



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Annual work programme for grants and procurements for DG EMPL prerogatives and specific competencies for 2018 – First update

[Commission Decision C(2018)2529 of 2 May 2018]

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SUMMARY

DG EMPL's 2018 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision

This draft Implementing Decision constitutes DG EMPL's 2018 annual work programme of grants and contracts for prerogatives and specific competencies, serving as a financing decision. It determines the essential elements of the actions which will involve expenditure from the 2018 budget, and its purpose is to allow procedures to be launched so that individual decisions on the award of grants and contracts could be taken from the beginning of 2018.

This draft Commission Decision relates to the following budget lines:

- 04 03 01 01: Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives
- 04 03 01 03: Free movement of workers, coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries
- 04 03 01 04: Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demography and the family
- 04 03 01 05: Information and training measures for workers' organisations
- 04 03 01 06: Information, consultation and participation of representatives undertakings
- 04 03 01 08: Industrial relations and social dialogue
- 04 03 11: European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
- 04 03 12: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- 04 03 13: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
- 04 03 14: European Training Foundation (ETF)

The appropriations available under these budget lines will be used for:

- awarding grants (including to bodies with a *de jure* monopoly, for the cofinancing of conferences in DG EMPL's fields of activity and to bodies on the account of their technical competence and high degree of specialisation);
- public procurement;
- granting of cross-subdelegations to other DGs for actions of common benefit.

The Annex to the draft Commission Decision sets out, for each budget line concerned, the details of the various actions scheduled by DG EMPL for 2018.

ANNEX

The Annex is amended as follows:

(1) The summary table on page 1 is replaced by the following table:

Introduction

On the basis of the objectives of the legal basis this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2): EUR 43 410 500
- for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.) N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): EUR 11 775 117
- for actions implemented under [insert management] modes [(1.5): N/A
- for Financial instruments (1.6): N/A
- for other actions (1.7): EUR 73 369 457

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.

(2) GRANTS

(a) 1.2 GRANTS. The amount for budget 04.030108 is amended:

Indicative budget breakdown:

Budget Line	Amount
04.030104 - Analysis of and studies on the social situation, demography and the family	
1.2.1 to 1.2.4	EUR 3 160 000
04.030105 - Information and training measures for workers' organisations	
1.2.5 – 1.2.6	EUR 19 767 000
04.030106 - Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings	
1.2.7	EUR 7 076 000
04.030108 - Industrial relations and social dialogue	
1.2.8 to 1.2.10	EUR 13 407.500
TOTAL	EUR 43 410 500

(b) Point 1.2.9 is amended as follows:

“1.2.9 Call for proposals on Support for social dialogue

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

- Development of European social dialogue at the sectoral and cross-industry levels in its different dimensions of information exchange, consultation, negotiation and joint action;
- Increased awareness of European social dialogue and improved capacity to participate in it;
- Improved preparation, monitoring, follow-up and/or implementation of joint texts agreed at the sectoral and cross-industry levels.

Description of the activities to be funded

To promote the development of European social dialogue at the sectoral and cross-industry levels in its different dimensions of information exchange, consultation, negotiation and joint action, in particular in the context of the follow-up to the new start for social dialogue;
To stimulate increased 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;
To support the preparation, monitoring, follow-up and/or implementation of joint texts agreed at the sectoral and cross-industry levels.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Eligibility criteria:

Essential eligibility criteria are laid down below:

a) Place of establishment

- Sole or lead applicants must be established and registered in EU Member States;
- Co-applicants, affiliated entities and associate organisations must be established and registered in EU Member States or in Candidate Countries. In derogation from this requirement, international organisations whose registered headquarters are outside the eligible countries are also eligible.

b) Types of entities:

- The sole or lead and co-applicants must be legal entities. 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;
- Sole applicants must be European level organisations representing employers;
- Lead applicants must be social partner organisations at European, national or regional level;
- International Organisations may apply as co-applicant or associate organisation.

c) Sole applicants or consortia

Proposals may be submitted by either:

- a **sole applicant**: applicable only for European level organisations representing employers;

Or by;

- a **lead applicant on behalf of a consortium** which must be composed of the lead applicant with:

- a co-applicant, or/and
- an affiliated entity, or/and
- an associate organisation

- If the lead applicant is a social partner organisation representing workers, it must be in consortium with a social partner organisation representing employers as co-applicant, affiliated entity or associate organisation;

- If the lead applicant is not a European-level organisation, it must be in consortium with:

- a European-level social partner organisation as co-applicant, affiliated entity or associate organisation;

- and at least one organisation (co-applicant, affiliated entity or associate organisation) from a different eligible country to that of the lead applicant.

d) Affiliated entities

Legal entities having a legal or capital link with applicants, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation and which satisfy the eligibility criteria, may take part in the action as affiliated entities, and may declare eligible costs. For that purpose, applicants shall identify such affiliated entities in the application form.

