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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

Annual work programme for the implementation of the pilot projects "Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health" and "BIG (Basic Income Guarantee), for 2021

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ANNEX

2021 annual work programme for the implementation of the pilot projects "Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health" and "BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)" serving as a financing decision

1. Introduction

Based on the objectives set out in the budget remarks of the Union budget for 2021, this work programme contains the actions to be financed in 2021 and their budget breakdown.

1.1 Budget breakdown

Budget Line	Amount
07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health	EUR 1 000 000
07 20 01 P072107 - Pilot project: BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)	EUR 2 000 000
TOTAL	EUR 3 000 000

1.2 Type of actions to be financed:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2): N/A
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (point 3): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 4): EUR 200 000
- for actions implemented under indirect management (point 5): EUR 2 000 000
- for contributions to trust funds (point 6): N/A
- for financial instruments (point 7): N/A
- for contributions to blending facilities (point 8): N/A
- for other actions or expenditure (point 9): EUR 800 000

2. Grants

N/A

3. Prizes

N/A

4. Procurement

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2021 amounts to EUR 200 000.

Budget Line	Amount
07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health	EUR 200 000
07 20 01 P072107 - Pilot project: BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)	N/A

BUDGET LINE

07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health

LEGAL BASIS

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) (a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

General description of the contracts envisaged

The third and fourth phases of this pilot project (the first and second phases are planned under 'other actions', see point 9 below) will cover communication activities, namely a conference and sharing of good practices.

Implementation

Directly by the DG

5. Actions implemented under indirect management

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for actions implemented under indirect management in 2021 amounts to EUR 2 000 000.

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07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health	N/A
07 20 01 P072107 - Pilot project: BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)	EUR 2 000 000

BUDGET LINE

07 20 01 P072107 - Pilot project: BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)

LEGAL BASIS

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) (a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

Implementing entity

The tasks will be entrusted to the World Bank, which has a unique expertise with regards to the design of effective welfare policies as well as for active inclusion policies targeting disadvantaged people across countries. This cooperation entails the choice of indirect management, which is the norm with international organisations.

Description of the activities to be funded

This pilot project will examine through a feasibility study, and where appropriate, on that basis test improving the delivery mechanisms of welfare benefits to people in extreme poverty; and promote an approach linking welfare benefits to participation in active inclusion measures. While contributing to the objectives of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan, this pilot project would also be closely aligned with and seek to provide input to the European Semester as well as the implementation of the EU Roma strategic framework on equality, inclusion and participation.

Objectives pursued and expected results

The pilot project will explore and test new and innovative mechanisms to make more effective the delivery method of welfare benefits for people in extreme poverty, including the Roma.

The pilot project will also explore how innovative, impact-oriented approaches could improve the effectiveness of social policies.

This approach will also explore reducing the administrative costs associated with the current delivery system of social benefits to marginalised Roma communities and increase public spending efficiency

6. Trust funds

N/A

7. Financial instruments

N/A

8. Contributions to blending facilities

N/A

9. Other actions or expenditure

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for other actions or expenditure 2021 amounts to EUR 800 000.

Budget Line	Amount
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07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health	EUR 800 000
07 20 01 P072107 - Pilot project: BIG (Basic Income Guarantee)	N/A

BUDGET LINE

07 20 01 P072104 - Pilot project: Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health

LEGAL BASIS

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) (a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

Objectives pursued and expected results

This pilot project aims to identify the driver of loneliness and compare current national and regional loneliness policies, to gather comprehensive and comparable EU-wide data, to analyse the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and to provide best practices and recommendations to combat the social exclusion and mental health issues related to loneliness.

Description of the activities to be funded

The first two phases (the third and fourth phases foreseen under procurement, see point 4 above) implemented by this pilot project will cover a study, including a mapping of existing research, and setting up a platform for sharing the initiatives.

Implementation

Service level agreement with JRC