



DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies and the preparatory action " Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers" for 2014

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SUMMARY

DG EMPL's 2014 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision

This draft Implementing Decision constitutes DG EMPL's 2014 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision. It determines the essential details of the actions which will involve expenditure from the 2014 budget, and its purpose is to allow selection procedures to be launched so that individual decisions on the award of grants and contracts can be taken from the beginning of 2014.

This draft Implementing Decision relates to the following budget lines:

- 04 03 01 01: Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives
- 04 03 01 03: Free movement of workers, coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries
- 04 03 01 04: Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demographics and the family
- 04 03 01 05: Information and training measures for workers' organisations
- 04 03 01 06: Information, consultation and participation of representatives undertakings
- 04 03 01 08: Industrial relations and social dialogue
- 04 03 11: European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
- 04 03 12: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- 04 03 77 09: Preparatory Action: Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers

The appropriations available under these budget lines will be used for:

- awarding grants (including to bodies with a *de jure* monopoly, such as the Member States holding the Presidency of the Union, for the cofinancing of conferences in DG EMPL's fields of activity);
- public procurement;
- implementation of operations by international organisations through indirect management; and
- granting of subdelegations to other DGs for actions of common benefit.

The Annex to the draft Implementing Decision sets out, for each budget line concerned, the details of the various actions scheduled by DG EMPL for 2014.

ANNEX I**Programme for Prerogatives and Specific Competencies – Work programme for 2014****1.1 Introduction**

On the basis of the objectives given in the legal basis mentioned under the different appropriations this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- - for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): 44.600.000 euros
- - for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.): non-applicable
- - for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): 8.272.000 euros
- - for actions implemented under indirect management (1.5): non-applicable
- - for Financial instruments (1.6): non-applicable
- - for other actions (1.7): 34.292.900 euros

Any actions under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

1.2 Grants**04 03 01 03**

Legal Basis:

- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Articles 45 and 48 thereof.
- Council Regulation (EEC) no. 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement of workers within the Community, codified as Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of 5 April 2011 (OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p.2 and OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p.1).
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of 14 June 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community (OJ L 149, 5.7.1971, p.2).
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 of 21 March 1972 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to their families moving within the Community (OJ L 74, 27.3.1972, p.1).
- Council Directive 98/49/EC of 29 June 1998 on safeguarding the supplementary pension rights of employed and self-employed persons moving within the Community (OJ L 209, 25.7.1998, p. 46).
- Council Regulation (EC) No 859/2003 of 14 May 2003 extending the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by those provisions solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 124,

20.5.2003, p.1).

- Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 166, 30.4.2004, p.1).
- Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16. September 2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 284, 30.10.2009, p.1).
- Regulation (EU) No 1231/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 extending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by these Regulations solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 344, 29.12.2010, p.1).

Budget line: 04 03 01 03- Free movement of workers, co-ordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries

1.2.1 EESSI Pool of Excellence

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Award of the second specific grant
Development of EESSI pilot trials and testing - Increase Member States' capacity to connect to the EESSI environment

Description of the activities to be funded by the specific grant directly awarded under framework partnership:

Evaluation of proposal and award of the second specific grant under the Framework Partnership Agreement No 30-CE-059573000-51, coordinated by Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale and concluded with 12 further partners in 2013.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria: n/a

Selection criteria: n/a

Award criteria:

Coherence of the annual activity plan with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement; The extent to which the proposed activities take into consideration the current priorities of the EESSI project and respond to actual needs relevant for the period concerned; The added value and relevance at European level of the activities proposed as well their dissemination and availability to all countries involved in EESSI; The clarity and feasibility of the annual activity plan, including time-table and methodology and in particular its capacity to achieve the planned objectives; The quality, efficiency and feasibility of the work organisation including a clear description of the allocation of human resources in relation to the individual tasks or activities; The financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the actions proposed.