Selection criteria:

Only applicants with the necessary financial and operational capacity may be awarded a grant. – Financial capacity to carry out the action: sole or lead and co-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 to complete the proposed action: sole or lead and co- applicants must have the professional competencies as well as appropriate qualifications necessary to complete the proposed action. They must have demonstrable competence and experience in the field of social dialogue and/or industrial relations and in particular in the type of action proposed.

Award criteria:

– The extent to which the action meets the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals and contributes to European social dialogue ;

– The transnational dimension of the action, including the genuine involvement of a European-level social partner organisation in case of proposals not submitted by a European-level organisation;

– The quality of the consortium and broader partnership, including the degree of involvement and commitment of the partners in the action and the appropriateness of the internal working arrangements;

– The cost-effectiveness of the action and the clarity and completeness of the budget explanation;

– The quality of the arrangements to publicise the action and disseminate the results, and to ensure the action's impact and/or multiplier effect;

– The overall clarity and structure of the work plan.

Implementation: Directly by the DG

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible total costs: 90%; 95% for social dialogue actions involving negotiations in accordance with Articles 154 and 155 TFEU, meetings to prepare for these negotiations, or joint social partner actions relating to the implementation of the agreements resulting from these negotiations.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount:

Reference	Date	Amount
2018_04.030108_3	2018 Q2	EUR 8 615 250

The budget of this call will be topped up by unused additional appropriations provided for in the 2017 work programme.

(3) 1.4 Procurement:

(a) The budgetary allocation is amended as follow:

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2018 amounts to EUR 11 775 117

(b) The total budget envisaged of the contracts is amended:

1.4.1 Procurement activities of DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION under "Free movement of workers, co-ordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries" budget line.

BUDGET LINE

04.03 01 03

LEGAL BASIS

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Articles 45 and 48 thereof.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of 14 June 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community (OJ L 149, 5.7.1971, p.2).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 of 21 March 1972 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to their families moving within the Community (OJ L 74, 27.3.1972, p.1).

Council Directive 98/49/EC of 29 June 1998 on safeguarding the supplementary pension rights of employed and self-employed persons moving within the Community (OJ L 209, 25.7.1998, p. 46).

Council Regulation (EC) No 859/2003 of 14 May 2003 extending the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by those provisions solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p.1).

Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 166, 30.4.2004, p.1).

Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16. September 2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (OJ L 284, 30.10.2009, p.1).

Regulation (EU) No 1231/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 extending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by these Regulations solely on the ground of their nationality (OJ L 344, 29.12.2010, p.1).

Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on free movement for workers within the Union (OJ L 141, 27.05.2011, p.1).

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged

The total budget envisaged for these types of actions is **EUR 9 014 617**.

The actions planned implement the fundamental right of "Free Movement of workers", to promote and supervise the coordination of the Social Security Systems so as to provide common rules to protect citizens' social security rights when moving within EU. This includes actions of support, monitoring the implementation of the Regulations and continuously updating the coordination Regulations, as well as the social security provisions of the Association Agreements. These actions also ensure the implementation and the development of the EESSI system for the electronic exchange of social security information among EU Member States.

Type of contracts: Service

Indicative number of contracts envisaged:

- Specific contract based on an existing framework contract: 22
- Contract Renewal: 6

Timeframe: 2018 Q2 to Q4

Implementation: EUR 710.000 will be subdelegated to DG DIGIT and EUR 1.250.000 to DG DGT. The rest will be implemented directly by DG EMPL.

(4) 1.7 Other Actions

(a) The summary table on pages 18/19 is replaced by the following table:

OTHER ACTIONS - Budget Line	Amount
04.030101 - Cost of preliminary consultation meetings with trade union representatives 1.7.1	EUR 450 000
04.030103 - European Advisory Group for the European Labour Authority 1.7.7	EUR 126 000
04.030106 - Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings 1.7.2	EUR 30 000
04.031100 – European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) 1.7.3	EUR 20 370 512
04.031200 – European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) 1.7.4	EUR 15 236 411
04.031300 – European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) 1.7.5	EUR 17 100 237
04.031400 - European Training Foundation (ETF) 1.7.6	EUR 20 056 297
TOTAL	EUR 73 369 457

(b) Point 1.7.7 is added:

1.7.7 European Advisory Group for the European Labour Authority (2018_04.030103_35)

BUDGET LINE 04.03 01 03 LEGAL BASIS Commission decision C(2018)1505 of 13/03/2018
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Amount : EUR 126.000

Description and objective of the implementing measure:

The purpose is to set up a group to advise and assist the Commission on the swift establishment and functioning of the European Labour Authority.
The group should allow key stakeholders, such as representatives from the Member States and Union-level social partners, to exchange best practices and experiences on cooperation in the areas of cross-border labour mobility and social security coordination that could be further developed by the Authority. The Group should also assist with identifying the means of cooperation and contribution of relevant existing bodies, including EU agencies, towards the establishment and good functioning of the European Labour Authority.

