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**2022 annual work programme for the operational technical assistance at the initiative of
the Commission in the framework of the European Social Fund, supported from the
REACT-EU resources**

Grants, Procurements, Indirect Management and other actions

1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 and Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 , and in particular Articles 58(2).

1.1. Budget breakdown

Budget Line	Amount
07.020502 - ESF — Operational technical assistance — Financing under REACT-EU	EUR 9 050 000
TOTAL	EUR 9 050 000

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Articles 58(2).

1.2. Type of actions to be financed:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2): EUR 500 000
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (point 3): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 4): EUR 8 550 000
- for actions implemented under indirect management (point 5): N/A
- 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): N/A

2. Grants

The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme amounts to EUR 500 000.

Budget line 07.020502: EUR 500 000

BUDGET LINE

07.020502- ESF – Operational technical assistance – Financing under REACT-EU

2.1. Direct grants

2.1.1. Events organised by the Presidency of the Council of the EU

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The main outcomes expected from Presidency events is guidance, conclusions and messages to promote debate on the role and contribution of skills policies to achieve competitive, sustainable and fair economic growth in light of the demographic change and to mobilise relevant stakeholders to ensure access to training is a reality on the ground.

Description of the activities to be funded

The Commission will co-fund conferences to provide a platform for Member States and relevant stakeholders to exchange information and good practices to progress with the policy work set in the EU political agenda.

Types of applicants targeted by the direct award of the grant

The Member State holding the Council Presidency is the beneficiary of the grant to be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195(c) of 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.

Implementation

Directly by DG EMPL

3. Prizes

N/A

4. Procurement

The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts under this work programme amounts to EUR 8 550 000.

Budget line 07.020502: EUR 8 550 000

Objectives pursued and expected results

The actions described below have as objective to promote the 2023 European Year of Skills, reach out to relevant stakeholders and evaluate the effectiveness of the European Year of Skills in meeting its objectives.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

The Commission intends to undertake actions through contracts following public procurement (call for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements in the following areas:

4.1. Communication

General description of the contracts envisaged

DG EMPL will roll out a communication campaign to promote the European Pillar of Social rights - integration related to the European Year of Skills 2023 with the general public and will organise stakeholder engagement activities, including conferences.

These activities will further promote skills policies and instruments contributing to a better skilled and bigger European workforce, supporting a competitive European Union, the reduction of labour shortages and the realisation of the full potential of the digital and green transitions.

Implementation

Directly by DG EMPL

4.2. Support to evaluation activities

General description of the contracts envisaged

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the European Year of Skills in meeting its objectives and as framed by the proposed Decision of the European Parliament and the Council.

Implementation

Directly by DG EMPL

5. *Actions implemented under indirect management*

N/A

6. *Contributions to trust funds*

N/A

7. *Financial instruments*

N/A

8. *Contributions to blending facilities*

N/A

9. *Other actions or expenditure*

N/A