Implementation: Direct implementation By the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q4

Indicative amount: €2.500.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

1.2.2 Presidency conference on EESSI roll-out

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Organisation of one conference

Awareness rising on the development of the EESSI project - Imminent need to stimulate Member State's efforts related to EESSI

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP

A conference on the roll-out of EESSI (Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information) to be organised under the Italian Presidency in the 2nd semester 2014. This conference, highly political in nature and needing representation at highest level both from national authorities and European representatives, is to be organised exclusively by the Member State holding the Presidency.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the list of priorities agreed between the respective Presidency and the Directorate-General and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Direct implementation By the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2

Indicative amount: €250.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

04 03 01 04

Legal Basis:

- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 159 and 161 thereof.

Budget line: 04 03 01 04 - Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demographics and the family

1.2.3 Network on Long Term Care

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The purpose of this call is to bring together institutes and agencies capable of providing policy makers with advice on the best possible use of scarce financial resources, and to coordinate their work.

Relevant for SIP implementation - The ability of Member States to provide adequate long-term care services for their ageing populations will depend in particular on smart investments in prevention, rehabilitation, age-friendly environments, assistive technologies and better care practices. However, there is insufficient evidence on which of these measures are most cost-effective.

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

This call for proposals aims at establishing a network on quality and cost-effective in long-term care and dependency prevention. Output: Guide/manual/tool kits

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility of the applicant:

Applicants must:

- Be a properly constituted and registered legal person, having their registered office in one of the

member States of the EU at the time of the submission of the application under the call;

- Lead applicants in charge of coordinating the action must be a public institution specialised in evaluating measures aimed at reducing the need for long-term care or enhancing the efficiency of long-term care delivery; private not-for profit institutions may also be eligible as lead applicant if they regularly work for public authorities on these issues and if they have been expressly mandated in writing by the competent national authority to assume responsibility for the implementation of the action;

- Co-applicants can be any type of non-profit organisation, including international organisations.

Eligibility of the proposals:

The proposal submitted for funding must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- the proposed activity must fit in with the activities detailed in this call for proposals;
- must seek funding only for activities carried out in Member States of the EU;
- must be an international partnership presented by at least 5 applicants established in at least 5 Member States.

Selection criteria: Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicant must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicant must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria: The grants will be awarded following an assessment of the proposals on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the general objectives of the call for proposals;
- Potential impact on better policies in the participating countries;
- Overall quality of the proposal in terms of its methodology, the partners involved and the work programme;
- Relevance of the proposal for other countries and the EU policy debate;
- Sound cost- effectiveness ratio and financial quality of the proposal.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2

Indicative amount: €1.000.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

1.2.4 Applying human rights standard in residential care settings for older people (Cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

Financial support to explore how effective protection human rights can be ensured in residential care settings and to develop practical tools, notably for care staff. Analysis of, studies on and awareness raising in connection with the social situation, demographics and the family - The growing number of older people in need of care raises issues of quality of care and of monitoring and protecting the fundamental rights of frail older people. The European Group of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) brings together administrative bodies set up to protect or monitor human rights. It is recognised by the United Nations as the representative organisation of NHRIs in Europe. Financial support will be given to the European Group to explore, in a number of countries, how an effective protection of human rights can be ensured in residential care settings, and to develop practical tools notably for care staff.

Description of the activities to be funded awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP

Financial support to explore how an effective protection of human rights can be ensured in residential care settings and to develop practical tools notably for care staff.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities of the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative amount: €400.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

1.2.5 Grants for the organisation of Presidency Events concerning Social situation, demography and family policy

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The Presidency events will focus on MISSOC (Mutual Information System on Social Protection).

The form, topic and expected results are established by the Presidency in agreement with the Commission

Description of the activities to be funded awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article 190 RAP

Organisation of Presidency events, such as conferences, seminars, workshops is funded by the Commission through grants.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives and the priorities for the year and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2 and Q4

Indicative amount: €300.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80%

04 03 01 05

Legal basis:

- Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union pursuant to articles 154

Budget line: 04 03 01 05 – Information and training measures for workers' organisations

1.2.6 Call for proposals on Information and training measures for workers' organisations

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

- Stronger contribution by workers' organisations to the overarching challenges facing European employment and social policy as laid down in the Europe 2020 Strategy and within the context of EU initiatives to address the consequences of the economic crisis;
- Improved skills for workers' representatives for European social dialogue, better understanding of issues discussed through European social dialogue, sharing of ideas/experience on European social dialogue as well as improving the capacity of workers' organisations.

