



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

Annual work programme for grants and procurement for the European Union Programme
for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") – Second update

[Commission implementing Decision C(2020)8560 of 08 December 2020

ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 7630 is amended as follows:

(1) Points 1 and 2 of part II are amended as follows:

1. “Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the 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) as amended by Regulation 2018/1046 and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2020 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2): EUR 53 741 795
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (point 3): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 4): EUR 47 387 549
- for actions implemented under indirect management (point 5): N/A
- for contributions to trust funds (point 6): N/A
- for financial instruments (point 7): EUR 50 395 929
- for contributions to blending facilities (point 8): N/A
- for other actions or expenditure (point 9): EUR 2 325 220

2. Grants

The global budgetary envelope for grants under this work programme amounts to EUR 53 741 795.

Budget line 04.030201 (PROGRESS): EUR 40 741 795

Budget line 04.030202 (EURES): EUR 13 000 000

Budget line 04.030203 (Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship): N/A ”

(2) In section II.2. Grants, under point 2.1, the description of activities to be funded is replaced by the following:

“Description of the activities to be funded

Conferences to provide a platform for Member States and relevant stakeholders to exchange information and good practice on European policy priorities, for example in the field of occupational safety and health between labour inspectorates at EU level.

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(3) In section II.2. Grants, point 2.3.6 is deleted.

(4) In section II.2. Grants, the following point 2.3.6b is inserted:

“2.3.6b Call for proposals: Strengthening the role of social partners in mitigating the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 crisis (2020_04.030201_173)

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

In line with Principle 8 of the European Pillar of Social Rights, this call is targeting European and national cross-industry and sectoral employer and trade union organisations and especially the ones mostly affected by the COVID-19 crisis and being in the most vulnerable situation with a view to ensure their activities and to address the employment and social impact of COVID-19 crisis and strengthen the resilience of workers and employers organisations in the context of COVID-19.

The call aims at supporting exchanges and dissemination of good practices, innovative approaches and experience, and mutual learning at European level in order to sustain social dialogue activities in the context of the COVID-19 crisis and at help national social partners in playing their important role in developing and implementing joint responses or contributing to national efforts to protect jobs and support economic recovery strategies.

If possible, there should be a balanced distribution of the grant allocation between employees and employers organisations.

Description of the activities to be funded

The call intends to support sharing good practices at European level based on the work of the national social partners, in particular in relation to:

- promoting and participating in national bi-partite and tripartite social dialogue and collective bargaining to protect jobs and support the economic recovery;
- to fulfilling their role in European social dialogue around the COVID-19 crisis at the cross-industry levels in its different dimensions of information exchange, consultation, negotiation and joint action, in particular in the context of the Commission’s priorities and the European Pillar of Social Rights;
- keeping awareness of European social dialogue and improved capacity to participate in it, including in the context of increasing involvement of social partners in the European Semester process and the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility;
- undertaking relevant analytical or training activities;
- continuing the preparation, monitoring, follow-up and/or implementation of joint texts agreed at the cross-industry levels.

Type of applicants targeted by the call

The grants shall be awarded to a consortium of a lead applicant and one or more co-applicants, based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants (lead and co-applicants) must be properly constituted and registered legal entities, having their registered office established in the participating countries of the Progress axis.

Lead or single applicants must be properly established and registered in EU Member States, Norway or Iceland.

- Lead applicants and co-applicants must be social partner organisations at European level (in application of Article 197 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).
- The lead applicant must be a cross-industry social partner organisation at European level. The lead applicant can represent workers or employers.

Implementation

Directly by the DG in Q4

(5) In section II, point 4. Procurement, the indicative budget breakdown for procurement is replaced by the following:

“Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2020 amounts to EUR 47 387 549 broken down as follows:

Budget line 04.030201 (PROGRESS): EUR 37 455 375

Budget line 04.030202 (EURES): EUR 9 857 174

Budget line 04.030203 (Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship): EUR 75 000”

(6) Part II, Point 9. Other actions or expenditure is amended as follows:

(a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

“PROGRESS

Budget line

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

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for other actions under Progress in 2020 amounts to EUR 2 164 220. ”

(b) Point 9.1 Various meetings of standing, ad-hoc committees and other events is replaced by the following

“9.1 Various meetings of standing, ad-hoc committees and other events

Amount

EUR 980 000

Description

To support events and meetings organised by the DG in particular in relation to the promotion of the European Pillar of Social Rights (meetings with professional medias

from all Member states), meetings of advisory committees for safety and health at work, for the technical adaptation of EU health and safety legislation, senior labours inspectors committee, for establishment or revision of indicative occupational exposure limit values in accordance with Article 3(2), 2nd indent of Directive98/24/EC, public employment services, meetings of experts on undeclared work and posting of workers and meetings of the group of director generals for industrial relations.

Implementation: by the DG and/or co-delegation to PMO

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