

ANNEX

European Union Programme Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) - Work Programme for 2016

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in legal basis mentioned under the different appropriations this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2016 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): **EUR 45.540.000**
- for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.) N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): **EUR 44.921.165**
- for actions implemented under [insert management] modes (1.5): N/A
- for Financial instruments (indirect management) (1.6): **EUR 27.584.070**
- for other actions (1.7): **EUR 6.980.000**

Any action 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

Indicative budget breakdown:

| Budget Line | Amount |
|---|--------------------------|
| 04.030201 EaSI - PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions 1.2.1 to 1.2.16 | € 33.890.000,00 EUR |
| 04.030202 EaSI – EURES – Promoting workers geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities 1.2.17 to 1.2.20 | 11.650.000 EUR |
| TOTAL | 45.540.000,00 EUR |

LEGAL BASIS

04.030201 EaSI - PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/ 2013, p. 238–252).

1.2.1 Grants for the organisation of Presidency Events

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Conferences will be organised to support the EU objectives under the Netherlands , Slovakia and Malta Presidencies. The topics will be related to promoting a high level of quality and sustainable employment, guaranteeing adequate and decent social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions. The Commission intends to co-fund these conferences that will notably address the issues of occupational health and safety at work, social protection and cooperation between public employment services. The specific form, topic and expected results will be established by the Presidency in agreement with the Commission.

DG EMPL will organise ten presidency events along 2016 and the cost will range from 50.000€ to 300.000€ per event.

Description of the activities

The Presidency conferences and meetings will notably take place on the subjects of: Mutual Information System on Social Protection, Public Employment Services (PES) network board to support the implementation of the EU Presidencies priorities and general support to the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy in Q2 and Q4 2016.

Committee Senior Labour Inspectors-Thematic Days-Plenary meetings: for exchange of good practices experiences and good examples on OSH enforcement activities during Q2 2016; in the field of OHS -Awareness raising about specific Occupational Health and Safety during Q2 2016; in the field of modernisation of social protection during Q3 2016.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Grants to be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Art. 190.1 (c) Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation.

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 main award 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.

-The financial quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget and a sound cost-effectiveness ratio.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and amount:

| Date of the signature | Amount |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q1-Q4 | EUR 1.190.000 |

Detailed indicative time and amounts for individual events :

| Presidency events | Indicative months for concluding the grants | Indicative amounts in EUR |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| <u>The Netherlands</u> | | |
| 1- Promotion decent work on the European labour market, better compliance and enforcement | February 2016 | 150.000 |
| 2- 6 th SLIC (Senior Labour Inspectors Committee) | May 2016 | 50.000 |
| 3- Banning work related cancer | May 2016 | 150.000 |
| 4- MISSOC (Mutual Information System on Social Protection) | June 2016 | 150.000 |
| 5- PES (Managing Board Public Employment Services) | June 2016 | 70.000 |
| <u>The Slovak Republic</u> | | |
| 6- OHS Conference on better preventive culture in new labour market | October 2016 | 300.000 |
| 7- 7 th SLIC (Senior Labour Inspectors Committee) | November 2016 | 50.000 |
| 8- MISSOC (Mutual Information System on Social Protection) | November 2016 | 150.000 |
| 9- PES (Managing Board Public Employment Services) | December 2016 | 70.000 |
| 10- Event under discussion | November 2016 | 50.000 |
| TOTAL | | 1.190.000 |

1.2.2 Call for proposals on information sharing and outreach activities to young people about the Youth Guarantee (2016_04.030201_180)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Accelerate the implementation of the Youth Guarantee Scheme as part of a New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment, one of the ten priorities of President Juncker's Political Guidelines.

Objectives and foreseen results: The call for proposal has the overarching objective of removing obstacles to Youth Guarantee implementation, notably by outreach, information sharing and communication activities leading to both of the following specific objectives:

1. To better inform/engage Youth Guarantee stakeholders
2. To better inform/engage young people

This action will complement the support provided to implementing Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative, by assisting Member States to develop outreach, information sharing and communication strategies as part of coherent youth employment policies under the Council Recommendation on establishing a Youth Guarantee. It will equally complement ongoing or future related activities taking place at national, regional or local levels in a given Member State.

Description of the activities to be funded

Types of activities:

- Outreach, information sharing and communication activities related to the Youth Guarantee;
- Actions aiming at the creation and improving of networks, cooperation mechanisms and exchange of good practices among Youth Guarantee provision and governance stakeholders;
- Conferences, seminars;
- Training activities.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Applicants

To be eligible, the lead applicant or sole applicant must:

- be legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EU Member States; and
- be the relevant public authority in charge of establishing and managing the national Youth Guarantee scheme, as already identified by the Member State pursuant to the Council Recommendation on Establishing a Youth Guarantee (rec.2) or must be an entity (public or private, profit¹ or not-for-profit) clearly and demonstratively designated by the aforementioned public authority to implement the activities included in the proposal.

Proposals may involve consortiums.

¹ Private, profit-making organisations are eligible but no profit may be made on the grant.

Co-applicants must be

- legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EU Member States or other EaSI-PROGRESS participating countries; and
- a public or private organisation (profit² or non-profit making).

Selection criteria:

Financial capacity – Lead and co-applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial capacity to carry out the action: each 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 or international organisations.

Operational capacity -The lead and co-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 lead and co-applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

A. Relevance

B. Quality of the proposal, including clarity of the activities and workplan, of the expected outcomes, of the budget proposal and appropriateness of the impact/outcome evaluation method.

C. Cost-effectiveness

D. Added-Value

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80 %

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date for publication | Amount |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 1.650.000 |

1.2.3 Call for proposals aiming at implementing a European Pensions Tracking Service (2016_04.030201_22)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

A European Tracking Service (ETS) for pensions would take the form of an online platform allowing workers to access information about their pension rights earned in different countries

² Private, profit-making organisations are eligible but no profit may be made on the grant.

and jobs, thus contributing to mobility, pension awareness and adequacy of pensions. For pension providers, the ETS would offer an opportunity to fulfil their information obligations vis-à-vis former members, laid down in the national and EU legislation (Directive 2014/50/EU on Supplementary Pension Rights; IORP II Directive), in a uniform and cost-effective way. The ETS would operate by linking the information available from national tracking services (which already exist in 13 Member States, with more in the pipeline) or individual providers.

The expected result of the project is the roll-out of a pilot cross-border tracking service, covering several Member States, by 2018.

