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DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Annual work programme for the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Social Fund and in the framework of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived

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ANNEX I

Programme for the operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Social Fund

Work Programme for 2018

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): **EUR 500 000**
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (1.3.): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): **EUR 14 529 895**
- for actions implemented under indirect management (1.5): N/A
- for Financial instruments (1.6): N/A
- for other actions (1.7): N/A

The contribution from the European Social Fund (EUR 11 102 000) to the European Solidarity Corps will be detailed in the future European Solidarity Corps Annual work programme in line with the proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL COM(2017)262 of 30 May 2017, subject to the adoption of the basic act.

This contribution is not included in the table above.

BUDGET LINE

Operational Technical Assistance: 04 02 63 01

LEGAL BASIS

The appropriations under this item are intended to finance actions under Article 58 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013.

	Amount
1.2 Grants	
1.2.1	EUR 500 000
1.4 Procurements	
1.4.1 – 1.4.2 – 1.4.3 – 1.4.4 – 1.4.5 – 1.4.6	EUR 14 529 895
TOTAL	EUR 15 029 895

1.2 Grants

1.2.1 ESF Presidency conference (2018_04.026301_3)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Supporting ESF implementation - The ESF Presidency conferences are meant to support ESF stakeholders on specific challenges of ESF implementation.

Description of the activities to be funded

Thematic topics supporting the implementation of the EU Presidencies' priorities as well as the Commission Work Programme will be discussed in 2018 between the Commission and the Member State holding the Council presidency. The Member State holding the Presidency is in charge of the organisation of the conference. DG EMPL will support 1 or 2 presidency conferences in the frame of the 2018 Presidencies.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

The grant is to be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Art. 190.1 (c) Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation (RAP). The Member State holding the Council Presidency is the beneficiary of the grant. The form, topic and expected results are established by the Presidency in agreement with the Commission.

These events, which are highly political in nature and which need representation at the highest level both from national authorities and European representatives, are to be organised exclusively by the Member State holding the Presidency. Given the unique role of the Presidency in the framework of

EU activities, the Member State responsible for the organisation of the event is considered as a de jure monopoly.

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

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

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 90%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

Date of the signature	Amount
2018 Q2 and/or Q4	EUR 500 000

1.3 Prizes N/A

1.4 Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2018 amounts to EUR 14 529 895.

The actions under procurement will notably be covered by a framework contract for ARACHNE. Arachne is a risk scoring tool developed by the European Commission, represented by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and the Directorate General for Regional Policy and Urban Development (hereinafter: Commission services) in close cooperation with member states. The Commission services aim at supporting managing authorities responsible for the European Structural and Investment Funds (hereinafter: ESIF) for their management verifications in providing the Arachne Risk Scoring Tool to detect effectively and efficiently most risky projects, contracts, contractors and beneficiaries.

Arachne is an integrated IT tool for data mining and data enrichment.

The purpose of this framework contract for ARACHNE is the procurement of services (licences, maintenance and support).

1.4.1 Audit

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 1 300 000

Type of Contracts:

Direct Contract: 1 (Q2 2018)

Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract: 20 (Q2 2018)

Indicative number of contracts: 21

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.2 Studies and statistics reports

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 3 689 075

Type of Contracts:

Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract: 6 (Q2 and Q3 2018)

Direct Contract: 6 (Q3 2018)

Contract renewal: 4 (Q2 2018)

Indicative number of contracts: 16

One action for EUR 350 000 will be subdelegated to JRC and another one for EUR 350 000 to DG REGIO. The rest will be implemented directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.3 Conferences, meetings, network of experts and working groups with external stakeholders, including managing authorities

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 1 850 000

Type of Contracts:

Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract (Q1 to Q4 2018)

Indicative number of contracts: 6

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.4 Development and maintenance of IT tools

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 2 083 410

Type of Contracts:

Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract: 2 (Q2 and Q3 2018)

Direct Contract: 4 (Q3 2018)

Indicative number of contracts: 6

Implementation: Out of the overall amount, EUR 65 700 will be subdelegated to DG DIGIT, based on a Memorandum of Understanding. The rest will be implemented directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.5 Technical Assistance : support MS in implementing peer counselling in apprenticeship and the Fi-compass advisory platform

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 3 500 000

Type of Contract:

Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 4 (Q3 2018)

Indicative number of contracts: 3 contract implemented directly by DG EMPL. One action for EUR 2 000 000 will be subdelegated to DG REGIO.

1.4.6 Communication and publication (2018_04.026301_51)

Objective: As set out in Communication C(2016)6838, in 2018 corporate communication will focus mainly on the EU's contribution to jobs and growth through integrated communication actions encompassing the Commission priorities set out in the Agenda for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change. Communication actions will develop around our three-strand narrative "EU delivers – EU empowers –EU protects".

