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ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 748 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 in 2022 is estimated at EUR 11 599 569 of which EUR 8 222 069 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200; EUR 2 125 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05.020502-NGEU and EUR 1 252 500 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05.030200."

b) Points **2.2 Contribution to Media Pluralism: EU and cohesion policy course for journalism schools** (change of implementation mode to procurement) and **2.3 Eurostat Regional public investment** (ESTAT surplus of funds) are deleted.

c) Point **2.8** is replaced by the following:

"2.8 Introduction and setting up of Integrity Pacts (IPs) in ITIs in Danube Delta

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to Transparency International.

Transparency International EU is unique in their experience with the multiple waves of their Corruption Perception survey in the EU and with national chapters in virtually all EU Member States. It is this combination of expertise, national network with long experience in this specific topic and a politically neutral position that makes them the only suitable organisation for this grant.

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 fund the inclusion of a pilot IP in the implementation of Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) mechanisms in the Danube Delta in order to monitor and supervise procurement and project selection processes hence reducing the potential risks of irregularities and corruption.

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d) The following new points **2.10, 2.11, 2.12** and **2.13** are added:

"2.10 Danube Youth Council Pilot Action

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to EuroVienna EU-consulting & -management ltd.

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administrative powers, on condition that the activities concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

EuroVienna was established in 2007 as a company with limited liability owned by the Wien Holding, 99.9% of which is owned by the City of Vienna. As affiliated entity to the City of Vienna, EuroVienna is a key-partner in the implementation of EU projects and initiatives of the City, in particular for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). Since the very beginning of the EUSDR in 2014, EuroVienna has been involved in the implementation of the Strategy mainly by supporting the Vienna-based Priority Area Coordination Office dealing with Institutional Capacity and Cooperation (PA10). The management of the EUSDR pilot initiatives START Danube Region Project Fund and the Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects (TAF-DRP) has given EuroVienna a solid insight into the reality of management of EU funds.

Description of the activities

The establishment of a Danube Youth Council (DYC) will support the mainstreaming of youth policies in the EUSDR governance and participating states. The objective of the DYC is to serve as a catalyst for dynamic exchange and learning processes between EUSDR core stakeholders and young people from the Danube Region. The DYC will further support EUSDR communication and serve as a platform for capacity building and cooperation for young people in the Danube Region. Two young persons between 18 and 29 years old from each Danube Region country will take seat in the DYC.

The planned activities to be funded aim at a general and full support of creating and launching the Danube Youth Council. The scope of actions includes:

- Danube Youth Camp 1 and 2;
- Participation at the 11th EUSDR Annual Forum in Ukraine;
- DYC participation at European Youth Conference 2022 in Tirana;
- DYC participation at EUSDR core stakeholder meetings (NC, NC-PAC and PAC meetings);
- DYC participation at Young Bled Strategic Forum;
- Participation at international events relevant for the DYC;
- Optional: DYC participation at the EUSDR Annual Forum 2023, should the EUSDR Annual Forum 2022 not be held.

Implementation

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2.11 Support to EUSALP 2022 Italian Presidency

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano. These two regions hold the current Presidency of the European Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) by political agreement among the partner countries of the EUSALP.

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

During the Italian Presidency of the EUSALP, the three following activities will be financed:

1) the organisation of the EUSALP Annual Forum: the 6th EUSALP Annual Forum 2022 closing the Italian EUSALP Presidency 2022, will take place from the 22nd till the 25th of November 2022 in Trento. Next to thematic sessions on EUSALP cross-cutting themes and policy areas for Action Groups, the Annual Forum will also include the EUSALP General Assembly, the Trio MRS Presidency meeting and other events to take stock of the achievements and look forward. The Commissioner as well as high-level

political representatives are invited.

2) Citizen's initiative on energy poverty: the aim of this initiative is to encourage citizens' debate on energy poverty. The discussion will be focusing on the concept of energy communities and what role they can play in the energy transformation in general and in addressing the negative economic effects connected to energy poverty in particular. Representatives from energy communities and experts from energy policies will be invited to join the stakeholder debates in order to transfer good practices i.e. in the field of investment activation, community management as well as technical and regulatory aspects. The results of these debates (taking place July/ September) will be included in a report with conclusions and recommendations that will be presented during the Annual EUSALP Energy Conference 2022 (October, Bolzano/Bozen).

3) Promotion of good practices linked to energy poverty: promotion of good practices of citizens' participation in the field of renewable energy roll-out in the EUSALP territory, including e.g. promotional online video material to present good practices in this context.

Implementation

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2.12 The impact of Cohesion Policy 2021-2027 in Romania

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Non-profit association "1001 valises" (Producer & Director: Nicolas Wieërs).

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.

"1001 valises" organises the "Balkan Trafik Festival" since 2006 as a multi-artistic festival aiming at strengthening the relations between the Western Balkan countries and the EU. To achieve that goal, Balkan Trafik brings together communities from South-Eastern European countries in Brussels to organise artistic events, international debates, while stressing the positive impact of EU policies in the Balkan countries and informing about their culture.