Description of the activity to be funded

Not more than one project will be selected. The successful applicant will be expected to ensure the designing, development and launch of an online platform (European Tracking Service), which allows individuals to access information about their pension rights earned in supplementary pension schemes in at least 5 Member States. The tracking service should comply with the relevant European and national legislation on personal data protection and other applicable legislative requirements and facilitate the implementation of the pension information requirements specified in the Supplementary Pension Rights Directive and the IORP II Directive.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Proposals may involve consortia. To be eligible, the lead applicants and co-applicants must be:

– legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EaSI participating countries; non-profit bodies or organisations; these can be public administrations or private-law bodies dealing with supplementary pensions, supplementary pension providers or their representative organisations.

Selection criteria:

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.

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).

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

Award criteria:

A. Relevance

B. Quality of the proposal, including clarity of activities and expected outcomes as well as the appropriateness of the proposed activities for the desired outcomes .

C. Development potential and sustainability

D. Cost-effectiveness

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 2.500.000 |

1.2.4 Direct grant for the OECD for a project on adequate long-term care (LTC) workforces (2016_04.030201_23)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This action, supported by a grant for two years, should investigate how an adequate long-term care workforce can be secured in the context of an increasing need for professional carers, as set out in the 2014 SPC report on LTC. The project would explore variations in policies, practice and outcomes; highlight the barriers and bottlenecks that prevent the development of an effective LTC workforce. The result of the project would be the identification of policies that can overcome these problems in the future and of EU Member States that could benefit most from implementing such policies.

Description of the activities to be funded

The project should gather evidence on the current size composition of the long-term care workforce (qualifications, skill mix, gender and age structure, geographic origin) in the Member States of the EU, using the best available data. It should also examine workforce trends and put them in relation to LTC needs to assess risks of labour shortages. The project should identify specific challenges, covering in particular quality and productivity issues, recruitment and retention issues, as well as problems related to the employment status (notably of migrant care workers hired by families) and working conditions.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to particular bodies for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. The award decision justifying the direct award 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 award 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, as well as its sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 500.000 |

1.2.5 Call for proposals in the field of posting of workers (2016_04.030201_26)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Enforcement Directive in the field of posting of workers – Improvement of the capacity of the Commission and of the Member States to develop initiatives in the field of posting of workers and decent work agenda.

The main objectives of this Call for Proposals is to develop and fund initiatives in order to enhance the implementation, application and enforcement of the Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of provision of services in practice and its Enforcement Directive 2014/67/EU. The proper functioning of administrative cooperation among Member States and improved access to information on applicable terms and conditions of employment in a transparent and accessible manner, are essential.

The general objectives are to 1) further improve transnational administrative cooperation between national competent bodies and social partners involved in the monitoring and correct application of Posting of Workers Directive and its Enforcement Directive and 2) increase the mutual trust among stakeholders, including promoting exchanges of relevant officials and training, as well as 3) developing, facilitating and promoting best practice initiatives in the area of posting of workers in the framework of temporary provision of services.

The priority for 2016 is to fund the transnational cooperation initiatives covering at least 7 Members States between Member States' responsible authorities, different bodies and/or social partners as well as to provide transparent and accessible information on national law and practices concerning rights and obligations to be respected as regards posted workers, including those laid down in collective agreements. The expected results are the increased accessibility, transparency, and the improved provision of the information.

Description of the activities to be funded

Exchange of information and best practices can take the form of seminars, conferences, round tables, joint visits, exchange of staff and dissemination of information and best practices in the form of for example trainings, reports, manuals, analysis, guidelines, newsletters, web pages, etc. It is necessary to further improve transnational administrative cooperation between inter alia national competent bodies and social partners involved in the monitoring and correct application of the Directive and its Enforcement Directive.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Applicants and co-applicants must:

- be properly constituted and registered legal entities, having their registered office based in one of the EaSI-Progress participating countries (this geographical criterion does not apply to International Organisations). 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, and
- Fall into one of the following categories: Public authorities, social partners, international organisations, non-profit organisations, research centres and institutes, universities and civil society organisations.

Selection criteria:

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

Financial capacity: the applicants and co-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 shall not apply to public bodies or international organisations).

Operational capacity: the applicants and co-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.

Award criteria:

- The extent to which the action meets the objectives of this call for proposals;
- The extent to which the action has a genuine transnational dimension;
- The quality of the consortium, i.e. the degree of involvement and commitment at the application stage of the stakeholders (meaning the coordinator, co-applicant and/or affiliated) in the action;
- The cost-effectiveness of the action;
- The overall quality, clarity and comprehensiveness of the proposal, including the budgetary aspects and the arrangements to publicise the action, including aspects related to the European Union funding, and dissemination methods envisaged.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q1 | EUR 2.700.000 |

1.2.6 Call for proposals for awarding grants to the Annual Work Programme of the EU-level NGO networks active in the promotion of microfinance and social enterprise finance who have signed the 4-year framework partnership agreements (2016_04.030201_71)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The networks support the Commission in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level with the aim of ensuring e.g. the implementation of the financial instruments for microfinance and social entrepreneurship support under the EaSI axis on microfinance and social entrepreneurship. Moreover, the networks voice the concerns and expectations of its members, providing DG EMPL with input for policy design in the area of access to finance.

The work is based on clearly defined and output oriented annual work programmes in line with the priorities set in the Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA). The objective of the FPA is to strengthen the capacity of the EU-level NGO networks to take part in the implementation of policy instruments towards the achievement of the European inclusive growth priority.

Priorities set in the Framework Partnership Agreement:

1. Support the Commission in its outreach activities at EU, national and local level with the aim of ensuring the implementation of European policies in the relevant area (e.g. Programme for Employment and Social Innovation, European Social Fund, Social Business Initiative etc.)
2. Reinforcing the capacity of the network's members, including through offering a platform for the exchange of good practices in the relevant field, and raising awareness about relevant EU policies.
3. Voicing the concerns and expectations of organisations facilitating access to finance to (potential) entrepreneurs from disadvantaged and underrepresented groups / social enterprises.
4. Providing data / research on developments in the field and on priority topics.

Specific priorities for the yearly specific agreements may be included in the text of the call, depending on actual policy developments.

Description of the activities to be funded

Specific operating grants for 2017 under the Framework Partnership Agreements concluded for the period 2014-2017 to provide for long term cooperation between the European Commission and EU level NGO networks.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Restricted to networks that have signed a framework partnership agreement with the Commission.

Selection criteria:

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

Financial capacity: the applicants and co-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 shall not apply to public bodies or international organisations).

Operational capacity: the applicants and co-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.

Award criteria:

- Coherence of the annual work programme with the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- The extent to which the proposed programme takes into consideration the objectives laid down in the PROGRESS axis under the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and respond to actual needs relevant for the period concerned;
- The added value and relevance at European level of the programme proposed as well its dissemination and availability to all countries involved in the EaSI Programmes;
- The clarity and feasibility of the programme and each of its modules, including timetable 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 programme, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget which is coherent with the actions proposed.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 1.300.000 |

1.2.7 Call for proposals on social innovation: support job integration for those distant from the labour market (2016_04.030201_103)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The Call for Proposal on Social innovation contributes to the priorities set by President Juncker to boost jobs, growth and investment, to promote social upward convergence and enhance social fairness. It also contributes to the targets set by the Europe 2020 Strategy on employment as well as on the reduction of poverty and social exclusion.

