Cooperation on Health: Theory and Practice" and "Enhancing healthcare cooperation in cross-border regions"	Annual Interreg event in Bucharest	Procurement	Communication and publication	
2019-140	Touristic cross-border functional area Lithuania/Poland	0,00	50.000,00	Analysis of the current state of development in the area of tourism in the Lithuanian-Polish border area; development of a common strategy and a roadmap for its realisation in the field of tourism; development of common cross border touristic brands/products including strategy for their promotion and marketing; designing of "flagship" projects for Interreg support in this field.	Increase Proposal for "flagship" Interreg projects in the field of tourism to increase the competitiveness of the cross border region.	Polish-Lithuanian border area	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-141	AMI list expert support for the preparation of the 2021-2027 programming period in Sweden	0,00	40.000,00	Guidance on available sources on the economic background, SWOT and S3 strategies for Sweden and its regions.	Further analysis of the report regarding the S3 strategies in the Member State and its regions and provide a status quo of the level of maturity and pertinence. Analysis and mapping of existing national sources. MP 2. Develop cohesion policy and establish close links to other EU policies, 2.1 Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020	Sweden (all regions)	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-142	AMI list expert support for the preparation of the 2021-2027 programming period in Ireland	0,00	20.000,00	Guidance on available sources on the economic background, SWOT and S3 strategies for Ireland and its regions.	Analysis of the S3 strategies in the Member State and its regions and provide a status quo of the level of maturity and pertinence. Analysis and mapping of existing national sources. Develop cohesion policy and establish close links to other EU policies. Contribute to the preparation of the Commission's proposal for the next MFF and develop a robust regulatory framework for cohesion policy for the period post-2020	Ireland	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-143	Strategic evaluation of the Bulgarian Centres of Competence and Centres of Excellence, financed by ERDF under OP "Science and Education for Smart Growth", created in the priority areas of the Bulgarian Strategy for Smart Specialisation	0,00	178.990,00	<p>Providing strategic evaluation/reviews of the 13 contracts signed for the creation of the Bulgarian Centers of Competence and Excellence funded by ERDF under OP Science and education for smart growth. JRC together with three groups of experts and leading expert project manager will prepare the reports with recommendations in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal framework under which CoE and CoC will operate, including – but not limited – to the type of legal personality that they should take. The management structure under which the CoE and CoC will operate State aid and issues related to the management (incl. monitoring, tracking, accounting, etc.) of economic and non-economic activities (including the management of intangible assets) of the projects Infrastructure management, access rights, etc. Long term sustainability of the CoC and CoE, especially financial Technology Transfer and results commercialisation Involvement/collaboration with industry and the private sector Identification and exploitation of synergies between different OPs and instruments and the future Regional innovation centers created under OPIC(e.g. Fund of funds and their fund for Technology transfer) 	<p>The objective is to provide tailored technical assistance to the MA and beneficiaries of the projects for the creation of the Centers of Competence and Excellence and provide them with detailed analysis of the bottlenecks and specific recommendations on the future legal setup of the centers, their governance structure, state aid regimes, advice on how to better utilise the research infrastructure according to the rules, future sustainability, technology transfer and commercialization, collaboration with industry and advice for synergies and complementarity with the future Regional innovation centers and the Fund for Technology transfer, which is currently being set up by the Bulgarian Fund of Funds. The project will be carried out by three groups of experts, each group focusing on specific tasks under the coordination and supervision of JRC and a full time expert project manager. The reports which will be produced would be crucial for boosting and facilitating the success of the implementation process, taking into account the complexity and size of the projects, involving numerous partners with various backgrounds and their lack of experience for carrying out projects of such magnitude and intricacy. The Report will have a very important added value for the future negotiations for the next programming period, providing a good basis and overview of the current Bulgarian research and innovation landscape with clearly identified bottlenecks and concretely proposed recommendations and ways forward. Having in mind the importance of PO 1 in the next programming period, this exercise would be extremely important for preparing DG REGIO's negotiations position and will also provide for externalities and possibility to use some of the proposed solutions also for other MS, who are facing similar issues with the implementation, such as Croatia. Concluding an agreement between JRC and REGIO will also contribute to the Commission remaining in the steering wheel of the process, being able to direct the experts mission and deliverables in line with the Commission's priorities. During the entire period