The event "Balkan Trafik of Cultures", organised by the Non-profit association "1001 valises", is considered as a strategic platform where the role and impact of Cohesion Policy funds in Romania can be promoted further. The association, and specifically its Balkan Trafik festival, has been supported by DG REGIO in the context of Interreg (see <https://www.balkantrafik.com/explore-the-festival/project-collaborations/>).

The already recognised visibility and excellent results of the event, resulting from the expertise and network of the NGO in organising it since 2006, as well as its objective to promote the integration between Balkan countries, including Romania, and the European Union, represent a key opportunity for the European Commission/DG REGIO to reach a relevant and wider audience of stakeholders to whom to further communicate about Cohesion Policy.

In this context, the unique profile of the Non-profit association "1001 valises" in the organisation of such large scale event, its credibility, and the excellent results achieved so far, justify the exception provided in Article 95(f) of the Financial Regulation for the direct award of the grant without the organisation of the call for proposals.

Description of the activities

- The organisation of the debate with Romanian stakeholders on the positive impact of Cohesion Policy in Romania entails the organisation of thematic sessions with potentially relevant stakeholders (Civil Society Organisations, youth, social partners etc.) on:
 - the functioning of Cohesion Policy and related opportunities for funding in Romania;
 - the role of the European Commission and DG REGIO;
 - the presentation of examples of successful projects in Romania implemented with Cohesion

Policy funds.

- The participation of some Romanian artists to the Balkan Traffic Festival will be sponsored to involve them (e.g. as spokespersons) in the thematic sessions for the discussions on and the promotion of the positive impact of Cohesion Policy in Romania. The objective is to capitalise on the increased attention of the public (attending the event) on the Romanian artists – resulting from their artistic performance during the festival, as well as on artists’ existing visibility – to contribute to raise interest in the topic of Cohesion Policy.
- Representation of artists would reflect geographic and social diversity of Romania. During the sessions, the artists will present their first-hand experience and their views of the EU contribution in the development of Romania.

Implementation

This Action will be implemented directly by DG REGIO

2.13 YOUSAIR - Young People for EUSAIR

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The grant will be awarded to the Municipality of Ancona (in cooperation with the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities, the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce and the Adriatic Ionian University Network - UniADRION).

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.

The action builds on the Adriatic Ionian Games for Social Inclusion (financed by ERASMUS+) already implemented by the municipality of Ancona in cooperation with the abovementioned partnership. They have the expertise to efficiently implement the project and together represent a wide range of Adriatic and Ionian stakeholders (Universities, cities and chambers of commerce) that no other organisation can represent. Furthermore, the secretariat of the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian cities has its seat in the Municipality of Ancona. This facilitates the contact and involvement with many Adriatic Ionian cities and stakeholders.

Description of the activities

The project will take stock of the best practice experience of the AI Youth Games and enlarge their scope. It will contribute to recommendations n°5 on Macro-Regional Strategies and n°6 on communication of the *Manifesto for Young People by Young People to Shape the European Cooperation Policy*.

The action is divided into three activities dedicated to young Adriatic Ionian people (15 to 30 years):

- 1) Adriatic and Ionian Macro Region Youth Games (Sport and climate change, environmental awareness)
- 2) EUSAIR Boat Camp (Trainings for young people on sustainability and fostering their participation in the EUSAIR decision-making processes)
- 3) EUSAIR express - Youth Ambassadors (discovering the region and communicating on the EUSAIR)

Implementation

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2) In **Point 3. Prizes** the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The global budgetary envelope reserved for contests in 2022 is estimated at EUR 345 000 to be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200."

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 2022 is estimated at EUR 90 527 760 of which EUR 50 257 775 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200; EUR 33 308 412 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05.020502-NGEU and EUR 6 961 573 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05.030200."

b) In **point 4.1**, the table "Implementation" is replaced by the following:

"Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *Audit* will be co-delegated to DG EMPL via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, to contribute to the ARACHNE project that is developing, testing and implementing a risk scoring tool.

Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *Communication and Publications* will be co-delegated to the Publications Office via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for publications and printing services; another part will be co-delegated to DG COMM via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for contributions to the Corporate Communication, a third part will be delegated to DG CNECT via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, as a contribution to the Kohesio project and a last part will be delegated to DG RTD via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, as a contribution to the Europe Day.

Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *IT* will be co-delegated to DIGIT via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for corporate IT services and for some services not covered by corporate baseline services; another part will be co-delegated to DG BUDG via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for ABAC DBD links; another part will be co-delegated to DG EMPL via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for IT audit tool MAPAR and to contribute to SFC Front Office.

Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *Meetings and conferences* will be co-delegated to

DG SCIC via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for the organisation of conferences; another part will be co-delegated to RTD via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for the organisation of the Bauhaus festival and a third part will be co-delegated to DG AGRI via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for the support to the Rural Pact conference.

Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *Statistics and Data Collection* will be co-delegated to DG ESTAT via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for access to road network data and regional boundaries data.

Part of the procurement budget dedicated to *Technical and other administrative assistance to Member States* will be co-delegated to DG AGRI via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for running the Brussels based Facility for Broadband Competence Offices; another part will be co-delegated to DG NEAR via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments, for participation in the TAIEX-REGIO Peer 2 Peer scheme.

The procurement budget dedicated to *translations* will be co-delegated to DG DGT via a co-delegation Type II, according to the Commission Decision of 11 March 2021 amending Decision C(2020) 29 on the Internal Rules on the implementation of the general budget of the European Union (European Commission section) for the attention of the Commission departments."

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 2022 is estimated at EUR 65 710 000 of which EUR 31 392 500 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200; EUR 28 212 500 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05.020502-NGEU and EUR 6 105 000 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05.030200."

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

"- Report on subnational disparities

This action will produce a report on how income differences between cities, towns and rural areas change as a country develops and how policy can facilitate a balanced development process while maximizing national growth.

- Support to accelerate digital and green transition under REACT

This action will support the set-up of a technical assistance facility with the World Bank to provide rapid support to Member States in areas where there is scope to improve or scale up existing capacity. The work will focus on adapting and/or scaling up existing schemes, greening/digitalising support to SMEs and accelerating expenditure in areas, which have been slowed during the crisis.

- Catching-up region initiative (CuRI) in Slovakia

This action identifies constraints to growth in the three least developed regions of the country and provides hands-on technical assistance for unlocking their development potential. It provides a tailor-made support for the investments related to Cohesion Policy funds.

- The green transition in less developed regions

This action will develop analytical tools and policy recommendations with regard to opportunities of the green transition in less developed regions.

- Business environment study

This action will measure the quality of the business environment in EU regions. It will aim to produce quantitative indicators of the business of environment at the regional or urban level.

- Analytical support for Policy Objectives (WB, OECD, JRC)

This action will provide 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 and connectivity.

- Functional areas in the EU

The action aims to provide tailor-made technical support on the ground to selected functional areas (FA) to enhance their capacity to plan, finance and implement across jurisdictional boundaries public investments supported by EU funds. Through this action, the World Bank (WB) in cooperation with national and local authorities will also develop a methodological toolkit that will offer set of tools for other FA in the EU.

- Study on the development and implementation of framework for monitoring and evaluation of Smart Sustainable Specialisation (S3)

The action would extend the ongoing agreement with The World Bank on supporting monitoring and evaluation and impact evaluation for smart specialisation and will allow two more regions/MS in developing full impact evaluations of their future calls under the Operational Programmes linked to S3.

- Facility for TA to Municipalities: Sustainable Urban Development strategies for urban ITIs

The initiative is considered a pilot activity to test hands-on approaches to capacity building in both improving the quality of strategies, plans and projects and accelerating implementation. The focus will be on a limited set of municipalities and support actions will contribute to the preparation or revision of sustainable urban development strategies. According to the specific needs or development priorities of each city further specific thematic support would be provided to include themes such as sustainable urban transport, greening of urban spaces, energy efficiency, digitalisation and smart cities, business environment and SME development."

c) In **point 5.2**, the following bullet point is added in the table "description":

"- Placed based policies

The action will finance the preparation of position papers and organisation of workshops on place-based policies"

d) In **point 5.5**, the following bullet point is added in the table "description":

"- Implementing the Degree of Urbanisation

This action will help developing countries to apply the degree of urbanisation and produce Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators by degree of urbanisation."

e) Point **5.6 Cooperation with an international organisation** is deleted

f) A new point **5.6 Cooperation with an International Financial Institution** is added:

"5.6 Cooperation with an International Financial Institution

Implementing entity

The action will be implemented by an International Organisation that best fulfils the requirements for the implementation of this action, as defined by Article 156 of the Financial Regulation. These requirements are a.o. experience with financial instruments and EU-wide reach/ network. It will be verified that the entity envisaged to implement this action fulfils the legal requirements and complies with applicable conditions to work under indirect management mode.

Description

- Effect of the FIs on SMEs competitiveness and the eco-system

Support to revenue-generating or costs-saving investments should be mainly done through financial instruments. The study will support the implementation of financial instruments in the Member States and will prepare evidence for the use of FIs in post-2027 period at national and regional level.

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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:

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The amount in 2022 is estimated at EUR 1 703 100 of which EUR 1 001 735 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200; EUR 574 000 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line REACT-EU 05.020502-NGEU and EUR 127 365 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05.030200.

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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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The amount in 2022 is estimated at EUR 8 300 000 of which EUR 5 787 500 will be supported from ERDF operational budget line 05.020200; EUR 1 530 000 will be supported from ERDF operational

budget line REACT-EU 05.020502-NGEU and EUR 982 500 will be supported from Cohesion Fund operational budget line 05.030200.

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

"- RHOMOLO

This action will finance the development and maintenance of the regional economic model RHOMOLO."