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

Financed measures include: conferences, seminars, round tables, studies, surveys, publications, training measures, training tools, the setting up of networks and the development and exchange of best practices.

The Union funding per project will not be less than EUR 108.000.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible,

- The lead applicant must be a social partner organisation representing workers at European, national or regional level;
- The lead applicant must have its registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Co-applicants must have their registered office in one of the Member States or Candidate Countries;
- Applicants must be properly constituted and registered legal persons. In application of article 131 of the Financial Regulation, workers' organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met.

To be eligible, actions must:

- Be linked to the objectives of the call for proposals;
- Be fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union or the Candidate Countries;
- Have co-applicants, affiliated entities or associate organisations from more than one Member State and/or Candidate Country in the case of proposals which are not submitted by a European level workers' organisation;
- Have genuine involvement, i.e. as co-applicant or associate organisation, from a European-level social partner organisation, if they are submitted by a national organisation.

National capacity-building activities which could be funded under the European Social Fund are not eligible.

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary (the verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- The extent to which the action meets the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals;
- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The quality of the consortium and broader partnership, including the degree of involvement and

commitment at the application stage of the social partners/stakeholders in the action;

- The extent to which the action contributes to the priorities, activities or results of European social dialogue;
- The added value, i.e. the lasting impact and/or multiplier effect of the action;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The arrangements to publicise the action and disseminate the results, including the quality and/or innovativeness of dissemination plans;
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation.

Implementation: Directly by the DG
Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1
Indicative amount: €4.140.000
Maximum co-financing rate: 90%.

1.2.7 Support to the Trade Union Institutes ETUI and EZA

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support for the work programmes of the two specific trade union institutes, ETUI (European Trade Union Institute) and EZA (European Centre for Workers' Questions), which have been established to facilitate capacity building through training and research at European level, as well as to improve the degree of involvement of workers' representatives in European governance.

Description of the activities to be funded by the specific grants directly awarded under a framework partnership

Operating grants in accordance with the Framework Agreement. Support for the work programmes of the two specific trade union institutes.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria: The Commission concluded, in 2006 and 2010, four-year framework partnership agreements with two specific trade union institutes with a view to establishing a long term cooperation. The Commission, taking duly into account the important contribution of these institutes in the field of trade union training, information and research, as well as the positive experience of previous cooperation with them, has the intention to conclude with each one of them a new four-year framework partnership agreement for the period 2014-2018 with a view to continuing the long-term cooperation, as provided for in Article 178 and according to the rules and conditions of Article 180 of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation.

These institutes are the following:

- The European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) is a research and training centre which conducts research and provides scientific, educational and technical support to workers' organisations and contributes to the development of Social Europe and the social dialogue. It provides information and training in European matters of strategic importance for the trade unions. This institute is linked to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);
- The European Centre for Workers' Questions (EZA), which provides a trade union education with a European dimension for European Christian workers' organisations through the promotion of education activities, programmes and exchanges, it widens the knowledge of workers about the EU's objectives and policies in the social field and strengthens a common European identity.

The presence of more than one entity in this field of activity and the diversified philosophical and political orientation of ETUI and EZA offer a supplementary assurance of pluralism and a larger choice to workers' organisations. The position of these institutes is unique, since they are specialised research/training institutes responding to the necessary representatively criteria and covering needs at a European scale, including the candidate countries (ETUI is linked to the ETUC which has member organisations in 36 and EZA in 24 European countries).

With reference to the above, the ETUI and EZA cover all representative unions of the European

labour movement. For this reason, ETUI and EZA are to be considered as bodies in a de facto monopoly situation, within the sense of article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation, and are granted direct support in accordance with article 128.1 of the Financial Regulation.

The first specific operating grant agreements will be signed in the first quarter of 2014 and will cover the period 01/04/2014-31/03/2015.

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

– Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary (the verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).