of the project we would be extensively involved and hands-on at every step, so as to maintain the steering of the process with clear targeting of manageable deliverables and keeping close interaction with all our counterparts, both at JRC and expert level but also on the side of the MA of the OP and the Bulgarian authorities. A clear prerequisite and important trade-off for the success of the project is the commitment from the side of the Bulgarian MA and Bulgarian authorities at political level for fulfilling these recommendations. The MA has already demonstrated their strong willingness to cooperate on every step of the process, which would help laying the foundations for the successful implementation in the next period as well. It is also important to note that involving JRC in the process creates valuable synergies and complementarity between DG REGIO and the Joint Research Center</p>	Bulgaria, with possibility for externalities to other MS facing similar implementation bottlenecks, such as Croatia.	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-143bis	Strategic evaluation of the Bulgarian Centres of Competence and Centres of Excellence, financed by ERDF under OP "Science and Education for Smart Growth", created in the priority areas of the Bulgarian Strategy for Smart Specialisation	0,00	76.710,00	<p>Providing strategic evaluation/reviews of the 13 contracts signed for the creation of the Bulgarian Centers of Competence and Excellence funded by ERDF under OP Science and education for smart growth. JRC together with three groups of experts and leading expert project manager will prepare the reports with recommendations in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal framework under which CoE and CoC will operate, including – but not limited – to the type of legal personality that they should take. The management structure under which the CoE and CoC will operate State aid and issues related to the management (incl. monitoring, tracking, accounting, etc.) of economic and non-economic activities (including the management of intangible assets) of the projects Infrastructure management, access rights, etc. Long term sustainability of the CoC and CoE, especially financial Technology Transfer and results commercialisation Involvement/collaboration with industry and the private sector Identification and exploitation of synergies between different OPs and instruments and the future Regional innovation centers created under OPIC(e.g. Fund of funds and their fund for Technology transfer) 	<p>The objective is to provide tailored technical assistance to the MA and beneficiaries of the projects for the creation of the Centers of Competence and Excellence and provide them with detailed analysis of the bottlenecks and specific recommendations on the future legal setup of the centers, their governance structure, state aid regimes, advice on how to better utilise the research infrastructure according to the rules, future sustainability, technology transfer and commercialization, collaboration with industry and advice for synergies and complementarity with the future Regional innovation centers and the Fund for Technology transfer, which is currently being set up by the Bulgarian Fund of Funds. The project will be carried out by three groups of experts, each group focusing on specific tasks under the coordination and supervision of JRC and a full time expert project manager. The reports which will be produced would be crucial for boosting and facilitating the success of the implementation process, taking into account the complexity and size of the projects, involving numerous partners with various backgrounds and their lack of experience for carrying out projects of such magnitude and intricacy. The Report will have a very important added value for the future negotiations for the next programming period, providing a good basis and overview of the current Bulgarian research and innovation landscape with clearly identified bottlenecks and concretely proposed recommendations and ways forward. Having in mind the importance of PO 1 in the next programming period, this exercise would be extremely important for preparing DG REGIO's negotiations position and will also provide for externalities and possibility to use some of the proposed solutions also for other MS, who are facing similar issues with the implementation, such as Croatia. Concluding an agreement between JRC and REGIO will also contribute to the Commission remaining in the steering wheel of the process, being able to direct the experts mission and deliverables in line with the Commission's priorities. During the entire period of the project we would be extensively involved and hands-on at every step, so as to maintain the steering of the process with clear targeting of manageable deliverables and keeping close interaction with all our counterparts, both at JRC and expert level but also on the side of the MA of the OP and the Bulgarian authorities. A clear prerequisite and important trade-off for the success of the project is the commitment from the side of the Bulgarian MA and Bulgarian authorities at political level for fulfilling these recommendations. The MA has already demonstrated their strong willingness to cooperate on every step of the process, which would help laying the foundations for the successful implementation in the next period as well. It is also important to note that involving JRC in the process creates valuable synergies and complementarity between DG REGIO and the Joint Research Center</p>	Bulgaria, with possibility for externalities to other MS facing similar implementation bottlenecks, such as Croatia.	