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ANNEX 1

**ANNEX**

**to**

**Commission Implementing Decision**

**amending Implementing Decision C(2024)8194 as regards the implementation of certain  
actions under the Single Market Programme**

## ANNEX I

Annex I to Implementing Decision C(2024)8194 is amended as follows:

in point 2.6.1, the following point is added:

‘2.6.1.2. Grant to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Amount

EUR 300 000
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Type of applicants

Ad hoc grant without a call for proposals to the OECD under Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation, due to its specialised nature, technical competence and access to relevant data.
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Description

<p><i>Activity 1. Recent trends in competition in Europe:</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Research on the evolution of economic indicators relevant for the state of competition in the EU (concentration levels at industry level, mark-ups and profits, dynamism) in a significant number of Member States and industries based on updated ORBIS data collected, refined and analysed by a team of world class OECD economists</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On the basis of the findings for the EU Member States comparisons of the state of competition in the EU with other economies (e.g. US)</li></ul>
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<p><i>Activity 2. The impact of mergers and acquisitions (M&amp;A) on innovation</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Analyse the impact of M&amp;A on innovation output (patenting activity) of the acquiror, target firms, and rival firms at industry level, using Patstat and (refined) ORBIS data.</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rate of co-financing: Up to 90%</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Indicative implementation timetable: Activity 1 – draft final report in November 2026; final version in January 2027. Activity 2 – draft final report in July 2026; final version in January 2027.</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Qualitative and quantitative indicators for the action: High quality research report submitted to the Commission in due time covering at least 12 Member States plus global comparison countries.’;</li></ul>
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in point 2.7.2.1, under the subheading ‘Description’, the following indent is added:

- ‘- An annual contribution/subscription for Commission membership of SUERF (Société Universitaire Européenne de Recherches Financières - the European Money and Finance Forum), which facilitates dialogue between central bankers, regulators, supervisors, academic institutions, thinktanks and the financial industry on economic, monetary and financial issues.’

in point 3.2.2, the following point is added:

– ‘3.2.2.6 Management of the pool of harmonised standards consultants

General description of the contracts envisaged

Technical assistance to verify the quality, and conformity to the corresponding Union legislation and policies, of European standards or European standardisation deliverables.

Additional information

Article 10(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 stipulates that: Where a harmonised standard satisfies the requirements which it aims to cover and which are set out in the corresponding Union harmonisation legislation, the Commission shall publish a reference of such harmonised standard without delay in the Official Journal of the European Union or by other means in accordance with the conditions laid down in the corresponding act of Union harmonisation legislation.

Indicative timetable

Publication of the call: Q4 2025

Implementation

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