– The partner must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully implement the proposed work programme. The partner must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

The award criteria used for the new framework partnership agreements will be:

– Extent to which the actions planned under the partnership meet the objectives of the Union policy in the field of employment and social policy including the promotion of European Social Dialogue (Articles 152-155 TFEU)

– Extent to which the actions planned under the partnership facilitate capacity-building of workers' organisations through training and research at European level,

– Extent to which the actions planned under the partnership improve the degree of involvement of workers' representatives in European governance

The award criteria used for the specific operating grant agreements will be:

Coherence of the annual work programme with the Framework Partnership Agreement

– Transnational dimension

– Contribution to the priorities, activities or results of European social dialogue

– Added value (lasting impact and/or multiplier effect)

– Cost-effectiveness

– Arrangements to publicise the operation and dissemination methods envisaged

– Overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative amount: €14.460.000 (€1.061.000 for ETUI, €3.399.000 for EZA)

Maximum co-financing rate: 85%

04 03 01 06

Legal Basis:

- Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union pursuant to article 154

Budget line: 04 03 01 06 – Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings

1.2.8 *Call for proposals on Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings*Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The objective is to foster the conditions for social dialogue in companies and proper employee involvement in undertakings as provided under Directive 2009/38/EC on European Works Councils, Directives 2001/86/EC and 2003/72/EC on employees' involvement in the European company and in the European cooperative society, respectively, Directive 2002/14/EC establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community, Directive 98/59/EC on collective redundancies and article 16 of Directive 2005/56/EC on cross-border mergers of limited liability companies. It aims to improve the possibilities for the social partners to exercise their rights and duties as regards employee involvement, especially within the framework of European Works Councils, to familiarise them with transnational company agreements, to strengthen their cooperation in respect to Union law on employee involvement, as well as to follow up on the findings of the 'Fitness check' on EU acts in the area of Information and Consultation of Workers.

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

Conferences, seminars, short training actions, manuals and exchange of information and of good practices, analysis papers on quantitative, qualitative aspects and results, as well as websites, publications, newsletters and others means for the dissemination of information.

The Union funding per project will not be less than EUR 108.000.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Properly constituted and registered legal persons, having their registered office based in one of the Member States of the European Union. In derogation from this requirement and pursuant to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, the organisations of social partners without legal personality under the applicable national law are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met.

– representatives of workers or employers of Member States, based in one of the Member States of the European Union, such as:

A) for workers: applicants may be works councils or similar bodies ensuring the general representation of workers; regional, national, European, sectoral or multi-sectoral trade unions based in one of the Member States of the European Union;

B) for employers: applicants may be the management of undertakings, organisations representing employers at regional, national, European, sectoral or multi-sectoral level based in one of the Member States of the European Union. In case of commercial undertakings, the objective of the project must be non-commercial in nature.

– As an exception, applicants may also be technical bodies such as non-profit training or research bodies and commercial companies only if the aim of the project is non-commercial.

The above quoted technical bodies and commercial undertakings will be considered eligible only where they are expressly mandated by one or more eligible organisations representing workers or employers of Member States.

–Co-applicants must have their registered office in one of the Member States or Candidate Countries.

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary (the verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- The extent to which the action meets the priority objectives of this Call for proposals;
- The extent to which the project concerns innovative measures or new subjects in relation to information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings and which adds value to the existing situation.
- The extent to which the project promotes the joint participation of employers and workers;
- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The extent to which workers' and/or employers' representatives from new Member States or candidate countries are actively involved in the project;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal, including the budgetary aspects and the arrangements to publicise the operation, including aspects related to the European Union funding, and dissemination methods envisaged.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative amount: €7.250.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%.

04 03 01 08

Legal basis:

- Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union pursuant to articles 154

Budget line: 04 03 01 08 – Industrial relations and social dialogue

1.2.9 Call for proposals on Support for social dialogue

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

- Development of European social dialogue at the sectoral and cross-industry levels in its different dimensions of information exchange, consultation, negotiation and joint action;
- Increased awareness of European social dialogue and improved capacity to participate in it;
- Improved preparation, monitoring, follow-up and/or implementation of the joint texts agreed at the sectoral and cross-industry levels.

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

A large variety of measures will be financed, including: conferences, seminars, round tables, negotiations, studies, surveys, publications, monitoring exercises, training measures, training tools, the setting up of networks and the development and exchange of best practices.

