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ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359 is amended as follows:

(1) The table under **Legal bases** is replaced by the following:

"Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, and in particular Article 35 thereof.

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Articles 58(2) and 92a thereof."

(2) 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 47 530 000 of which EUR 24 580 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05 02 02 00; EUR 19 350 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05 02 05 02-NGEU and EUR 3 600 000 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05 03 02 00."

b) In point **2.1**, the title is replaced by the following:

"Contribution to Media Pluralism: call for partnership for media"

c) In point **2.2**, the title is replaced by the following:

"Contribution to Media Pluralism: EU and cohesion policy course for journalism schools"

d) In point **2.5**, the title is replaced by the following:

"29th Homologues Group Meeting"

e) In point **2.5**, the table "Type of applicants targeted by the direct award" is replaced by the following:

"Because of the treatment and exchange of confidential and sensitive information during the meeting of the Homologues Group between the representatives of the Ministries of Finance of the Member States, the European Court of Auditors and the European Commission, the organisation of this meeting is limited to the national bodies of control and audit. These entities have decided to designate annually the body amongst them that will ensure the organisation of the next meeting. The 29th Homologues Group meeting was originally scheduled for 2020, then postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 and ultimately postponed again to 2022.

The grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (c) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, i.e. awarded to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly or to bodies designated

by Member States, under their responsibility, where those Member States are in a de jure or de facto monopoly situation."

- f) In point **2.5**, in the table "Description of the activities", the phrase "the 30th Annual Meeting" is replaced by "the 29th Annual Meeting".
- g) Point 2.10 Seed funding for targeted mainstreaming of Integrity Pacts is deleted
- h) The following new points **2.13**, **2.14**, **2.15** and **2.16** are added:

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Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Land of Tyrol, capitalising on results achieved with ongoing initiatives such as the EUSALP Youth Camp, EUSALP online platform and the "Pitch Your Project" contest while at the same time continuing the successful work and ensuring a transition towards mainstreaming via a technical support structure (TSS).

The Land of Tyrol has experienced administrative and personnel capacity which is rare amongst other regions. This has in the past guaranteed very good results and can ensure successful implementation of this project.

The grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (f) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, 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.

Description of the activities

The grant will finance administrative and technical support to ongoing initiatives EUSALP Youth Camp, EUSALP online platform, "Pitch Your Project" contest. It will also support the start of the new EUSALP Youth Council.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

2.14 Project support EUSALP

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Land of Salzburg, based on its extensive experience in managing exactly this type of action. As hosting organisation, Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat of the Alpine Space Programme, the Land of Salzburg is perfectly set-up to ensure coherence between programme and strategy.

The Land of Salzburg has the staff capacity dedicated to exactly this type of project. This simplifies coordinating with the programme to avoid double financing and increases coherence. This staff has experience and access to the practices the Land of Salzburg developed in accordance with their administrative requirements.

The grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (f) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, 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.

Description of the activities

The grant will support EUSALP Action Groups in implementing their work plans and establishing economic and social cooperation in the Alpine macro-region.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

2.15 Support for the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine to provide support for the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) during the Ukrainian Presidency of the Strategy that will take place from November 2021 until October 2022.

Ukraine is the first ever non-EU, non-IPA country to take over the Presidency of an EU macro-regional strategy. This sends a very important signal of commitment towards the EUSDR and towards good relations with the European Union in a time of escalating tensions in the European neighbourhood. That is why it is crucial for the Ukrainians to prepare well for the task in order to be able to carry out its obligations with success.

The Presidency of the EUSDR is selected after submitting the written application from the interested participating state(s) and through a written procedure of voting by the Strategy's stakeholders (states). On 17 February 2021, under the Slovak Presidency of the EUSDR, it has been unanimously decided by the EUSDR participating states that Ukraine should chair the EUSDR. The EUSDR Presidency is always performed by the chosen state, with support from the former and future presiding state (The Trio).

The grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (c) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, i.e. awarded to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly or to bodies designated by Member States, under their responsibility, where those Member States are in a de jure or de facto monopoly situation.

Description of the activities

The grant will help the Ukrainian administration to carry out the activities of the Presidency of the EUSDR in the context of the European Green Deal, the digital transformation and the COVID-19 recovery, together with the priorities of embedding, strengthening the role of civil society (including youth) in the implementation of the EUSDR and monitoring and evaluation of the impact of the Strategy. The grant will also help to reinforce and secure the institutional and administrative capacity of their national administration.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO.

