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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹ and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation')², and in particular Article 84(2),

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (hereinafter referred to as the 'Rules of Application')³, and in particular Article 94 thereof

Whereas:

- (1) Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down that "assistance may also be used to cover the costs of actions linked to preparation, follow-up, control, audit and evaluation directly necessary for the administration of the program and the attainment of its objectives," including "any other expenses for administrative and technical assistance of which the Commission can avail itself for the administration of the program".
- (2) This administrative and technical assistance is to be charged to appropriations available on budget line 13 01 04 02 - Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA): regional development component - Expenditure on administrative management.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94 of the Rules of Application, this Decision is a valid financing decision as it constitutes a sufficiently detailed framework,
- (4) This financing decision should allow also for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 92(6) of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (5) For the application of this decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application,

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The annual work programme for the use of administrative technical assistance at the initiative of or on behalf of the Commission for 2013 in the framework of component III of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2

In the budget year 2013, a maximum amount of EUR 5 116 000 may be committed on budget line 13 01 04 02 — Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA): regional development component — Expenditure on administrative management.

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific measures not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 2.5.2013

For the Commission
Johannes Hahn
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

IPA Fund – Budget line 13 010402

Planned date for launching the procedures: 1st quarter 2013

1. PROCUREMENT

1.1. Small-scale technical assistance (SSTA) for IPA component III - Ankara (Turkey); Skopje (fYRoM) and Podgorica (Montenegro)

Content	Objectives	Results	Initial proposed amount	Number of planned contracts	Concerned Services
Small-scale technical assistance (SSTA) for IPA component III - Ankara (Turkey); Skopje (fYROM); Podgorica (Montenegro)	To strengthen and enable the Delegations to perform the ex-ante control of IPA component III	Proper and timely management of ex-ante control of IPA implementation in the country	1 230 000	50	ELARG

1.2. Studies and Framework contract for TA of Major Projects

Content	Objectives	Results	Initial proposed amount	Number of planned contracts
To mobilize TA to assist the Unit in the appraisal of projects and in the verification of implementation (IPA Component III), as well as to prepare horizontal and sectoral studies	To mobilize TA to assist the Unit in the appraisal of projects and in the verification of implementation (IPA Component III), as well as to prepare horizontal and sectoral studies	Proper and timely management of IPA (project decisions) Up to date horizontal and sectoral assessments available	110 000	10 <i>use of the Multiple Framework Contract "in cascade" for technical assistance to major projects and associated policies (ERDF, CF, IPA)</i>

1.3. Support for policy and thematic issues through external expertise

Content	Objectives	Results	Initial proposed amount	Number of planned contracts
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Assessments in the field of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth	Assessments in the field of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth. This will additionally contribute to the preparation of future Cohesion Policy programmes	Discussion papers, participation in meetings, expertise on draft programming documents	80 000	5 (use of AMI List)
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2. SUBDELEGATION TO THE HEADS OF THE UNION DELEGATIONS IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

2.1. Supplementary support for Delegations in Ankara, Podgorica, Skopje, Zagreb, Belgrade and Tirana

Content	Objectives	Results	Initial proposed amount	Concerned Services
Support to delegations for payment of staff and their overheads	To strengthen and enable the delegations to: (i) perform their ex-ante control of IPA; (ii) support potential candidate countries in their preparations to IPA Regional development component.	Proper and timely management of ex-ante controls of IPA implementation in Candidate Countries; Proper and timely preparation for IPA Regional development in Potential candidate countries	3 696 000	Subdelegation to DG DEVCO, PMO