The Union funding per project will not be less than EUR 108.000.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be properly constituted and registered legal persons. In application of Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, social partner organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met;
- Fall within one of the following categories: social partners; organisations linked to industrial relations; public authorities; international organisations active in the fields of social dialogue and/or industrial relations other than ILO (which is covered by other provisions of this financing decision; see Indirect Management);
- The lead applicant must have its registered office in one of the EU Member States¹;
- Co-applicants must have their registered office in one of the EU Member States or the candidate countries¹.

To be eligible, actions must:

- Be linked to the objectives of the call for proposals;
- Have co-applicants, affiliated entities or associate organisations from more than one Member State and/or Candidate Country in case of proposals not submitted by a European level or international organisation;
- Be fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union or the candidate countries²;
- Have genuine involvement, i.e. as co-applicant or associate organisation, from a European level social partner organisation, unless they are submitted by an international organisation;
- If a workers' organisation is lead or co-applicant, have genuine involvement, i.e. as co-applicant or associate organisation, of an employers' organisation

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

- Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary (the verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it. The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- The extent to which the action meets the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals;
- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The quality of the consortium and broader partnership, including the degree of involvement and commitment at the application stage of the social partners/stakeholders in the action;
- The extent to which the action contributes to the priorities, activities or results of European social dialogue;
- The added value, i.e. the lasting impact and/or multiplier effect of the action;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The arrangements to publicise the action and disseminate the results, including the quality and/or innovativeness of dissemination plans;
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation.

¹ In derogation from this requirement, international organisations, such as UN agencies, active in the fields of social dialogue and/or industrial relations with their registered headquarters outside the EU Member States are also eligible.

² In derogation from this requirement, international organisations, such as UN agencies, active in the fields of social dialogue and/or industrial relations can carry out activities also at the place of their registered office.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative amount: €8.500.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%; 95% for actions involving negotiations in accordance with Articles 154 and 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, meetings to prepare for negotiations, or joint social partner actions relating to the implementation of the results of European social dialogue negotiations.

1.2.10 Call for proposals on Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

– Promotion of analysis and research in the field of industrial relations;
– Promotion of exchange of information and experience among the parties actively involved

in industrial relations, with the aim of contributing to developing and reinforcing industrial relations structures in Europe.

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

Financed measures include: conferences, seminars, round tables, studies, surveys, publications, monitoring exercises, training measures, training tools, the setting up of networks and the development and exchange of best practices.

The Union funding per project will not be less than EUR 108.000.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be properly constituted and registered legal persons. In application of Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, social partner organisations without legal personality are also eligible provided that the conditions of the Financial Regulation related thereto are met;
- Fall within one of the following categories: social partners; organisations linked to industrial relations, including universities and research institutes; public authorities; international organisations active in the fields of social dialogue and/or industrial relations other than ILO (which is covered by other provisions of this financing decision; see Indirect Management);
- The lead applicant must have its registered office in one of the EU Member States³;
- Co-applicants must have their registered office in one of the EU Member States or the candidate countries³.

To be eligible, actions must:

- Be linked to at least one objective of the call;
- Have co-applicants, affiliated entities or associate organisations from more than one Member State and/or Candidate Country in case of proposals not submitted by a European level or international organisation;
- Be fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union or the candidate countries⁴.

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

– Financial capacity to carry out the action: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary.

(The verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).

– Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: applicants must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it.

The applicant must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- The extent to which the action meets the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals;
- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The quality of the consortium and broader partnership, including the degree of involvement and commitment at the application stage of the partners in the action;
- The extent to which the action contributes to the understanding of industrial relations;
- The added value, i.e. the lasting impact and/or multiplier effect of the action;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The arrangements to publicise the action and disseminate the results, including the quality and/or innovativeness of dissemination plans;
- The overall quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal and budget explanation.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative amount: €4.000.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

1.2.11 Project with ILO

Overall objective and purpose of the action:

The joint project will cover both capacity building actions in support of workers' and employers' organisations (i.e. training, workshops,...) and analytical work. The former pays particular attention to capacity building in the new Member States. The latter includes strands relating to: the strategies pursued by public authorities and social partners in response to the crisis; the impact of the crisis on wages and inequalities; on social dialogue and trade; on decent work. The outcomes of the latter will be used in the Industrial Relations in Europe report 2014 and will contribute to the work of the unit to support social dialogue.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

According to Article 190.1.c) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. The individual award decisions substantiating the monopoly situation will be adopted at a later stage.

