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ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 305 is amended as follows:

(1) Point **2. Grants** is amended as follows:

a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 43 608 284 of which EUR 32 050 599 will be financed on ERDF operational budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 11 557 685 will be financed on CF operational budget line 13 04 61 01."

b) In point **2.10**, in the table "Type of applicants targeted by the direct award", the first sentence is replaced by the following:

"The grant will be awarded to ANCT (Agence nationale de la cohésion des territoires)."

c) **Point 2.11** EUSALP Communication Strategy is deleted

d) **Point 2.12** Cultural Routes in Macro Regional Strategies - Routes4U is deleted

e) The following new points **2.15** and **2.16** are added

**"2.15 Global population projections by Degree of Urbanisation**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Beneficiaries will be organisations such as, but not exclusively, academic institutions and research organisations with experience and expertise in global spatial population projections.

Description of the activities to be funded under a call for proposals

Call for proposals for supporting the development of global spatial population projections using the definition of the Degree of Urbanisation, following the endorsement by the UN of this definition. These projections will be presented in the next UN World Urbanisation Prospects publication.

Implementation

This action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

**2.16 Measuring quality of judicial system in 7 Member States**

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the World Justice Project, an NGO that measures quality of the judicial system globally.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (f) of Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, i.e. awarded for activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the activities concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals

The aim of this grant is to ensure that seven Member States (Cyprus, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, and Slovakia) are included in the monitoring of the quality of the judicial system by the World Justice Project by co-financing the production of data on the rule of law in seven Member States and compare these results to the results of other countries in Europe and the world. It will increase the country coverage of the global report on rule of law produced by the World Justice Project. The grant constitutes a contribution to cover the expenses they make to collect data and report on it for the missing Member States. The method to measure the rule of law has been developed by the World Justice Project. It requires a high level of specialisation and technical competence to apply this method. Another organisation could not replicate this method and guarantee full comparability with the data produced for the other EU Member States. As a result, only the World Justice Project can do this work.

## Implementation

The grant will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

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(2) Point 4. **Procurement** is amended as follows:

a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts under this work programme is EUR 41 023 761 of which EUR 31 354 997 will be financed on ERDF operational budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 9 668 764 will be financed on CF operational budget line 13 04 61 01."

(3) Point 5. **Actions implemented in indirect management** is amended as follows:

a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions to be implemented under indirect management in 2020 is EUR 11 370 000 of which EUR 9 150 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 2 220 000 will be supported from CF operational budget line 13 04 61 01."

b) In **point 5.1**, the table "Description" is replaced by the following:

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- Catching-up Regions Initiative in Slovakia:

The project will finance actions 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. It is focused on providing additional support and targeted technical assistance to competent authorities in implementing their investment strategies/projects in the 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 programming periods with a view to ensure that Cohesion Policy investments achieve their full impact in terms of growth and job creation. The project is a continuation of ongoing support since 2018.

- Public sector human resource diagnostics

Continuation of a four-year project to measure human resources and productivity in the public sector.

- Sub-national doing business

This concerns the latest instalment to fund the sub-national doing business reports. DG REGIO and the World Bank are working together to produce these sub-national doing business reports for each Member State with a population of at least 4 million inhabitants. The (sub-)national doing business surveys measure the costs of business regulations in countries and regions to firms. The survey looks at factors such as ease of setting up a company, paying taxes, obtaining planning permission etc.

- Transition into Functional Areas (FA) – Pilot

An FA is an area/region that operates as a single system in political, social and economic terms. An integrated territorial development pilot action will provide hands on support to authorities interested in following a functional area approach. It will recognise and assist the authorities with complex challenges that FAs face, and increasing effectiveness and efficiency of public investments with supported by EU Funds. It aims to help authorities to address difficulties in setting up and operationalising a functional area approach in the context of the Cohesion policy. The pilot will build on experience from 'Catching-up and Coal Regions in transition' pilots.

- Assessment of implementation of de-institutionalisation through ESI Funds

European Structural Investment Funds (ESI Funds) can support infrastructures, services and other activities in order to meet the needs of vulnerable groups, such as persons with disabilities, children, psychiatric patients and elderly. In this context, the ESI Funds promote de-institutionalisation in the Member States, supporting the transition from institutional to family and community-based care, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

The study will provide an analysis of the implementation of ESI Funds in this area for the period 2014-2020 in all the Member States. The report will draw conclusions and provide recommendations, specifically aimed at improving the implementation of ESI Funds in the field of de-institutionalisation in the period 2021-2027.

- Support to small and medium urban areas

The action will provide support for the negotiations of the appropriate mix of interventions to fund through the ERDF in small and medium urban areas. It will help and assist managing authorities to properly tackle the specificities of small and medium urban areas, which face similar challenges as larger cities, but are less equipped to respond effectively to them because of the limited size of their economies and human capital, poor connectivity, outdated infrastructure and limited administrative capacity.

- COVID-19 regional enterprise survey

The COVID-19 regional enterprise survey will assess the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and the lockdown on companies. The World Bank will contact companies three times.

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c) In **point 5.2**, the first bullet point "Transition into Functional Areas (FA) – Pilot" is deleted.

(4) Point **9. Other actions or expenditure** is amended as follows:

a) In point **9.1 Experts contracts – AMI list**, the table "Amount" is replaced by the following:

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EUR 2 306 250 of which EUR 1 799 700 will be financed from ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 506 550 will be financed from CF budget line 13 04 61 01.

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b) In point **9.2 Administrative agreements with the JRC**, the table "Amount" is replaced by the following:

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EUR 5 250 000 of which EUR 4 380 000 will be financed from ERDF budget line 13 03 65 01 and EUR 870 000 will be financed from CF budget line 13 04 61 01.

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In point **9.2 Administrative agreements with the JRC**, the table "Description" is replaced by the following:

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This action covers the administrative agreements to be concluded with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) on topics related to statistics and data collection, evaluation and technical and other administrative assistance to Member States and other/ third countries:

- URBADEV project
- RHOMOLO regional economic modelling
- Analysing and visualising regional and urban data
- Supporting the global definition of cities and rural areas
- Smart Specialisation Platform

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