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-144	Simplified Cost-Benefit Analysis Guide/Tool for investment projects - Ensuring quick start of quality projects in 2021-2027	0,00	140.000,00	<p>Cost-Benefit Analysis guide produced in 2014 is considered as one of the most comprehensive and rigorous methodology of appraising the quality of projects. It based its provisions on further specification of legislative provisions related to the CBA methodology as enshrined in Implementing Regulation (EC) no 207/2015. However, its application is challenging and there is a need for rapid, simplified CBA that could offer a suitable tool of verification of project quality even at initial concept phase.</p>	<p>The study will draw on lessons learnt by JASPERS in verification of major project documentation, and on the experience of the MS in applying a simplified CBA to various types of projects. The results will be the following: quick CBA methodology to be used for various sectors for operations of significant importance - so that it can support the judgement of the desk officers on whether such projects should be included in the OP or not. The study will be complemented by excel files with self-computable results of the financial and economic analyses, and risk analysis. Most typical costs and benefits will be monetised.</p>	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-144bis	Simplified Cost-Benefit Analysis Guide/Tool for investment projects - Ensuring quick start of quality projects in 2021-2027	0,00	60.000,00	<p>Cost-Benefit Analysis guide produced in 2014 is considered as one of the most comprehensive and rigorous methodology of appraising the quality of projects. It based its provisions on further specification of legislative provisions related to the CBA methodology as enshrined in Implementing Regulation (EC) no 207/2015. However, its application is challenging and there is a need for rapid, simplified CBA that could offer a suitable tool of verification of project quality even at initial concept phase.</p>	<p>The study will draw on lessons learnt by JASPERS in verification of major project documentation, and on the experience of the MS in applying a simplified CBA to various types of projects. The results will be the following: quick CBA methodology to be used for various sectors for operations of significant importance - so that it can support the judgement of the desk officers on whether such projects should be included in the OP or not. The study will be complemented by excel files with self-computable results of the financial and economic analyses, and risk analysis. Most typical costs and benefits will be monetised.</p>	All	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-145	Expert advice on the design of PO1 support in the area of business support institutions and skills for smart specialisations	0,00	21.000,00	<p>Depending on the conclusions of the currently ongoing contract "Expert advice on the R&D and innovation support in Poland", further detailed analysis might be needed to strengthen the unit's knowledge and capacity in preparation of the negotiations of the next programming period. The needs will the most probably arise in the complex areas relevant for smart specialisations development in Poland, namely creation of innovation friendly environment through business support institutions and skills. The expert would be asked to analyse the most appropriate ways of support through ESIF in there areas.</p>	<p>The objective of the action is to equip the unit F3 in the knowledge necessary to successfully conduct the negotiations of the 2021-2027 period. The result of the action would consist in a comprehensive report prepared based on desk reviews and interviews with stakeholders in Poland. The document would contain wide ranging advice on the design of the support measures for business support institutions and in the area of smart specialisation skills.</p>	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-145bis	Expert advice on the design of PO1 support in the area of business support institutions and skills for smart specialisations	0,00	9.000,00	Depending on the conclusions of the currently ongoing contract "Expert advice on the R&D and innovation support in Poland", further detailed analysis might be needed to strengthen the unit's knowledge and capacity in preparation of the negotiations of the next programming period. The needs will most probably arise in the complex areas relevant for smart specialisations development in Poland, namely creation of innovation friendly environment through business support institutions and skills. The expert would be asked to analyse the most appropriate ways of support through ESIF in these areas.	The objective of the action is to equip the unit F3 in the knowledge necessary to successfully conduct the negotiations of the 2021-2027 period. The result of the action would consist in a comprehensive report prepared based on desk reviews and interviews with stakeholders in Poland. The document would contain wide ranging advice on the design of the support measures for business support institutions and in the area of smart specialisation skills.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-146	Expert advice on how EU funds should support the integration of digital technologies by SMEs and public administration in the new financial perspective 2021-27	0,00	15.750,00	Analysis is needed to strengthen the unit's knowledge and capacity in preparation of the negotiations of the next programming period. In the complex area of digital technologies, the expert advice is crucial for F3 to have a clear view on the needs, the mode and the scope of EU funds support needed in the area of integration of digital technologies by SMEs and public administration.	