Social policy innovation can contribute to finding new policy responses to emerging needs as well as connecting different policy approaches (employment, social,...). The Call will aim at promoting, through innovative social policy initiatives, the job integration of those distant from

the labour market, and notably of the long term unemployed as well as of the refugees. It will help to build the main actors' capacity to design and implement innovative social policy initiatives and make the relevant knowledge and expertise accessible.

Description of the activities to be funded

The Call will aim at financing innovative projects supporting the job integration of those distant from the labour market, and notably the long term unemployed and the refugees.

Activities to be funded could be for example the coordination of different services addressing the needs of those distant from the labour market, and notably the long term unemployed and the refugees, across public administrations and service providers. This is assumed to improve the continuity of services and increase the relevance and effectiveness of the services offered, with positive effects on social protection and on the groups furthest away from the labour market. This type of innovative activities can provide support to the public authorities in the Member States when implementing the 2015 Long-term Unemployed Recommendation, helping them to tackle the structural barriers for labour market integration and enhance the cooperation between the different services involved (PES, social welfare organisations and social support services). Moreover, by enhancing the cooperation between emergency help services, PES and other service providers addressing the refugees' needs, they can help facilitating the long-term integration of the refugees into society and in the labour market.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible:

- Applicants and co-applicants must be legally established in one of the EaSI-Progress participating countries.
- Applicants and co-applicants must be public authorities or private entities in charge of the organisation, financing and/or provision of benefits and services aimed at the job integration of those distant from the labour market.

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 and co-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: the applicant and co-applicants must have a track record in the activities of organisation, financing and/or provision of benefits and services aimed at the job integration of those distant from the labour market, and particularly the long term unemployed and the refugees; their pertinent activities, experience and expertise has to be presented in the proposal.

Award criteria:

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

- Consistency with the purpose of the call, taking into account the importance of the selected services, the soundness and innovativeness of the approach proposed.
- Clarity of activities and expected outcomes.
- Appropriateness of the evaluation method and accuracy of the evaluation plan.
- Sustainability of the proposed intervention is sustainable beyond the grant period and possibility to implement the proposed intervention on a larger scale.
- Cost-efficiency of the proposal taking into account.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 2016 Q1 | EUR 11.000.000 |

1.2.8 Direct grant with the OECD on social entrepreneurship (2016_04.030201_179)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This action is contributing to the achievement of the employment objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy by supporting policies for inclusive and/or social entrepreneurship. It will provide information and examples of good practice to stakeholders, (current and future) entrepreneurs and citizens, in particular from disadvantaged and under-represented groups.

Description of the activities to be funded

Activities will include analysis of the effectiveness of existing entrepreneurship policies (in MS or other), preparation of policy briefs or reports and collection of data. It would, amongst others, create a prototype social entrepreneurship policy toolkit. This is a hands-on tool for policy makers to help them design and implement social entrepreneurship strategies, policies and programmes.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. OECD has unique expertise on labour market policies, in particular integration into the labour market for vulnerable groups (women, unemployed, older people and youth) and social entrepreneurship. Concerning entrepreneurship, the OECD provides a forum in which 34

Member Countries can work together and have active contacts as well with other civil society organisations. The OECD has also already demonstrated that it can examine the barriers faced to business creation and self-employment by people who are disadvantaged or under-represented in entrepreneurship activities - youth, seniors, the disabled, women, ethnic minorities, the unemployed and others - and the public policy actions that can promote and support these activities.

The individual award decision substantiating the specific characteristics shall be adopted at a later stage.

Award Criteria

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 70%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q4 | EUR 800.000 |

1.2.9 Call for proposals supporting Social NGO Networks at EU level to contribute to Europe 2020 and SIP implementation (2016_04.030201_110)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion COM(2010)758 - The funding supports EU level Social NGO Networks to contribute to Europe 2020 by contributing to e.g. staff costs, administrative costs, publications, and the organisation of events. The work is based on clearly defined and output oriented annual work programmes in line with the priorities set in the Framework Partnership Agreements. Capacity building at national, regional and local level enhances member organisations to support the implementation of policies promoted at EU level and to feedback on main experiences made.

Priorities:

1. Support the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of initiatives undertaken towards the policy objectives of Europe 2020 Strategy, the Social Investment Package and the Political Guidelines of the Commission. Support the main EU driven processes

such as the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on social protection and social inclusion and the European semester.

2. Support stakeholders' involvement in the policy process: activities should in particular directly relate to the support of national member organisations in their involvement in the implementation of the main political EU-driven processes. In addition, EU-level networks should encourage cooperation with other civil society organisations and social partners' organisations both at EU, national, regional and local levels.

3. Strengthen the capacity of EU-level NGO networks and their national members, to support implementation of EU priorities as indicated under point III (Policy Context) including their knowledge of relevant EU matters.

4. Providing data and strong evidence base on policy developments and trends as well as collection of relevant information about citizens' concerns and good practices (using the knowledge bank) in the social policy field in the Member States, so as to contribute to better policy making.

Description of the activities to be funded

Continuation of 4-year Partnership Agreements with 16 Social NGO networks. Specific operating grants will be awarded for 2017 following this call for proposals which is open only to the NGOs who signed the framework partnership agreement 2014-2017.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Restricted call for NGO networks who have signed the Framework Partnership Agreement with the EC.

Selection criteria:

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

Financial capacity: the applicants and co-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 shall not apply to public bodies or international organisations).

Operational capacity: the applicants and co-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.

Award criteria:

- Coherence of the annual work programme with the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- The extent to which the proposed programme takes into consideration the objectives laid down in the PROGRESS axis under the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and respond to actual needs relevant for the period concerned;
- The added value and relevance at European level of the programme proposed as well its dissemination and availability to all countries involved in the EaSI Programmes;

- The clarity and feasibility of the programme and each of its modules, including timetable 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 programme, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget which is coherent with the actions proposed.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 9.000.000 |

1.2.10 Call for proposals supporting the development of national models for projecting social policy needs (2016_04.030201_117)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Member States will be confronted with strong demands on their social protection systems over the coming decade or two, particularly as a result of the ageing of the baby-boom cohorts. The purpose of this call is to help Member States obtain a more advanced capacity for anticipating future demands on their welfare systems and exploring options for responding to them. It is expected that five to eight grants can be awarded for the purpose of developing new modelling capacities or strengthening existing ones.