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following main criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed action is in line with the objectives pursued and the extent to which the proposed outputs present added value in this context;
- The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget, its likely value for money and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: directly by the DG.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3

Indicative amount: €1.100.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

1.2.12 Preparatory action: Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers

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Legal basis:

- The preparatory action will be implemented within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Budget line: 04 03 77 09 – Preparatory action: Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results:

The overall objective of this Preparatory Action is to ensure the equal treatment and non-discrimination of EU migrant workers on the host labour market by means of creating a network of the information centres in the Member States which would provide information, advice, support, including legal support, to the EU migrant workers. In addition specific activities could focus on workers in posting situations and on the implementation of EU-law in the domain.

By these activities, it is intended to gradually remove existing barriers to mobility of EU migrant workers by enhancing the enforcement of rights conferred by EU law and raise awareness as well as reduce unfair practices by providing information and legal support to EU migrant workers. Specific activities, especially providing information to posted workers on their rights in the host country should help enhance their capacity to better defend their rights.

To achieve the overall objectives, it is required to link with the EU initiative on the enforceability Directive for Regulation 492/2011 on freedom of movement of workers within the EU and to relate to work completed in the framework of a past Pilot Project “Working and living conditions of posted workers”.

For this specific year, it is intended to support with the EU funding, pilot activities which would examine the networking possibilities and provide extensive reporting in order to contribute to set out the framework for the future network. Achievements of these activities would be presented in the final conference organised by the Commission together with the selected Contractor.

Description of the activities:

This Call for proposals intends to examine and set out the framework for establishment of a future empowered network of bodies currently existing which would provide support, advice and information, These activities should take into account the specificities of the different categories of workers and be in line with existing EU law on free movement of workers and on posted workers. This call for proposals will be specifically intended to support a maximum of three initiatives aiming at creating a network between the already existing Equality bodies in the EU Member States or entities established at national level to support EU migrant workers, each covering a minimum of Five eligible countries. The successful applicants shall be asked to develop activities which will focus on enhancement of the applicant's capacity in the following fields:

- activities aiming at providing EU migrant workers with legal support and information on labour market and employment legislation – promoting access to existing EU services and networks (such as the Your Europe portal, Your Europe Advice, SOLVIT) wherever relevant;

and

- measures to monitor the existing legal information and aiming at updating, enhancing and simplifying such permanent legal information to EU migrant workers and posted workers.

or

- shall develop at least one of the additional activities operating in the following two main areas:
 - Dissemination of information to EU migrant workers and posted workers
 - Legal support to EU migrant workers

The second main objective of the call for proposals will be an effective and extensive reporting by the beneficiaries which would include presentation of the experience of the networking, including obstacles encountered and good practices, assessment of the potential modalities for setting up of the network and its activities and other recommendations for establishment of a future network of a larger scale. The report should also monitor and assess the existing sources of information for EU migrant workers and posted workers with the aim of rendering them more accessible, user-friendly and coherent.

Thirdly, the successful applicants will be asked to actively participate in a conference organised by the Commission making available the reports delivered by them for the purpose of the conference.

A maximum of 3 grants will be awarded;

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria:

a) Exclusion

Applicants must be in conformity with Articles 106(1), 107 to 109 of the Financial Regulation

b) Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, lead applicant organisations must:

- be an already existing Equality body as established by EU law or be an entity established at national level to support EU migrant workers;
- act in co-operation with at least 4 co-applicants established in at least 4 different Member States which are as well already existing Equality Bodies as established by EU law or entities established at national level to support EU migrant workers.

To be eligible, activities must:

- be fully carried out in the Member States of the European Union;
- not being financed twice from two different sources within the EU budget (particularly in cases where applicants are already participating in other EU programmes);
- fall within the objectives of the call for proposals.

c) Selection criteria

Only organisations with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant.

Financial capacity to carry out the action: the applicant must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain its activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies).