The objective of the action is to equip the unit F3 in the knowledge necessary to successfully conduct the negotiations of the 2021-2027 period. The result of the action would consist of a report with tailored advice to the F3 on the extend of the support needed in the area of digitalisation of Polish SMEs and public administration.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-146bis	Expert advice on how EU funds should support the integration of digital technologies by SMEs and public administration in the new financial perspective 2021-27	0,00	6.750,00	Analysis is needed to strengthen the unit's knowledge and capacity in preparation of the negotiations of the next programming period. In the complex area of digital technologies, the expert advice is crucial for F3 to have a clear view on the needs, the mode and the scope of EU funds support needed in the area of integration of digital technologies by SMEs and public administration.	The objective of the action is to equip the unit F3 in the knowledge necessary to successfully conduct the negotiations of the 2021-2027 period. The result of the action would consist of a report with tailored advice to the F3 on the extend of the support needed in the area of digitalisation of Polish SMEs and public administration.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-147	Pilot projects for the promotion of the transition to circular economy in Poland	0,00	18.200,00	The expert is requested to support the EC (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit F.3. Poland) in the programming of the ERDF and CF support within the specific objective of cohesion policy: promoting transition to circular economy, (policy objective 02).	An external expert's support is needed in order to support the MAs and the EC in selection of projects that would bring the biggest added value to the transformation of the Polish economy, especially in the sector of waste management and resource re-use. The expert should support the EC in defining the selection criteria for projects, type of financial support, and indicate regional needs and potential for pilot actions.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-147bis	Pilot projects for the promotion of the transition to circular economy in Poland	0,00	7.800,00	The expert is requested to support the EC (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit F.3. Poland) in the programming of the ERDF and CF support within the specific objective of cohesion policy: promoting transition to circular economy, (policy objective 02).	An external expert's support is needed in order to support the MAs and the EC in selection of projects that would bring the biggest added value to the transformation of the Polish economy, especially in the sector of waste management and resource re-use. The expert should support the EC in defining the selection criteria for projects, type of financial support, and indicate regional needs and potential for pilot actions.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-148	Providing support in the assesment of enabling conditions (regional transport plans)	0,00	0,00	Action will consist in developing in deploying the methodology for assesment of regional transport plans. Assesing existing investments and its impact in the socio-economical context as well as assesing planned investments and its role in the mitigation of existing socio-economical problems in regional context.	The action will involve deploymet of a mathematical model assessing the impact of local transport investments on the improvement of potential territorial accessibility of disconnected areas. The aim is to tailor local transport investments to improve territorial accessibility of the most disconnected areas (as suggested in the Country Report) and to support investments when there is sound evidence of their contribution to the local socio-economic development (following the recommendations of earlier evaluation reports). The ultimate result of the action will be an improved territorial connectivity of the least accessible areas and their better integration with more prosperous regions to provide equal opportunities for development.	All regions (voivodeships) in Poland). However if the financial sources are limmited the priority should be given to less developed ones - 5 Eastern regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-148bis	Providing support in the assesment of enabling conditions (regional transport plans)	0,00	0,00	Action will consist in developing in deploying the methodology for assesment of regional transport plans. Assesing existing investments and its impact in the socio-economical context as well as assesing planned investments and its role in the mitigation of existing socio-economical problems in regional context.	The action will involve deploymet of a mathematical model assessing the impact of local transport investments on the improvement of potential territorial accessibility of disconnected areas. The aim is to tailor local transport investments to improve territorial accessibility of the most disconnected areas (as suggested in the Country Report) and to support investments when there is sound evidence of their contribution to the local socio-economic development (following the recommendations of earlier evaluation reports). The ultimate result of the action will be an improved territorial connectivity of the least accessible areas and their better integration with more prosperous regions to provide equal opportunities for development.	All regions (voivodeships) in Poland). However if the financial sources are limmited the priority should be given to less developed ones - 5 Eastern regions.	