Description of the activities to be funded

Grants for up to 3 years will be awarded to Member States (or public bodies designated by them) through a call for proposals to develop modelling tools that can be used to anticipate social needs and simulate different policy responses to them. A special focus will be on ageing-related needs in the area of pensions and long-term care.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be a properly constituted and registered legal person, having their registered office in one of the EaSI-Progress participating countries at the time of the submission of the application under the call;
- Lead applicants in charge of coordinating the action must be the competent national public authority or not-for-profit institution expressly mandated in writing by the competent national authority to assume responsibility for the implementation of the action;
- In the case of consortia, co-applicants can be any type of non-profit organisation, or international organisations.

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 shall not apply to public bodies or international organisations).
- 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:

- A. Relevance
- B. Quality of the proposal, including clarity of the activities proposed and the expected outcomes, and appropriateness of the activities for achieving the objectives of the project.
- C. Cost-effectiveness
- D. Added-Value

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
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| 2016 Q3 | EUR 1.500.000 |

1.2.11 Direct grant to the OECD Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competences (PIAAC) (2016_04.030201_175)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective is to support the update and improvement of survey instruments intended for the next wave of PIAAC survey as well as the analysis of the results, implementation processes and the policy impact of previous waves of the survey. The result will be a report on the development and analysis activities carried out.

The Council request for a a benchmark on adult skills; overall skills and labour market monitoring - OECD Survey of Adult Skills is the only internationally comparable source of data on the skills of adult population. Commission support ensures that the survey covers EU Member States as well as adheres to Commission priorities in the area of Skills policy.

Description of the activities to be funded

The project aims at the launch of a new round of international survey of adult skills supporting the Commission monitoring of guidelines on skills. The preparation of the survey was also supported in previous years.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1 (f) of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. The OECD has the expertise, legitimacy and contacts with the data providers (MS administrations) to support the EU in this project. The individual award decision substantiating this situation will be adopted at a later stage.

Award criteria

The 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 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.-

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 80%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q3 | EUR 500.000 |

1.2.12 Direct grant to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) for their Monographs Programme (2016_04.030201_38)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in order to continue to provide authoritative, up-to-date evaluations of environmental and occupational exposures that may present carcinogenic hazards to human beings, and to disseminate the results world-wide as printed books and in electronic form by online internet access.

This initiative supports the goals set out in the of EU-OSH Strat. FW (COM(2014)332) - This activity supports the Commission in collecting up-to-date scientific information on occupational carcinogens.

Description of the activities to be funded

Provide and distribute authoritative, up-to-date evaluations of environmental and occupational exposure that may present hazards to human health.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.(f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. The IARC Monographs are of high value to the work of SCOEL (Scientific Committee on Occupational limits) by providing updated and reliable scientific evaluations on risks derived from exposure to carcinogenic substances. SCOEL produces Recommendations on limit values for chemicals based on IARC Monographs (among other relevant literature). The SCOEL Recommendations are further used by the Commission to propose European objectives in the form of indicative occupational exposure limit values for the protection of workers from chemical risk. The individual award decision substantiating the specific characteristics will be adopted at a later stage.

Award criteria

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following award 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: a maximum of 5%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 60.000 |

1.2.13 Direct grant to WHO for the International Programme on Chemical Safety (2016_04.030201_39)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support the International Chemical Safety Programme of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in order to continue to provide authoritative, up-to-date evaluations of environmental and occupational exposures to hazardous chemicals, and to disseminate the results world-wide. These may be used as appropriate by the Commission for developing evidence based policy in the field of workers' health protection against chemical risks.

This initiative supports the goals set out in the of EU-OSH Strat. FW (COM(2014)332) - This initiative develops and updates information relevant to prevent occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals.

Description of the activities to be funded

Development of authoritative risk assessment documents and initiatives, in particular:

- International Chemical Safety Cards (IPCS)
- Concise International Chemical Assessment Documents (CICADs)
- Running the WHO Chemical Risk Assessment Network

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.(f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

The World Health Organization, through its International Programme on Chemical Safety, makes a valuable contribution to the work of SCOEL (Scientific Committee on Occupational limits) by providing updated and reliable scientific evaluations on risks derived from exposure to chemicals. SCOEL produces Recommendations on limit values for chemicals using the WHO evaluations, among other relevant literature. The SCOEL Recommendations are further used by the Commission to propose European objectives in the form of indicative occupational exposure limit values for the protection of workers from chemical risks. The individual award decisions substantiating the specific characteristics will be adopted at a later stage.

Award criteria

The potential beneficiary will be invited to submit an application which will be evaluated according to the following award 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: a maximum of 20%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q4 | EUR 165.000 |

1.2.14 Direct grant to the work of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) (2016_04.030201_40)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This activity supports the existing Directive (2013/35/EU) on ElectroMagnetic Fields. - Providing information and up-dated scientific information to maintain Directive 2013/35/EU adapted to the scientific developments.

Description of the activities to be funded

Dissemination of information and advice on the potential health hazards of exposure to non-ionising radiation.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.(f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

ICNIRP is an independent organization consisting of high level internationally recognized multinational experts. ICNIRP has a unique expertise and it gives recommendations on limiting exposure for the frequencies in the different non-ionising radiation (NIR) subgroups. It develops and publishes Guidelines, Statements, and reviews which are used by national and international bodies, such as the European Commission (for Electromagnetic Fields Directive 2013/35/EU, for example) and World Health Organization. WHO does not have sufficient expertise in this area as they also use information produced by ICNIRP. The individual award decisions substantiating the specific characteristics will be adopted at a later stage.

The selection criteria

- committed to the analysis of scientific evidence by high level experts
- Independent from commercial interests

Award criteria

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall be evaluated according the following award 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: a maximum of 55%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
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| 2016 Q2 | EUR 25.000 |
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1.2.15 Direct grant to the Council of Europe on building capacity at local level for the integration of Roma (2016_04.030201_104)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This capacity building programme aims at promoting structural reforms at local level and at improving the absorption of EU funds for that purpose. Local public authorities are encouraged to change their social policy approach and move from the delivery of passive social benefits towards social investment, through an integrated provision of inclusive services and benefits in the areas of education, healthcare, employment, social housing and infrastructure. Thanks to these reforms, citizens will benefit from more inclusive, personalised and integrated benefits, better responding to their needs.

Description of the activities to be funded

Continuation and expansion of the on-going ROMACT capacity building programme to help local authorities implementing social investment strategies for most disadvantaged people, notably to address poverty migration issues.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190(1) (f) of the RAP, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals. The Council of Europe has a unique expertise in dealing with capacity building for ROMA integration. The individual award decision substantiating this situation will be adopted at a later stage.

