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ANNEX

The Annex to Commission Decision C(2022)326 is amended as follows:

(1) Point 1.2 is amended as follows:

1.2. “Type of actions to be financed:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2): EUR 150 000
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (point 3): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 4): EUR 19 530 000
- 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 2 200 000”

(2) In section “4. Procurement”, first paragraph is amended as follows:

4. “Procurement

The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts under this work programme amounts to EUR 19 530 000.”

(3) In point 4.1., first paragraph is amended as follows:

4.1. “Support to capacity building activities for better ESF+ implementation

General description of the contracts envisaged

Assist the Commission, Member States and stakeholders in programming, implementing and evaluating ESF+ including through conferences, meetings, events, trainings, mutual learning, an advisory platform for using financial instruments, audits, and other actions. Some of the envisaged actions will benefit the outermost regions directly to offset their structural social and economic situation.”

(4) In point 4.2., first paragraph is amended as follows:

4.2. Communication

General description of the contracts envisaged

Development of ESF+ communication tools, including maintenance and update of ESF+ website, preparation of publications, media relations and audio-visual products and campaigns, as well as events. The objective is to inform the general public about the goals and results of the ESF+ and supported policies and communicate to stakeholders and the media about the functioning and achievements of the ESF+. It will also include the contribution to the corporate communication campaigns.

(5) Point 4.5 is deleted.

(6) Section “5. Actions implemented under indirect management” is amended as follows:

5. *Actions implemented under indirect management*

The indicative overall budgetary allocation reserved for actions implemented under indirect management under this work programme amounts to EUR 2 000 000.

5.1 Fi-compass advisory platform

Implementing entity

Entrusted implementation tasks and funds to European Investment Bank (EIB), on the basis of Articles 62(c)(iii) and 154 of the Financial Regulation.

Objectives pursued and expected results

The Action aims to develop the necessary knowledge base and to improve the administrative capacity of ESF+ bodies involved in the implementation of shared management financial instruments established in the 2021-2027 programming period, namely to offer technical assistance and advisory services to the benefit of Member States, the Managing Authorities and other stakeholders, as well as to the Commission services involved. Notably ESF+ financial instruments are mainly developed to implement the EPSR principles such as: job creation, social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Within DG EMPL, the fi-compass platform aims at building capacity of managing authorities in the area of financial instruments under the ESF+. The support and advisory services will continue to be delivered in a coherent way via the common facility of fi-compass in order to increase the take up of ESF+ financial instruments.

Description of the activities to be funded

Fi-compass is an advisory platform on shared management financial instruments delivered by the EIB in partnership with the EC and more specifically DG REGIO, DG AGRI, DG EMPL, DG MARE and DG HOME. It delivers horizontal advisory services by the EIB’s Advisory Services department, supported, where appropriate, by other relevant EIB Group expertise and by external consultants.

Fi-compass will support ESF+ stakeholders and EC desk officers in the development of the necessary knowledge base and administrative capacity for the purposes of the implementation of Financial Instruments.

Implementation

Co-delegation to DG REGIO

(7) Section “9. Other actions or expenditure” is amended as follows:

“The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for other actions or expenditure under this work programme amounts to EUR 2 200 000.”

(8) In section “9. Other actions or expenditure”, point 9.2 is added as follows:

9.2. Second Eurobarometer Survey on Fairness, Inequality and Inter-generational mobility

Amount

EUR 500 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

The objective of the survey is to collect more information on perceptions of inequalities and their root causes, as well as perceptions of impact of the various related policies, as a follow-up to the 2017 Eurobarometer. This will allow to take stock of the perceptions of inequality and fairness five years later, see trends and to account for the potential impact of the pandemic on them. The administrative agreement will also allow to further deepen the analysis of perceptions of inequalities and their development since 2017.

Implementation

Service level agreement with JRC

(9) In section “9. Other actions or expenditure”, point 9.3 is added as follows:

9.3. Building the international dimension of the initiative on Centres of Vocational Excellence**Amount**

EUR 1 500 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

The activities will provide a set of support services and help developing evidence for the Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs). They bring together a wide range of local partners, such as providers of vocational education and training, employers, research centres, development agencies, and employment services (among others), to develop "skills ecosystems" that contribute to regional, economic and social development, innovation, and smart specialisation strategies. They aim to provide high quality vocational skills, support entrepreneurial activities, diffusion of innovation, and act as knowledge and innovation hubs for companies (particularly SMEs), while working with centres in other countries through international collaborative platforms.

Implementation

Service level agreement with ETF