Operational capacity to complete the proposed action: the applicant must have the operational resources (technical, management) and the professional skills and qualifications needed to successfully complete the proposed action, as well as the ability to implement it.

d) Award criteria

The proposals which fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria will be assessed according to the following award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call
- Transnational dimension and quality of partnerships
- Methodology and organisation of work proposed
- Visibility of the action
- Sustainability of the proposal
- The quality of the proposal and the cost / effectiveness of the operation

Implementation: directly by DG

Indicative timetable: 2014-first semester

Indicative amount: €700.000

Maximum co-financing rate: 80% .Contributions in kind are not accepted

1.4 Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2014 amounts to €272.000.

The detailed amount per budget line is as follows:

04 03 01 03: €3.650.000

04 03 01 04: €1.987.000

04 03 01 08: €2.335.000

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Legal Basis:

- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 159 and 161 thereof.

Budget line: 04 03 01 04 - Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demographics and the family

1.4.1 Studies

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of surveys with the purpose to enrich the existing knowledge of social situation and demography in EU.

Type of contract: Specific contracts based on an existing FWC

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2

Implementation: Directly by the DG

1.4.2 Technical assistance

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of analytical support services

Type of contract: Service Contracts renewal

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3-Q4

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2

Implementation: Directly by the DG

1.4.3 Conferences and meetings

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Organisation of several seminars/events and communication activities with stakeholders and ad hoc working groups.

Type of contract: Specific service contracts based on an existing FWC

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 and Q2

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 15 in Q1 and 3 in Q2

Implementation: Directly by the DG

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Legal Basis: see under grants

Budget line: 04 03 01 03- Free movement of workers, co-ordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.

1.4.4 Technical assistance

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of analytical support services.

Type of contract: Contract renewals

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q2 and Q4

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 3

Implementation: Directly by DG

1.4.5 Campaign on the modernised social security coordination

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

To continue the information campaign launched in previous years with the view of raising awareness of European citizens on the new modernised social security coordination. This campaign is focused on informing the citizens about their rights and new information obligations from the Regulations. Raising citizens' awareness on their rights related to social security - Distribution on knowledge on coordination of social security institutions.

Type of contract: specific contract based on an existing FWC.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 5

Implementation: Directly by DG

1.4.6 IT services

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of IT support services for the development, monitoring and hosting of existing IT systems. Purchase of licences.

Type of contract: MOU with DIGIT, existing FWC and renewal of 2 service contracts.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 and Q4

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 16 in Q1 and 3 in Q4

Implementation: Directly by DG and Sub-delegation to DG DIGIT

1.4.7 Studies

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Purchase of a survey and reports on the some aspects of the new regulations on the social security coordination as well as in the area of Free Movement of Workers.

Type of contract: direct service contracts.

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 and Q4

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 1 in Q1 and 5 in Q4

Implementation: Directly by DG

1.4.8 Seminars and meetings related to the work of the Administrative Commission

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Seminars/Events related to the work of the Administrative Commission to further monitor the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (on the co-ordination of social security systems) and to the Implementing Regulation. These activities will be implemented through service orders based on DG EMPL framework contract, signed on 23/12/2011 in 5 lots (VC/2011/0137, VC/2011/0197, VC/2011/0198, VC/2011/0199, VC/2011/0200) for a period of 2 years and renewable for 2 years, and other relevant available framework contracts. Facilitating discussions between Member States - Technical preparation of meetings.

Type of contract: - specific contract based on an existing FWC.

<p>Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 20 Implementation: Directly By the DG</p>
<p>04 03 01 08 Legal basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union pursuant to articles 154 and 155. Budget line: 04 03 01 08 – Industrial relations and social dialogue</p>
<p>1.4.9 IT services</p>
<p><u>Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :</u> Purchase of IT support services for the development, monitoring and hosting of new and existing IT systems. Purchase of licences. <u>Type of contract:</u> Specific contracts based on an existing FWC Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2 Implementation: Directly by DG</p>
<p>1.4.10 Technical assistance</p>
<p><u>Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :</u> Purchase of analytical support <u>Type of contract:</u> Specific contracts based on an existing FWC Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1-Q3-Q4 Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 23 Implementation: Directly by DG</p>
<p>1.4.11 Publications in the context of Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue</p>
<p><u>Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :</u> Updating guides on sectoral social dialogue, Support for EU social dialogue (Treaty obligation). <u>Type of contract:</u> Specific contract based on an existing FWC. Indicative timetable: 2014-Q3 Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 2 Implementation: Directly By the DG</p>
<p>1.4.12 Conferences on social dialogue and industrial relations and European social dialogue meetings</p>
<p><u>Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :</u> Organisation of conferences and social dialogue meetings in external premises None - Treaty obligation to support EU social dialogue. <u>Type of contract:</u> Specific contracts based on an existing FWC. Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1 Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 210 Implementation: Directly By the DG</p>