Award criteria

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 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Signature date | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q4 | EUR 500.000 |

1.2.16 Direct grant to the International Organisation for Migration for implementing the project "Supporting the integration of refugees in society and in the labour market through capacity building for local authorities" (2016_04.030201_193)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The project will contribute to the European Agenda on Migration, in particular support the integration process leading to access to the labour market. It will aim at helping municipalities receiving migrants to address challenges specific to them, in particular those related to the lack of experience and capacity. It will enhance the capacity of participating local authorities and service providers in dealing with the multiple aspects related to the integration of refugees at local level will be.

Description of the activities to be funded

The project will develop and implement a series of trainings and peer mentoring activities for selected local authorities, governmental and non-governmental service providers, including front-line workers dealing with the specific needs and situations of refugees.

The activities will include:

- Training in the selected local municipalities;
- Peer-review with all participant countries;

The project will build upon the Preparatory action (04 03 77 19) "Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants in Europe through development and testing of local centres for social and economic integration".

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

According to Article 190.1.f) of the Rules of Application, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

The IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. It works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners to ensure the orderly flow of migration movements throughout the world and to facilitate, under the most favourable conditions, the settlement and integration of migrants into the economic and social structure of the country of reception. The IOM has therefore the unique expertise, legitimacy and contacts to support the EU in this task.

Award Criteria

The potential beneficiary shall be invited to submit an application which shall be evaluated according 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 and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

| Signature date | Amount |
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| 2016 Q2 | EUR 500.000 |

EURES

LEGAL BASIS

04.030202 EaSI - EURES — Promoting workers’ voluntary geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of 15 October 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (OJ L 257, 19.10.1968, p. 2).

Commission Decision 2012/733/EU Implementating Regulation (EU) n°492/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the clearance of vacancies and applications for employment and re-establishment of EURES (OJ L 328, 28/11/2012, p21).

Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/ 2013, p. 238–252).

1.2.17 Call for proposals on EURES support to social partners (2016_04.030202_7)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Better coordination of the social partners activities in the EURES network by the European level Social Partners organisations should lead to stronger involvement of national, regional and local employers organisations and trade unions in EURES, to better and increased EURES services provided by social partners organisations directly involved as EURES partners or associated

partners, to fair mobility in the cross-border regions as requested by the EP, the identification and abolishment of mobility obstacles, and the better functioning of cross-border labour markets, thus contributing to economic growth.

Description of the activities to be funded

This action aims to support the social partners represented in the Advisory Committee on free movement for ensuring close cooperation between the Member States in matters concerning the freedom of movement of workers and their employment, in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 and to coordinate the social partners' activities within EURES. This concerns in particular:

European level Social Partners organisations should mobilise their national, regional and local member organisation to contribute to the delivery of EURES

Promote the use of EURES among their members.

Coordinate their members' EURES activities in order to provide better and increased EURES services of those social partners organisations directly involved as EURES partners or associated partners,

Social partner's organisations from the employers side should work towards a stronger involvement of national, regional and local employers organisations.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Eligible applicants must be social partners, established at European level and represented in the Advisor Committee on Free Movement of Workers.

Selection criteria:

- Financial capacity: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain their activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary.
- Operational capacity: 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. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call objectives;
- Quality of the methodology and of the activities proposed;
- Impact of the proposal;
- Visibility of the proposed activities;
- Cost efficiency of the operation.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 150.000 |

1.2.18 Call for proposals on EURES Cross-border partnerships (2016_04.030202_77)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support fair mobility for frontier workers in the cross-border regions. The activities will provide concrete data on obstacles to mobility in the cross-border region as well as improve the cross-border labour market.

The activities will contribute to the national work plan of the NCOs of the countries involved and their result will be part of the annual activity report of the NCOs involved.

Description of the activities to be funded

Continuation of efforts to promote workers' geographical mobility, boosting employment opportunities and support the implementation of the EURES reform in border regions.

This activity shall support cross-border partnerships to implement EURES objectives as set up by the EURES National Coordination Office and will contribute to the EURES reform. The activities will cover the provision of direct services to employers, workers and jobseekers in:

- information on working and living conditions in the cross-border area
- information on the situation of the labour market in the cross-border region
- pre-recruitment services:
- matching and placement;
- employer engagement in the cross-border region with special attention for SMEs;
- post-recruitment services

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility of applications:

Eligibility of applicants:

- All applicants must fulfil the requirements set forth in the following documents:
- Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (codification (OJ L 141 of 27.05.2011, p.1);
- Commission Decision 2012/733/EU (EURES reform).

To be eligible, applicant organisations:

- must be legal persons properly constituted and registered in one of the EU Member States or in one of the countries participating in the EURES axis of the EaSI programme at the time of launching the call
- 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;
- must, if lead applicants, either be the National Coordination Offices, as designated in accordance with Commission Decision 2012/733/EU or the EURES partner(s) of the regions involved, with the endorsement of the National Coordination Office(s).
- must, if co-applicants, either be EURES partners or associated partners. In addition, social partners, private employment services, third sector organisations or other relevant actors active on the EU/EEA labour market can be involved as well.

Selection criteria for applicants and co-applicants:

- Financial capacity: applicants must have access to solid and adequate funding to maintain their activities for the period of the action and to help finance it as necessary. (The verification of financial capacity shall not apply to public bodies).
- Operational capacity: 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. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call objectives
- Quality of the methodology and of the activities proposed;
- Impact of the proposal;
- Visibility of the proposed activities;
- Cost efficiency of the operation.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2016 Q2 | EUR 4.100.000 |

1.2.19 Call for proposals on EURES support to cooperation with EEA countries (2016_04.030202_81)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Support intra-EU labour mobility in the EEA countries. Participation of the EEA countries in the EURES network will result in a better implementation of worker mobility in the EEA as well as in a better functioning of the EEA labour market.

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Description of the activities to be funded

Continuation to facilitate labour mobility between Member States and the EEA countries and support the implementation and operation of the EURES network in the EEA countries. This includes, amongst other activities, attendance to the EURES network meetings, interoperability of vacancies and CVs in the EURES Portal, organisation of targeted recruitment events and participation in such events organised by other network partners, exchange of information labour markets and participation in the EURES programming cycle.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

Eligible lead applicants must be the National EURES Coordination Offices of Norway and Iceland.

Co-applicants may be EURES partners and associated partners from those countries. In addition, eligible proposals may include also social partners, private employment services, third sector organisations or other relevant actors active on the EEA labour market.

Selection criteria for applicants and co-applicants:

- Financial capacity: 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 shall 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. Applicants must have a strong track record of competence and experience in the field and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call objectives
- Quality of the methodology and of the activities proposed;
- Impact of the proposal;
- Visibility of the proposed activities;
- Cost efficiency of the operation.