2.16 EUSAIR 4 Youth

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Municipality of Durrës as member of the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC), a strong network of municipalities within seven countries of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region. Within this network, the Municipality of Durrës contributes to the direct purpose to promote the objectives of the EUSAIR and benefits from macro-regional cooperation, strengthened experience, capability and capacities to conduct and promote projects in the intended shape and scope. The body in question has also proven its capability and capacity in various Interreg projects of transnational or IPA CBC programmes in the 2007-2013 and the 2014-2020 programming periods, implementing projects exceeding the budget foreseen for this grant. The activity is a follow up of the Adriatic and Ionian Games for Social Inclusion organised by the FAIC in Ancona in 2018. Therefore, the Municipality of Durrës will lead the FAIC in the organisation of this event, building on the already acquired experience and will involve young people from the Adriatic and Ionian cities. The event will take place in the framework of the EUSAIR Albanian presidency and will be connected to "Tirana European Youth Capital 2022". The gained knowledge and administrative capacity to coordinate and manage the two projects coupled with the EUSAIR specific knowledge will ensure the successful implementation of this grant.

The grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (c) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, i.e. awarded to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly or to bodies designated by Member States, under their responsibility, where those Member States are in a de jure or de facto monopoly situation.

Description of the activities

The grant will finance two activities:

"EUSAIR, inclusion through sport": it capitalises on the Adriatic Ionian Games for Social Inclusion that took place in 2018 in Ancona financed by the ERASMUS+ programme. Youth involvement is becoming a key priority in the EUSAIR. The action aims at raising awareness among the young generation about the added values of the EUSAIR and at reinforcing the sense of Adriatic Ionian Community through the organisation of a sports event for young people coming from nine EUSAIR countries.

"Student political EUSAIR paper competition 2022": the voices of young people are critical to shaping the future, especially in the EUSAIR region. Through an open competition, groups of students (from different EU and Western Balkan universities) will be invited to put forward their views and wishes regarding the future of EUSAIR in ways that are clear, engaging and interesting so that the people reading their paper are able to decide what the possible future of EUSAIR should be. The competition winner will be invited for a study visit in 2022 to EU institutions in Brussels.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO."

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

a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2021 is EUR 81 818 752 of which EUR 44 826 156 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05 02 02 00; EUR 30 368 478 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05 02 05 02-NGEU and EUR 6 624 118 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05 03 02 00."

b) In **point 4.1**, the following sentence is added to the table "General description of the contracts envisaged": "Development and procurement of IT solutions will be subjected to the endorsement of the European Commission Information Technology and Cybersecurity Board following the IT governance process established in the European Commission."

(4) 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 2021 is EUR 71 970 000 of which EUR 23 008 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05 02 02 00; EUR 44 885 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05 02 05 02-NGEU and EUR 4 077 000 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05 03 02 00."

b) In **point 5.2**, the following bullet point is added to the table "Description":

"- Support to development of capacity for interregional innovation investments (I3)

The action will finance the setting up and implementation of a framework through which dedicated and tailor-made capacity building support can be provided to partnerships under strand 2 of the I3 instrument (support for less developed regions)."

- c) In **point 5.4**, the first bullet point "Identifying new types of financial products to support enterprises for the green and digital transitions as well as the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis" is deleted.

(5) 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:

"The amount of EUR 2 619 600 of which EUR 889 250 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05 02 02 00; EUR 1 544 005 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05 02 05 02-NGEU and EUR 186 345 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05 03 02 00."

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

"The amount of EUR 4 030 000 of which EUR 2 269 500 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05 02 02 00; EUR 1 351 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05 02 05 02-NGEU and EUR 409 500 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05 03 02 00."

- c) In point **9.2 Administrative agreements with the JRC**, the the following bullet point is added to the table "Description":

"- Support for the development of business plans for the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) and Centres of Competence (CoCs) in Bulgaria (JRC).

Technical support to the Bulgarian authorities and DG REGIO in the preparation of tendering procedure, ToR and selection of the external service provider (including participation to the evaluation committee). The external service provider will be hired by the Bulgarian authorities through their own TA. JRC will also provide strategic direction in close liaison with REGIO to the activities of the contractor throughout the delivery process and support REGIO in controlling the quality of and approving the interim and final deliverables (most notably the actual Business Plans). JRC can also help the dissemination of the results in a jointly organised event in mid-2023."