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-149	Support to the Commission in the preparation of the negotiations of the ERDF investments in culture infrastructure in Poland in post-2020 programming period	0,00	10.430,00	According to the Commission's proposal, in the new programming period for 2021-2027, investments in culture are eligible under the ERDF as a part of the integrated territorial strategies in the Policy Objective 5. As a result of the current negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council, the investments in culture (creative industries, cultural services and heritage) are envisaged under any policy objectives provided that they contribute to the specific objectives and that they fall within the scope of support from the ERDF. The cultural investments should be embedded in broader multi-sectoral strategies and be one of the factors for successful delivery of these strategies. The Commission is seeking for the expert advice on the cultural sector in Poland to build the argumentation for ERDF investments in culture as a part of multi-sectoral strategies.	The expert advice would support the Commission in defending the position that the cultural investments should be part of the multi-sectoral strategies in Poland. The objective would be to obtain a written analysis of the potential of culture investment in Poland as a factor for successful delivery of the multi-sectoral strategies.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-149bis	Support to the Commission in the preparation of the negotiations of the ERDF investments in culture infrastructure in Poland in post-2020 programming period	0,00	4.470,00	According to the Commission's proposal, in the new programming period for 2021-2027, investments in culture are eligible under the ERDF as a part of the integrated territorial strategies in the Policy Objective 5. As a result of the current negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council, the investments in culture (creative industries, cultural services and heritage) are envisaged under any policy objectives provided that they contribute to the specific objectives and that they fall within the scope of support from the ERDF. The cultural investments should be embedded in broader multi-sectoral strategies and be one of the factors for successful delivery of these strategies. The Commission is seeking for the expert advice on the cultural sector in Poland to build the argumentation for ERDF investments in culture as a part of multi-sectoral strategies.	The expert advice would support the Commission in defending the position that the cultural investments should be part of the multi-sectoral strategies in Poland. The objective would be to obtain a written analysis of the potential of culture investment in Poland as a factor for successful delivery of the multi-sectoral strategies.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-150	Expert advice on extending the coordination functions for public services of Polish ITIs in the programming period 2020 -2027 in the Polish legal framework.	0,00	21.000,00	The expert shall support the Commission by providing analytical advice and recommendations for the development of the negotiating position as regards the coordination functions for the public services of the ITIs in Poland in the programming period 2021 – 2027.	Provide advice and recommendations on extending the coordination functions of the ITIs in the programming period 2021-2027, including on necessary adaptations of the Polish legal framework.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-150bis	Expert advice on extending the coordination functions for public services of Polish ITIs in the programming period 2020 -2027 in the Polish legal framework.	0,00	9.000,00	The expert shall support the Commission by providing analytical advice and recommendations for the development of the negotiating position as regards the coordination functions for the public services of the ITIs in Poland in the programming period 2021 – 2027.	Provide advice and recommendations on extending the coordination functions of the ITIs in the programming period 2021-2027, including on necessary adaptations of the Polish legal framework.	Poland	AMI List	Expert contract	

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2019-151	Deregulation of gold-plating in Operational Programmes in Slovakia	0,00	0,00	Potential beneficiaries and beneficiaries of cohesion policy in Slovakia perceive it as having too complex rules and procedures, which discourage them from use. As GU we also come across of situations, where we see the consequences of over regulation when implementing ESIF. However, there is no systemic evidence or identification of gold-plating practice and a link that this is due to imposing additional administrative obligations on top of the minimum requirements set by the ESIF regulatory framework.	Review of the implementation system of ESIF in Slovakia with the aim to identify over regulation in selection, payment, certification and control procedures and recommend solutions, which will effectively reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries and bodies involved in the implementation process. Given the extremely slow implementation pace of the current programming period, the results of this review will help to set up a sound and efficient implementation system of CP funds in Slovakia.	Slovakia	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-151bis	Deregulation of gold-plating in Operational Programmes in Slovakia	0,00	0,00	Potential beneficiaries and beneficiaries of cohesion policy in Slovakia perceive it as having too complex rules and procedures, which discourage them from use. As GU we also come across of situations, where we see the consequences of over regulation when implementing ESIF. However, there is no systemic evidence or identification of gold-plating practice and a link that this is due to imposing additional administrative obligations on top of the minimum requirements set by the ESIF regulatory framework.	