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

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

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date of publication | Amount |
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| 2016 Q2 | EUR 400.000 |

1.2.20 Targeted Mobility Scheme (2016_04.030202_97)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The action is deemed to support the implementation of customised employment services and innovative working methods to foster the placement and integration of mobile young workers in the host country(ies), combined with financial incentives. The activities will be outcome driven, i.e. the expected outcome must be quantified in terms of expected placement/integration numbers and hard to fill vacancies involved. The overall objective is to ensure around 2500 placements over the duration of the action in economic sectors with hard to fill vacancies.

The action being strongly result-oriented, it may contribute to: a) enhance the service catalogue of the EURES organisations; b) foster public-private partnerships and, c) address labour market needs in line with the bottom lines of the EURES reform.

Description of the activities to be funded

This activity shall support the implementation of the targeted mobility scheme "Your first EURES job" in the Member States and the EaSI-EURES participating countries. The action aims to help young people aged 18-35 to find a job, traineeship or apprenticeship in another EU/EEA country. The action targets the filling of hard to fill vacancies as identified in national/EU labour market studies or data sources.

The activities will cover the provision of direct services to young jobseekers or job changers and employers notably:

- information, recruitment, matching and placement
- pre- and post-placement support to customers (e. g. profiling and pre-selection of candidates, language training or other training needs, mentoring support for trainees and apprentices, etc...)
- direct financial support to young jobseekers and SMEs (e.g. interview trip costs, relocation and integration support, language trainings, recognition of qualifications, induction training programmes by SMEs, etc.).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Essential eligibility criteria:

To be eligible, proposals must:

- Be presented by a consortium composed of a minimum of seven organisations established in at least seven different EaSI-EURES participating countries. At least five of these organisations must be EURES member organisations;

- Demonstrate that the proposed activities are fully carried out in the EaSI-EURES participating countries and have a meaningful dimension by ensuring the implementation of the action in at least seven different eligible countries;

To be eligible, lead applicants and co-applicants must be:

- legal entities properly constituted and registered in an EU Member State or another EaSI-EURES participating country.

To be eligible, lead applicants must be:

- EURES National Coordination Offices which are placed in organisations whose main mission is to ensure the provision of employment and placement services to jobseekers, job changers, trainee/apprentice candidates and employers covering jobs and/or work-based trainings. Those services must include information, recruitment, matching and pre- and post-placement support;

To be eligible, co-applicants must be:

- EURES member organisations (i.e. National Coordination Offices, EURES partners and associated EURES partners), public or private labour market actors (including the third sector);
- Providing the same services as lead applicants and/or complementary customer-oriented services in other expertise fields such as information, training, education, career guidance, mentoring, legal advice, integration support or other equivalent.

Selection criteria for applicants and co-applicants:

- 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 shall 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:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call
- Quality of the methodology and of the proposed activities
- Impact of the proposal
- Visibility of the action
- The cost-effectiveness of the operation

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs: 95%

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

| Date | Amount |
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| 2016 Q2 | EUR 7.000.000 |
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1.4 PROCUREMENT

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2016 amounts to:

- Budget line 04.030201 (PROGRESS): EUR 34.391.165
- Budget line 04.030202 (EURES): EUR 10.270.000
- Budget line 04.030203 (Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship): EUR 260.000

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES FOR PROGRESS

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/ 2013, p. 238–252).

Budget Line

04.030201 EaSI - PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

In 2016 Commission intends to undertake actions through contracts following public procurement (call for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements to invest in the following priorities:

1.4.1 - Thematic Section: Employment

The actions under this thematic section have as objective to support analytical, mutual-learning, exchange of good practices, awareness raising, communication, dissemination and capacity-building activities in relation with the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy on national and Union's employment policies notably in the following fields.

The results will be mainly in the area of youth employment (i.e. Youth Guarantee), long term unemployment, jobs creation, entrepreneurship, skills including mutual recognition and transparencies of competences, occupations and qualifications) expert networks, Public

Employment Services and are expected to provide DG EMPL with data, information, statistics, etc...to strengthen and better target its policies.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 13 (2015 Q2 to Q4)
- Contract Renewal: 1 (2015 Q2)
- Direct contract: 3 (2015 Q2 and Q3)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.2 Thematic Section: Working Conditions

The actions under this thematic section have the objective to support analytical (including evaluation), mutual-learning, exchange of good practices, communication, dissemination and capacity-building activities in relation with Health and Safety at work (including occupational diseases), EU labour law, undeclared work, posting of workers, labour inspectors. (SLIC).

The expected results are the availability of data, awareness raising, contribution to the better working conditions in the EU and refining and improving legislation body on working conditions in the Member States.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 5 (2015 Q2, Q3 and Q4)
- Direct contract: 3 (2015 Q2 and Q4)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.3 Thematic Section: Social Protection

The actions under this thematic section have the objectives to support analytical (research, policy advice), mutual-learning, exchange of good practices, awareness raising, communication, dissemination and capacity-building activities in relation with the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy on social innovation, identification of new social needs, income distribution,

alleviation of poverty, modernisation and reforms of social policy systems, pension systems (adequacy and sustainability of pensions), long term care.

The expected results are an improvement and alignment of the social protection and pension systems in the Member States.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 5 (2015 Q2 and Q4)
- Direct contract: 5 (2015 Q2)
- Contract Renewal: 2 (2015 Q2)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL

1.4.4 Thematic Section: Cross-cutting issues

Investment priorities under EaSI which combine one or more thematic sections such as studies supporting policy analysis and the writing of the quarterly and annual reviews of the employment and social situation.

The actions under this thematic sections have the objectives to a) monitor and evaluate the performance of the EaSI programme b) to ensure the data and document storage and management of the DG and c) to cover the Communication activities of the DG (publications, web, etc...) and d) dialogue and conferences with third countries or regional organisations.

The expected results are a better monitoring and management of the EaSI programme and a better management of the communication and information of the DG.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 19 (2015 Q2 to Q4)
- Direct contract: 8 (2015 Q2 and Q4)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES FOR EURES

Legal basis

Budget Line

04.030202 - Promoting workers' voluntary geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

In 2016 Commission intends to undertake actions through contracts following public procurement (call for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements to invest in the following priorities:

1.4.5 - Thematic Section: Development of services

The actions under this section for services for the recruitment and placing of workers have the objectives the communication and promotion of EURES as well as the maintenance of the networks through the organisation of conferences with the relevant stakeholders. The expected results are a better communication and promotion of EURES.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 2 (2015 Q2)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.6 - Thematic Section: Transparency of job vacancies

The actions under this thematic section have the objectives to ensure notably the management and functioning of the EURES portal and helpdesk, web communication, translations and relevant trainings in relation with EURES. The expected results are a good dissemination of and access to information, quality translation and trainings.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 4 (2015 Q2 to Q3)
- Contract Renewal: 1 (2015 Q3)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

1.4.7 - Thematic Section: Cross-cutting issues

The actions under this thematic section have the objective cover the communication activities of EURES (through web, intranet, videos...) as well as the audit activities on EURES.
The expected results are to get good and various communication products and have a control through audit on EURES activities.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 2 (2015 Q2)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES FOR MICROFINANCE AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Legal basis

Articles 25 to 31 Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013

Budget Line

04.030203 –Increasing access, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

1.4.8 - Thematic Section: Cross-cutting issues

The actions under this thematic section include a) the communication activities related to Microfinance (publication, web, intranet, etc...) Their overall objectives are to combat long-term unemployment and fight against poverty and social exclusion.
The expected results are the promotion and communication of the microfinance activities managed by DG EMPL and the adaptation of possible IT Tool to the need of DG EMPL for the implementation of the third axis of EaSI?