Indicative number of contracts: +/- 3.

Type of contracts: the actions will be implemented by DG COMM both by the Representations and Headquarters through direct and specific contracts implementing mainly DG COMM framework contracts.

Subject of contracts: Production of content, including photos, audio-visual, graphic and written material; provision of other corporate technical services which benefit the institution as a whole such as online services, including the institutional web presence and social media activity; dissemination of information through integrated communication actions including on multi-media platforms; acquisition of media space, including TV and radio air time, outdoor and indoor advertising, web adverts and other online promotion techniques and print media space; organisation of and participation in events, including exhibitions, forums, dialogues and other activities aimed at citizens; studies and evaluations, where relevant.

Indicative timeframe for procurement: first and second semester of 2018 (according to needs).

Indicative amount: EUR 2 107 410

Implementation: Co-delegation to DG COMM

1.5 Indirect Management N/A

1.6 Financial Instruments N/A

1.7 Other Actions N/A

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ANNEX II

Programme for the operational technical assistance in the framework of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) - Work Programme for 2018

Introduction

On the basis of the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2018 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): N/A
- for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.) N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): EUR **1 200 000**
- for actions implemented under indirect management [(1.5): N/A
- for Financial instruments (1.6): N/A
- for other actions (1.7): N/A

BUDGET LINE

04 06 02 00 – Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) – Technical assistance

LEGAL BASIS

The appropriations under this item are intended to finance actions covered by Article 27(1) of Regulation (EU) 223/2014.

Indicative budget breakdown:

	Amount
<u>04 06 02 00 – Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)</u> <u>– Technical assistance</u>	
Procurement: 1.4.1 to 1.4.4	1 200 000
Total	1 200 000

1.2 Grants – N/A

1.3 Prices – N/A

1.4 Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2018 amounts to

- 04 06 02 00: EUR **1 200 000**

Summary description of the actions under procurement

- Conferences, meetings, network of experts and working groups

Based on the FEAD regulation, these activities aim at providing guidance, facilitating the exchange of experience between Member States and at preparing the secondary legislation in relation to the implementation of FEAD. For those purposes, working groups of national officials and specialised bodies, and meetings with stakeholders will be organised. The guidance provided by the experts is meant to improve the implementation of FEAD. In addition, the representatives at EU level of the FEAD partner organisations will be consulted on the support from the Fund, in line with Art.10 of the FEAD Regulation.

- FEAD evaluations

The objective of the evaluation expert network is to steer and capitalise on the evaluation work on the FEAD operations by providing methodological guidance, exchanging good evaluation practices and promoting and facilitating the use of evaluation results in policy design and implementation. The related meetings and seminars with FEAD evaluation experts (EU, MS policy makers and Experts from the National authorities) are planned to be organised twice a year.

- FEAD Platform

The platform for exchange of experience is established in line with article 10 of the FEAD Regulation and aims at ensuring the exchange of experience, mutual learning, capacity building and networking between the FEAD stakeholders at national, regional and EU level. It is also a tool for dissemination of relevant outcomes from the support provided to the most deprived. A service contract for structuring the network, organising network events, managing online platforms and disseminating good practice was awarded in 2015 and is planned to be renewed in 2018.

- Studies

In the framework of the FEAD Annual Implementation Reports (AIR) of the previous year submitted by the member states, DG EMPL will need technical support to analyse the content of the reports and recommendation on whether it can accept them and

present them to the Council and Parliament. Another study will have for purpose to examine the level of "gold plating" by the Member States in the implementation of FEAD programmes. Gold plating refers to the introduction of requirements at national levels, which go beyond the requirements of the FEAD Regulation.

- Communication and publication

The allocation is foreseen for reprints of existing FEAD communication products (brochure, map) on demand from multipliers (managing authorities, EC Representations etc). This will be done with the support of the Office for publications.

1.4.1 Conferences, meetings, network of experts and working groups

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 130 000

Indicative number of contracts: 8 (Q2 2018)

Type of Contracts: Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.2 FEAD Platform

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 840 000

Indicative number of contracts:

Contract renewal: 2 (Q1 to Q3 2018)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.3 Studies

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 200 000

Indicative number of contracts: 2 (Q2 to Q4 2018)

Type of Contracts: Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.4 Communication and publication

Type of procurement: Service

Indicative amount: EUR 30 000

Indicative number of contracts: 2 Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract (Q2 to Q4 2018)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.5 Indirect management – N/A

1.6 Financial instruments – N/A

1.7 Other actions – N/A