Review of the implementation system of ESIF in Slovakia with the aim to identify over regulation in selection, payment, certification and control procedures and recommend solutions, which will effectively reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries and bodies involved in the implementation process. Given the extremely slow implementation pace of the current programming period, the results of this review will help to set up a sound and efficient implementation system of CP funds in Slovakia.	Slovakia	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-152	Study on prioritisation in smart specialisation strategies in 2014-2020 programming period	0,00	420.000,00	The assessment should focus on how was the prioritisation of specialisation domains designed and implemented in all Member States/regions, i.e. how broad are the priorities selected, what was the level of intensity of prioritisation and how was the prioritisation reflected during the implementation (such as in the design of the calls for proposal and in the actual project selection).	This analysis, which will be available for each Member State/region, will provide good overview of the prioritisation process and should help with the assessment of the fulfilment of enabling condition on smart specialisation in the programming period 2021-2027.	All	Procurement	Study	
2019-152bis	Study on prioritisation in smart specialisation strategies in 2014-2020 programming period	0,00	180.000,00	The assessment should focus on how was the prioritisation of specialisation domains designed and implemented in all Member States/regions, i.e. how broad are the priorities selected, what was the level of intensity of prioritisation and how was the prioritisation reflected during the implementation (such as in the design of the calls for proposal and in the actual project selection).	This analysis, which will be available for each Member State/region, will provide good overview of the prioritisation process and should help with the assessment of the fulfilment of enabling condition on smart specialisation in the programming period 2021-2027.	All	Procurement	Study	
2019-153	Smart Specialisation Platform – Phase V	0,00	700.000,00	The action builds on the activities under four consecutive administrative agreements with the JRC on the support to national and regional authorities for the implementation of smart specialisation strategies through the S3 Platform.	In advance of the preparation of smart specialisation strategies for the next programming period, it is necessary to capitalise on the implementation of the smart specialisation strategies in 2014-2020 and the lessons learned through the support provided by the S3 Platform. The experience will be valuable in designing and fine-tuning the support to the geographical units and managing authorities in the implementation of smart specialisation strategies.	All	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-153bis	Smart Specialisation Platform – Phase V	0,00	300.000,00	The action builds on the activities under four consecutive administrative agreements with the JRC on the support to national and regional authorities for the implementation of smart specialisation strategies through the S3 Platform.	In advance of the preparation of smart specialisation strategies for the next programming period, it is necessary to capitalise on the implementation of the smart specialisation strategies in 2014-2020 and the lessons learned through the support provided by the S3 Platform. The experience will be valuable in designing and fine-tuning the support to the geographical units and managing authorities in the implementation of smart specialisation strategies.	All	Administrative Agreement	Technical and other administrative assistance to MS	
2019-154	ERDF supported institutions in Portugal. Assessment of the compliance with United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).	0,00	35.000,00	To evaluate the compliance of a sample of institutions co-financed by ERDF in Portugal with the UNCRPD.	The objectives are to check the compliance of institutions co-financed with the UNCRPD, to assess the needs of disabled persons, and to assess the Portuguese policy in relation to the inclusion in the community of disabled persons. The assessments' result will serve as background document for DG REGIO in the formulation of its views on the respect of UNCRPD.	Portugal (five continental regions and two autonomous regions).	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-154bis	ERDF supported institutions in Portugal. Assessment of the compliance with United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).	0,00	15.000,00	To evaluate the compliance of a sample of institutions co-financed by ERDF in Portugal with the UNCRPD.	The objectives are to check the compliance of institutions co-financed with the UNCRPD, to assess the needs of disabled persons, and to assess the Portuguese policy in relation to the inclusion in the community of disabled persons. The assessments' result will serve as background document for DG REGIO in the formulation of its views on the respect of UNCRPD.	Portugal (five continental regions and two autonomous regions).	AMI List	Expert contract	