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 2 (2015 Q2)

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

1.6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Legal basis

Articles 25 to 31 Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013

Budget Line

04 03 02 03 – Increasing access, and the availability of, financing for legal and physical persons, especially those furthest from the labour market, and social enterprises

The objectives of these financial instruments have been described in the Regulation 1296/2013 and can be found under Article 4: General objectives:

e) promote employment and social inclusion by increasing the availability and accessibility of microfinance for vulnerable people who wish to start up a micro-enterprise as well as for existing micro-enterprises, and by increasing access to finance for social enterprises.

These objectives are further specified under Article 26: Specific objectives:

(a) increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for:

(i) vulnerable persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their job, or have difficulty in entering or re-entering the labour market, or are at risk of social exclusion, or are socially excluded, and are in a disadvantaged position with regard to access to the conventional credit market and who wish to start up or develop their own micro- enterprises;

(ii) micro-enterprises in both start-up and development phase, especially micro-enterprises which employ persons as referred to in point (i);

(b) build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers;

(c) support the development of the social investment market and facilitate access to finance for social enterprises by making equity, quasi-equity, loan instruments and grants of up to EUR 500 000 available to social enterprises with either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 30 million, or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 30 million which are not themselves a collective investment undertaking.

The indicative targets for the implementing period of EaSI Financial Instruments (financed under the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework) are 41.000 microloans given to final beneficiaries and 1.350 loans given to social enterprises. The target for microfinance has been based on the past experience with the Progress Microfinance. The target for social enterprises has been based on the total volume of the guarantees and funded instruments funds, multiplied by the expected leverage and divided by an average investment size of 200.000 euros per social enterprise. For the funded instruments, an expected co-investment of 20 million euros was

taken into account. These targets are subject to change, as the final budget, the required leverage and potential co-investments are unknown at this stage.

In line with the Guidelines for the selection of entrusted entities and Dedicated Investment Vehicle managers for new financial instruments, the European Investment Fund was selected for implementation of EaSI Financial Instruments

DG EMPL has commissioned two studies in 2013, namely "Study on imperfections in the area of microfinance and options how to address them through an EU financial instrument" by Evers&jung and "Study on imperfections in the social investment market and options on how to address them" by the Zeppelin University. These studies have been conducted in line with the requirements listed in Article 224 RAP. They served as ex-ante evaluations for the EaSI financial instruments. The Delegation Agreement for guarantees has been signed on 22.06.2015, while the other financial instruments (i.e. funded instrument) are under negotiation with the EIF.

1.6.1 - Social entrepreneurship finance instrument, EaSI microfinance and capacity-building activities for microfinance and/or social entrepreneurship actors

Objectives to be fulfilled and the foreseen results

Financial instruments dedicated to microfinance

Objectives:

(a) increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for:

(i) vulnerable persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their job, or have difficulty in entering or re-entering the labour market, or are at risk of social exclusion, or are socially excluded, and are in a disadvantaged position with regard to access to the conventional credit market and who wish to start up or develop their own micro- enterprises;

(ii) micro-enterprises in both start-up and development phase, especially micro-enterprises which employ persons as referred to in point (i).

(b) build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers

Financial instruments in support of social enterprises.

Objectives:

Support the development of the social investment market and facilitate access to finance for social enterprises by making e.g. equity, quasi-equity, loan instruments and grants of up to EUR 500 000 available to social enterprises with either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 30 million, or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 30 million which are not themselves a collective investment undertaking.

The amount allocated to the financial instrument: 27.584.070 EUR

Implementation mode: Indirect management by the European Investment Fund.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q1 – Q4

1.7. OTHER ACTIONS

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347, 20/12/ 2013, p. 238–252).

Budget line

04.030201: PROGRESS — Supporting the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Union employment and social policy and legislation on working conditions

1.7.1 Subdelegation to EUROSTAT – Development of European Statistics on Occupational Diseases (2016_04.030201_126)

Description and objective of the implementing measure

Regulation (EC) 1338/2008 specifies in art. 2: "Member States shall supply to the Commission (Eurostat) statistics on the following domains: (...) occupational diseases and other work-related health problems and illnesses, as defined in Annex V". Annex V has so far not been put into force mainly because of the poor quality of the underlying data on occupational diseases. The difficulties encountered indicate that EODS data collection would require first a convergence of concepts and a simplification of the data collection to cover all MSs to allow for a better comparability of data in line with the action foreseen in the EU OSH Strategic FW 2014-2020. The amount sub-delegated in 2016 will both serve the methodological work on the simplified EODS data collection (establishing a short list of diseases recognised in all MS and simplified list of causal agents) as well as certain ESAW developments (work on under-reporting and under-coverage), in line with the EU OSH Strategic FW 2014-2020.

Amount: 220.000 EUR

Type of contract: direct intra-muros contract.

Indicative number of contracts envisaged: 1

Implementation: Subdelegation to DG EUROSTAT.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q1

1.7.2 Subdelegation to DG REGIO for Technical assistance for microfinance institutions (2016_04.030201_72)

Overall objective and purpose of the action

This activity shall provide technical assistance in form of trainings to microcredit providers in order to allow them to develop their businesses and permit a better reach-out to clients. This could be done in the form of trainings, evaluations, certification (e.g. vouchers distributed to MFIs for these services). The activity shall be subdelegated to DG REGIO, which has established a technical assistance platform with the European Investment Bank (fi-compass).

Description and objective of the implementing measure

Provision of assessments/ratings and trainings for microcredit providers as well horizontal activities for the microcredit sector to increase the institutional capacity of microfinance providers in order to make microfinance more available on the Union's young microfinance market.

Implementation: Cross sub-delegation to DG REGIO, followed by a procurement from the European Investment Bank, followed by a procurement from third parties.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q1-Q4 / Framework contract for 4 years (2014-2017) with two-year work programmes.