1.4.13 *Evaluation, evaluative studies, analysis and research work, including support for impact assessment activities*

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

The following activities will be undertaken:

1. Cost-benefit analysis of sectoral social dialogue agreements (including multi-sectoral ones).
2. Evaluation of the outcomes of the projects funded by the budget headings aimed at supporting European social dialogue and improving expertise on industrial relations. It will be assessed how and to what extent the projects funded by the budget headings concerned have contributed to the declared objectives of these budget headings, which includes an assessment of the actions' relevance, coherence, efficiency, effectiveness and impact.
3. Evaluation of the functioning, effectiveness and outcomes of European Social Dialogue and the support to European Social Dialogue, and comparative assessment of its impact on policy.

Type of contract: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 4

Implementation: Directly By the DG

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Legal basis:

- The preparatory action will be implemented within the meaning of Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Budget line: 04 03 77 09 – Preparatory action: Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers

1.4.14 *Preparatory action: Information centres for posted workers and migrant workers. Organisation of a stakeholders conference*

The overall objective of this Preparatory Action is to ensure the equal treatment and non-discrimination of EU migrant workers on the host labour market by means of creating a network of the information centres in the Member States which would provide information, advice, support, including legal support, to the EU migrant workers. In addition specific activities could focus on workers in posting situations and on the implementation of EU-law in the domain.

By these activities, it is intended to gradually remove existing barriers to mobility of EU migrant workers by enhancing the enforcement of rights conferred by EU law and raise awareness as well as reduce unfair practices by providing information and legal support to EU migrant workers. Specific activities, especially providing information to posted workers on their rights in the host country should help enhance their capacity to better defend their rights. To achieve the overall objectives, it is required to link with the EU initiative on the enforceability Directive for Regulation 492/2011 on freedom of movement of workers within the EU and to relate to work completed in the framework of a past Pilot Project “Working and living conditions of posted workers”.

For this specific year, it is intended to support with the EU funding, pilot activities which would examine the networking possibilities and provide extensive reporting in order to contribute to set out the framework for the future network. Achievements of these activities would be presented in the final conference organised by the Commission together with the selected Contractor.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged :

Organisation of a stakeholder conference: this component which will consist of organizing of an information conference which could gather 150-200 participants including representatives of at least 10-15 existing Equality bodies or entities providing support to EU migrant workers. The conference would be organized by a selected contractor available under a Commission's framework contract. The conference shall focus on presentation of the results achieved by the grant beneficiaries in order to set up a future network and on identification of further steps for development of such cooperation.

Type of contract: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Indicative amount: €300.000

Indicative timetable: 2014-first semester

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 4

Implementation: Directly By the DG

1.7 Other actions

04 03 01 01 - Cost of preliminary consultation

Legal Basis:

- Task resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 54(2) of 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Budget line: 04 03 01 01 - Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives

1.7.1 Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives

Indicative amount: €425.000

Overall objective and purpose of the action:

Support for participation in meetings organised by ETUC in preparation for negotiation meetings with the employers.

Implementation: Payments by PMO in accordance with the usual procedures

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

04 03 11 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)

Legal Basis:

- Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of the Council of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (OJ L. 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1).

Budget line: 04 03 11 - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)

1.7.2 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Indicative amount: €19.854.000

Overall objective and purpose of the action:

Annual contribution to the Agency

Implementation: By Eurofound

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1

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Legal Basis:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OJ L 216,20.8.1994, p. 1).

Budget line: 04 03 12 – European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

1.7.3 European Agency for Safety and health at Work (EU OSHA)

Indicative amount: €14.013.900

Overall objective and purpose of the actions:

Annual contribution to the Agency.

Implementation: By EU OSHA

Indicative timetable: 2014-Q1