2019-155	Workshop on Cohesion Policy opportunities for Portuguese technological start-ups during the WebSummit in 2019	0,00	10.500,00	Websummit is the main event on web related aspects in Europe. DG COMM leads commission's participation in it. The event is a great opportunity to address hundreds of potential CP beneficiaries, especially (but not only) Portuguese start-ups and SMEs. DG COM will cover the costs for the EC stand. The workshops will have to be funded directly by the organising DGs.	The workshop will be coordinated in close cooperation with the OP Compete Managing Authority and has two main objectives: 1. Assist MS to deliver PC objectives, by showcasing the most suitable grants and financial products to a very innovative and technical audience, thus learning and meeting their needs and constraints 2. The workshop will also have a relevant impact at media level (the WebSummit has more than 70.000 attendees from 170 countries, 2.600 credited journalists) allowing to communicate to citizens about EU cohesion policy relevance to deliver EC political priorities	Mainly Portugal (but attendees will be from 170 different countries)	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-155bis	Workshop on Cohesion Policy opportunities for Portuguese technological start-ups during the WebSummit in 2019	0,00	4.500,00	Websummit is the main event on web related aspects in Europe. DG COMM leads commission's participation in it. The event is a great opportunity to address hundreds of potential CP beneficiaries, especially (but not only) Portuguese start-ups and SMEs. DG COM will cover the costs for the EC stand. The workshops will have to be funded directly by the organising DGs.	The workshop will be coordinated in close cooperation with the OP Compete Managing Authority and has two main objectives: 1. Assist MS to deliver PC objectives, by showcasing the most suitable grants and financial products to a very innovative and technical audience, thus learning and meeting their needs and constraints 2. The workshop will also have a relevant impact at media level (the WebSummit has more than 70.000 attendees from 170 countries, 2.600 credited journalists) allowing to communicate to citizens about EU cohesion policy relevance to deliver EC political priorities	Mainly Portugal (but attendees will be from 170 different countries)	Procurement	Meetings and Conferences	
2019-156	Grant to Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Presidenza del Consiglio dei ministri) to support the replication of project "Open Cohesion School" in other Member States	0,00	112.000,00	Support to the replication of Italian educational project "Open Cohesion School" in several Member States following DG REGIO call for expression of interest. "OpenCohesion School" is a unique practice at the EU level involving secondary school students in the monitoring of EU funded projects through the use of open data.	The action aims to increase awareness of the results and impact of cohesion policy and the EU as a whole among the young population, specifically high school students. It contributes to both priorities 3.1 and 3.2 of DG REGIO management plan (respectively 'Provide and report evidence on the effectiveness and EU added value of Cohesion Policy' and 'Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities').	5 Member States (Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Spain)	Grant	Communication and publication	TBC
2019-156bis	Grant to Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Presidenza del Consiglio dei ministri) to support the replication of project "Open Cohesion School" in other Member States	0,00	48.000,00	Support to the replication of Italian educational project "Open Cohesion School" in several Member States following DG REGIO call for expression of interest. "OpenCohesion School" is a unique practice at the EU level involving secondary school students in the monitoring of EU funded projects through the use of open data.	The action aims to increase awareness of the results and impact of cohesion policy and the EU as a whole among the young population, specifically high school students. It contributes to both priorities 3.1 and 3.2 of DG REGIO management plan (respectively 'Provide and report evidence on the effectiveness and EU added value of Cohesion Policy' and 'Communicate to citizens the results of Cohesion Policy programmes and their contribution to the delivery of Commission political priorities').	5 Member States (Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Spain)	Grant	Communication and publication	TBC
2019-157	Identification of key elements of innovation ecosystem within Agriculture Valley 4.0 in Podlaskie, including definition of strategic initiatives		0,00	The expert is requested to support the EC (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit F.3 - Poland) in the programming of the ERDF and CF support within the future policy objective 1 and/or elaboration of project concepts for the possible funding under current Regional Operational Programme or national OP.	An external expert's support is needed in order to support the MA in setting up the operational guidelines for the design of a business / operational model and a strategy for the development of a specialized regional innovation ecosystem of Agriculture Valley 4.0. The outcome of the subject study should be directly linked to the strategic initiatives identified by the experts in the area of innovative solutions applicable for the agri-food sector. The very practical part of it should be identification of individual projects (application of innovative solutions targeted to the European agriculture sector) that can be developed and implemented with use of the EU funding. Ideally, such projects should have adequate export potential and overall EU market orientation. Identification of such projects should allow managing authority of the Regional OP to start preparing project pipeline for post 2020 perspective.	The action will cover the Podlaskie region, however potential investments may go beyond the region and involve partners from other regions and/or abroad.	AMI List	Expert contract	

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