Amount: EUR 2.100.000

1.7.3 Subdelegation to EUROSTAT - Labour Force Survey 2017 ad-hoc module on self-employed in the labour market (2016_04.030201_54)

Overall objective and purpose of the action

The ad hoc module aims to help monitoring progress towards the objectives set out in the Europe 2020 Strategy with the compilation of a comprehensive set of data on self-employment which allows comparisons to be made between Member States. More specifically, the module answers the data needs linked to the 'Small Business Act' and the 2012 Commission Communication 'Towards a job-rich recovery' as part of the Employment Package, which encourages job creation specifically through promoting and supporting self-employment. The module allows to find the economically dependent self-employed, investigates the working conditions of the self-employed and compares employees and self-employed.

Amount: EUR 2.000.000

Implementation: Subdelegation to EUROSTAT

Implementation of grants by Eurostat is possible via restricted invitations to members of the European Statistical System, in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation (EC) 223/2009.

Award 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
- The quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs is 70%.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q3

1.7.4 Subdelegation to OPOCE - Communication Publications activities (OPOCE)

(2016_04.030201_160)

Overall objective and purpose of the action

OPOCE DISTRIBUTION AND Storage printing.

Amount: EUR 400.000

Implementation: Sub-Delegation to OPOCE.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q1

1.7.5 Reimbursement of Expert-Evaluators (2016_04.030201_189)

Description and objective of the implementing measure

DG EMPL has more than 10 Calls for Proposals to implement in Direct Management each year in highly technical fields requiring a very specific and specialized knowledge.

Therefore, DG EMPL has put in place a cross-cutting "AMI-type" list like other DGs in order to be able to assist its Calls'evaluation committees with assessors with highly technical expertise.

A call for expression of interest has been published, in view to open to registration to natural persons as potential remunerated external experts, for assisting the DG EMPL in the evaluation of grants. In the frame of this procedure, the registration to specific lists of experts, will be open

for a maximum duration of 5 years. All relevant description of lists and skills, participating conditions and fixed remunerations has been announced in the call for interest.

On the basis of the specific lists of experts, the DG EMPL may select remunerated external experts following Art. 287 RAP for assisting the evaluation of complex and highly technical projects.

Amount: 250.000 EUR

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q2

1.7.6 4th Administrative Arrangement between DG EMPL and the Joint Research Centre (2016_04.030201_15)

Description and objective of the implementing measure

Provision of specific scientific-technical support to DG EMPL for policy development regarding chemicals and OSH legislation.

The overall objective of the present Administrative Arrangement (AA) is to provide technical and scientific services to DG EMPL and SCOEL in the area of Occupational Exposure Limit Values (OELVs) for individual hazardous chemicals in the workplace in accordance with article 3 of Directive 98/24/EC on chemical agents and Directive 2004/37/EC on carcinogens and mutagens.

The support activity will be structured and focused on the provision of the following support:

1. Support at the preliminary (00) or proposal stage (10):

formulation of a new project and a corresponding mandate for SCOEL. The work shall be focused on collecting the basic sets of information, overview on available information, supporting evidence for whether a chemical agent falls within the scope of the CAD or CMD and about the relevance for the occupational setting taking into account occupational exposure, measurement approaches and measurement systems.

2. Support (to SCOEL work) at the Working Group (20), Committee (30) Enquiry and consultation (40) and approval stage (50):

On request by the Secretariat and in parallel to the consultation and approval stage, the JRC shall provide support regarding the review of established draft documents in terms of identification of possible gaps and proposal for scientific-technical content for closing the gaps, relevance and coherence of information provided, the adequacy of information used in the report, conclusiveness of reasoning.

3. Support at the Publication (60) or Review stage (90):

Support to DG EMPL provided regarding the adopted version of a Recommendation or Opinion received from SCOEL with respect to the scientific-technical information provided in accordance to the Mandate issued.

4. Support to updating the SCOEL Secretariat regarding ongoing activities, standardisation and international harmonisation, state of the art:

5. Support to DG EMPL providing updates regarding the state of the art, ongoing activity on international harmonisation and standardisation as well as regarding how to approach issues of cooperation with regard to underlying science and technology. The JRC shall keep DG EMPL informed or involved in activities, such as on OECD harmonisation or measurement and testing.

Amount: 480.000 EUR

Implementation: Sub-Delegation to JRC.

Indicative timetable: 2016 Q3

1.7.7 Subdelegation to EUROSTAT - Further developments and improvements of SILC, in the context of its redesign, its timeliness and its regional coverage (2016_04.030201_142)

Overall objective and purpose of the action

Over the past 3 years, with the support of EMPL, Eurostat developed and started implementing a plan to improve timeliness and measurement of poverty and social exclusion.

This plan comprises several major strands, including faster delivery of the annual material deprivation data, improvement of income distribution data (implementation under way), and provision of flash estimates of poverty based on micro-modelling (feasibility study under preparation, in cooperation with the EUROMOD team at the Essex University).

Eurostat may award grants without call for proposals to the National statistical institutes and the other national authorities as designed by the Member states, in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European Statistics.

Award 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
- The quality of the proposal including a reasonable and realistic budget and a sound cost-efficiency ratio.

Action plan for SILC (EU survey on income and living conditions) improvements: Grants to MS to support the further developments and improvements of SILC, in the context of its redesign, its timeliness and its regional coverage. The improvements are a part of the implementation of the Eurostat action plan in timeliness of social data, with the aim to provide more timely and better quality information for monitoring of EU social objectives.

Implementation: Subdelegation to ESTAT.

Indicative amount: €1.000.000.

Indicative timetable: 2016Q3

Maximum co-financing rate: 90%

Specific objective: EaSI - PROGRESS_Analytical knowledge and comparative information.

Coverage: 28 Member States

Target audience: EU and MS Policy makers, Experts. National statistical institutes and other national statistical authorities included in the list referred to in the article 5(2) of the regulation 223/2009.

LEGAL BASIS

Articles 19 to 24 Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013

Budget line

04.030202 - Promoting workers' voluntary geographical mobility and boosting employment opportunities

1.7.8 Subdelegation to DIGIT - Hosting of the EURES Portal (2016_04.030202_130)

Description and objective of the implementing measure

Hosting of the EURES Portal and related IT tools in the Commission Data Centre (Luxembourg) subdelegation based on a MoU with DG DIGIT.

Amount: 500.000 EUR

Implementation: Subdelegation to DG DIGIT as responsible for the hosting of Commission Data Services.

Indicative timetable: 2015 Q1

1.7.9 EURES External experts evaluators (2016_04.030202_133)

Description and objective of the implementing measure

This activity will help to evaluate the proposals received under the Calls launched in 2016 under EURES following Art. 287 RAP.

Amount: 30.000 EUR

Implementation: Directly by DG EMPL.

Indicative timetable: 2015 Q2